

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers.



RECENTLY DECEASED

Let us pray for all those who have died recently, and all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time. May they Rest in Peace. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Every life is unique and special, especially at its passing. If you would like a 'paragraph eulogy' included in the bulletin, please contact Father Pat.

ROTAS FOR 7TH & 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Readers:	Sat 7	6.30pm Mass:	Duncan Clark
	Sun 8	8.30am Mass:	Peter Bee
	Sun 8	10.00am Mass:	Chris Banks, Michelle Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 7	6.30pm Mass:	© Vicent Cugnet, Carmen Bennett, Louise Barr
	Sun 8	8.30 am Mass:	© Jacque Honore, Christina Morris, Barry Canning
	Sun 8	10.00am Mass:	© David Sole, Janina Kalinowski, Maureen Banks
Flowers:	Sat 7		Maureen Moran
Counters:	Sun 8		Philip Ogden, Jennie Dolphin
Bulletin	Sat 7		Jennie Dolphin
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 8		Paddy/Catherine

REFRESHMENTS

Teas and coffees are served on Sundays **after 10 o'clock Mass**. It is not necessary to pay but if you feel you can this will cover expenses. Any money over goes to the parish SVP.

Please email any new rotas to:
lindajpurple@yahoo.co.uk
Many thanks.

Your Safeguarding representative is:
Helen Holt-Davies.

Please contact: sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk

PLEASE NOTE OUR BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin is **Tuesday evening** at the latest. All notices should be sent by email to: ourladysthugh@sky.com or given to Father Pat. Thank you.

The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Reg. Charity No: 234216

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5
Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading 4:1-2.6-8
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5.R.v.1
R. Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1:17-18.21-22.27
A reading from the letter of St. James

Gospel Acclamation cf Jn 6:63.68
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel 7:1-8.14-15.21-23
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Communion Antiphon Ps 30:20
How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

Second Collection is for Church Maintenance

Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Hugh
Moorland Road, Witney OX28 5YA Tel:01993 702661
Parish Priest: Fr. Patrick Broun
fr.patrick.broun@rcaob.org.uk
Email: ourladysthugh@sky.com
Website: www.ourladyandsthugh.org.uk



SUNDAY 1st - SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2024
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B

- Sat 31 **EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm (*People of the Parish*)
- Sun 1 **MASS 8.30am** (*Catherine Buxton, RIP*)
MASS 10.00am (*Celebrant's Intention*)
- Mon 2 **MASS 9.30am** (*Edwin Cownley, RIP*)
- Tue 3 **Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**
NO MASS
- Wed 4 **NO MASS**
- Thurs 5 **MASS 6.00pm** (*Fr. David Lloyd, RIP*)
- Fri 6 **MASS 9.30am** (*Deacon John Higgins, RIP*)
- Sat 7 **EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm (*Hugh & Doreen O'Connor, Recovery Intention*)
- Sun 8 **MASS 8.30am** (*Sarah Piper, Birthday Intention*)
MASS 10.00am (*People of the Parish*)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am - 11am & 5.30pm - 6pm
(Or you can book by appointment)

Second Collection Next Weekend is for the Catholic Education Service

GOSPEL REFLECTION

"This people honours me with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me."

How often do I use my lips to praise God when in my heart I feel angry with Him. Do I not at times say prayers thanking God for His love to me, when in my heart I feel loneliness or desperation or shame because of something I might have done, or not come to terms with. I try to keep my heart from God because surely this is not the image I should be presenting when praying. One understanding of today's Gospel is authenticity. What God wants is me as I am. Only when I allow my heart into my prayer and allow it to be one with my lips can God truly come to me.
God Bless, Fr. Pat

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer. In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer. One such resource is a helpful App/Website called Pray-As-You-Go. This app/website offers daily guided prayers through the scriptures as well as Personal retreats. Find it here <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or in your App Store- just search Pray As You Go.

BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised are required to attend a course of preparation.



THE LATE MAURICE O'BRIEN

Sadly, Maurice O'Brien, who attended 8.30 am Mass with his wife, passed away peacefully in Witney Community Hospital after a short illness. His funeral will take place on Monday 9th September at 10:15, all are welcome to attend. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to go to Witney Community Hospital garden fund.

Please keep all the family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

END OF THE HOLIDAYS

This bulletin is the first opportunity to welcome back those returning from their holidays. I hope that you have had an enjoyable time with family or friends. Please pray for all the children either attending school for the first time, changing classes, going to University or indeed starting out on their careers. May the Holy Spirit guide them on their journey through life.

FOLLOWING ON FROM THE CHURCH GATHERING

Following on from the church family gathering there is still a bag of items left in the kitchen. If any these items belong to you, please take them or they will be disposed of now that the holiday period has finished.



TODDLERS TO RESTART ON TUESDAYS



Toddlers will restart on **Tuesday 17th September at 10 am** in the Parish Hall.

Voluntary donation of £2.00.

We urgently need volunteers to help get the toys out at 9.45 am or put away at 11.30 am, to ensure that this lovely well attended group keeps going every Tuesday.



THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

'Yours is the joy of sounding that first note which brings the assembly to its feet, ready to praise God.'

Could that be YOU? The choir is in need of new members, all voices. It is not essential to read music. Choir practice is Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.00pm in church and we sing at Mass on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Sundays of the month. We would love to see you on Wednesday evening.

LUNCH CLUB

The next Lunch Club will be held on **Tuesday, 3rd September, from 12.30 to 2.00pm** in the Parish Hall. £5.00 for two courses, followed by tea or coffee.

All welcome.

WITNEY FOOD BANK

Witney Foodbank always needs our help. They currently have shortages of tinned meat, cereal, tinned vegetables, coffee, peanut butter, tinned meat pies, shampoo and conditioner. The food bank are really struggling to meet the demands of the all the local people needing support. You can donate at church in the boxes in the porch or these collection points :-

Waitrose, The Woolgate Centre	07:30 -- 20:00 Green marked cage after Check-out.
Sainsbury's Superstore, Witan Way	07:00 -- 23:00 Marked basket after Check-out.
Co-operative Food, High Street	07:00 -- 22:00 Marked basket near Check-out.
All four Tesco Express, Witney	07.00 -- 23.00 Marked basket near Check-out.
Cottsway, Station Lane Avenue Two	10:00 -- 14:00 Marked trolley in back car park.

WEEKEND CAR PARKING

May I remind you to take great care when parking at the weekend Masses. If you arrive late and find you are unable to park in the church car park and you have to park in either Dene Rise or Moorland Road, make sure you do not obstruct residents' driveways. **Please note there is parking available at the weekend for eight cars at the front of Relics, Corn Street (next to the bus garage).**

Thank you, Relics!