

## 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 December 2024

Readers:	Sat 7	6.30pm Mass:	Liz Beaton
	Sun 8	8.30am Mass:	Peter Bee
	Sun 8	10.00am Mass:	Jamali Mkwanda, Anne Tester
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 7	6.30pm Mass:	© Bernadette Collins, Jane Cugnet, Colin Murphy
	Sun 8	8.30 am Mass:	© Barbara Chodkiewicz, Barry Canning, Christina Morris
	Sun 8	10.00am Mass:	© Helen Holt-Davies, Michelle Rose, Anthony Brown
Flowers:	Sat 7	Flower team	
Counters:	Sun 8	Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin	
Bulletin:	Sat 7	Church Office	
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 8	Liz/Linda	

Please email any new rotas to:  
ourladysthugh@sky.com  
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.

### 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](mailto:ourladysthugh@sky.com) or given to Father Pat. Thank you.

### SAFEGUARDING WEEKLY NOTICE

"The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Helen Holt-Davies. She can be contacted at: [sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns."

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf.Ps. 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
And let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**First Reading** 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 25 (24):4-5b,8-9,10,14  
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(R) To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul..

- O Lord, make known your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
For you are the God of my salvation (R.)
- Good and upright is the Lord;  
Therefore he shows his way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way. (R.)
- All the Lord's paths are mercy and faithfulness,  
For those who keep his covenant and commands.  
The Lord's secret is for those who fear him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. (R.)

**Second Reading** 3: 12-4:2

A reading from the book of Thessalonians

**Gospel Acclamation** Ps. 85 (84):8

Alleluia, alleluia!,  
Show us O Lord, your mercy,  
And grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia

**Gospel** 21:25-28, 34-36  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Communion Antiphon** Ps 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase

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### SUNDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> –8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT : YEAR C**

- Sat 30 **EXPOSITION** 10am—11.00am  
**MASS 6.30pm** (Tom Smith R.I.P.)
- Sun 1 **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT: YEAR C**  
**MASS 8.30am** (Anne Bee R.I.P.)  
**MASS 10.00am** (People of the Parish)
- Mon 2 **MASS 9.30am** (Tom, Margot & George  
Kenny R.I.P.)
- Tue 3 **Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest**  
**MASS 6.00pm** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Wed 4 **NO MASS**
- Thu 5 **Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop**  
**MASS 6.00pm** (Christopher Flynn)
- Fri 6 **MASS 9.30am** (People of the Parish)
- Sat 7 **Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop,**  
**Doctor of the Church**  
**EXPOSITION** 10am—11.00am  
**MASS 6.30pm** (Elizabeth Pickett R.I.P.)
- Sun 8 **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR C**  
**MASS 8.30am** (Margaret Harkin R.I.P.)  
**MASS 10.00am** (Celebrant's Intention)



### CONFESSIONS

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

Your Safeguarding representative is:  
**Helen Holt-Davies.**



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Jesus makes two seemingly contradictory statements. First He says "Straighten up and raise your head high because your redemption is drawing near." Then He says "watch yourselves....".

If we have been following the Lord and done our best to follow His will, then we should be able to 'raise our heads' when the Lord comes. However, if we are not careful we may allow ourselves to have a sense of entitlement. 'I expect to be saved', therefore I unintentionally become complacent and lose focus, allowing the cares of this world to distract me. Do I, each and every day, ask the Lord to help me purify the intentions of my heart and not take my redemption for granted? God Bless. *Fr Pat*

### VICE PRINCIPAL AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL



We are very sorry to be losing Mrs Vic Williams at the end of the year, as she moves to a new school. Mrs Williams has been a huge asset to our school, and especially for continuing our church and school relationship. Interviews for this important position are on Tuesday 3rd December. Please pray for the candidates and for the interviewing panel as they select the next Vice Principal for our school.

### WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY—THANKYOU

Many many thanks to of you for your generous contributions to World Youth Sunday last week. Melissa was delighted to return to her own church and meeting you and answering the questions about her work for the Kenelm Youth Trust..

### MISSIO RED BOXES



This is a request to all Missio red box holders, could you please bring your box to the church to be emptied before the 8<sup>th</sup> of December please? I would like to thank you on behalf of Missio for your generosity.

If you haven't got a red box and would like one or would like to donate via direct debit then please don't hesitate in contacting me.

### 200 CLUB

Please consider joining this club as we really need new members to keep this group going. This is an excellent club to join and has the possibility that you could be one of the three winners each month.

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims."



The pilgrimage dates have been announced: **Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025**, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more

information by scanning the QR code on your phone, or by visiting

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes).



### THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - EXPLORING THE FAITH



Starting from the 2nd week in Advent, the RCIA program runs over a period of 15 weeks and is designed, primarily, for those who are thinking about becoming members of the Catholic Church. It is, however, also open to

- those who are married to a Catholic and want to know more about what their partner believes,
- those who are from another faith, or
- Catholics who wish to refresh their faith.

This will culminate in the conferring of the rites of Baptism and Confirmation (*as applicable*) at the Easter Vigil.

This program will start with an **introductory session on Thursday 12th December** from 7:00 - 8:30pm in the **Parish Hall**, and will resume following the Christmas break on Thursdays from 9th January onwards.

**Why not come to the introductory session on 12<sup>th</sup> December? It will be lovely to see you there.**

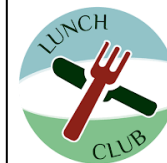
### ADVENT 2024



This weekend we begin the Holy Season of Advent which is also the beginning of the Church's Liturgical year. During Advent we should take some time to reflect on our spiritual lives.

The **Advent booklets, 'Walk with me' are available in the porch**, with a special **calendar sheet** for children to follow through this wonderful season. The cost is £1 but don't let that prevent you from taking one. If you know someone who might appreciate a booklet or calendar, please take one for them also.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB



The next lunch club will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 3rd December from 12.30-2.00pm**. This is our Christmas Lunch with the cost being just £5 for two courses followed by tea or coffee. The Lunch Club, apart from being brilliant value for money, is a great place to meet other parishioners. Do come along, you will be very welcome

### OUR CHURCH'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**Our traditional Christmas raffle tickets are now available** with 4 wonderful prizes to be won. The first prize being a weekend in Swanage, Dorset for a family of 7 people (take the children, grandchildren, or those young at heart!), the second prize is a Christmas hamper, (share it out, or keep it for yourself!). A case of wine is the third prize, (again what applies to the second prize applies to the third!) and fourth prize is £50 cash (these days often needed) Tickets are £1 each or a book of five for £5. **Please don't forget to return the counterfoils and the money with your name etc on them to church, so we know who has won!!**

