

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 14TH & 15TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Readers:	Sat 14	6.30pm Mass	Brian Viles
	Sun 15	8.30am Mass:	Demi Amusu
	Sun 15	10.00am Mass:	Margaret Hamm, Carlton Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 14	6.30pm Mass:	© Colin Murphy, Jos Murphy, Rita Aston
	Sun 15	8.30 am Mass:	© Barbara Chodkiewicz, Barry Canning, Christina Morris
	Sun 15	10.00am Mass:	© Helen Holt-Davies, John Davies, All Warren
Flowers:	Sat 14		Denise Williams
Counters:	Sun 15		Louise Barr & Ellen O'Hare
Bulletin:	Sat 14		Linda Purple
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 15		Celia

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

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.

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

Entrance Antiphon Ps 118:137,124
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading 35:4-7
A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10,R.v.1

My soul, give praise to the Lord.

- 1 It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)
- 2 It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R)
- 3 The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

Second Reading 2:1-5
A reading from the letter of St James

Gospel Acclamation Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
You have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel 7:31-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 41:2-3
Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Second Collection This Weekend is for the Catholic Education Service

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SUNDAY 8th - SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER 2024
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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- 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)
- Mon 9** **MASS 9.15am** (Celebrant's Intention)
FUNERAL SERVICE 10.15AM (Maurice O'Brien)
- Tue 10** **MASS 6.00pm** (John Hickman, RIP)
- Wed 11** **NO MASS**
- Thurs 12** **MASS 6.00pm** ((Catherine Buxton, RIP)
- Fri 13** **MASS 9.30am** (Private Intention, S K)
- Sat 14** **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)
- Sun 15** **MASS 8.30am** (Maurice O'Brien, RIP)
MASS 10.00am (Dec'd members of Cassidy and Gallagher Families)

CONFESSIONS

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

Second collection next week 15th September is for Catholic Evangelisation

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus's sensitivity towards the deaf man in today's Gospel reminds me of the saying: a doctor does not see an illness, he or she sees a person with an illness. Jesus saw a human being needing to be healed. He was not interested in the ailment itself only that the man needed to be made whole. Sometimes the ailment may not be physical. It may be psychological or emotional. If a person behaves in a way that causes me to feel hurt or angry, I all too easily condemn or judge them because of how they have made me feel. Perhaps I should focus not on me but on the other person. What illness or hurt may they have or have had that made them say or do what they did. Do I judge or resent them, or can I see beyond that and see a person in need of healing and understanding? That is what marks out a Christian.

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.

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.

200 CLUB

Congratulations to the 200 Club winners in August:
Please consider joining this club.

LUNCH CLUB

The next lunch club will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday, 1st October from 12.30-2.00pm The cost is £5 for two courses followed by tea or coffee. All welcome.



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 or phone Mary on 01993 358099.

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!

CAFOD CAKE STALLS ARE BACK!

Following a break in August, there will be cake and home produce stalls after all Masses next weekend, 14th & 15th September. Please support CAFOD by bringing and buying cakes, plants and other home-produce. Many thanks

