

## 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 30th November & 1st December 2024

Readers:	Sat 30	6.30pm Mass:	Ellen O'Hare
	Sun 1	8.30am Mass:	Christine Morris
	Sun 1	10.00am Mass:	Constance Mkwanda, Helen Holt-Davies
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 30	6.30pm Mass:	© Carmen Bennett, Louise Barr, Jos Murphy
	Sun 1	8.30 am Mass:	© Jacques Honore, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Barry Canning
	Sun 1	10.00am Mass:	© Chris Banks, Maureen Banks, Ally Warren
Flowers:	Sat 30	Flower team	
Counters:	Sun 1	Louise Barr and Ellen O'Hare	
Bulletin:	Sat 30	Church Office	
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 1	Yvonne/Sheila	

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 Rev 5:12, 1:6

How worthy is the lamb that was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2.R.v.1

( R ) The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power (R.)
2. The word you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R.)

Second Reading 1:5-8

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Gospel Acclamation Mk 11: 9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!,

Blessing on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel 18:33-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Communion Antiphon Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**SECOND COLLECTION ON 23<sup>RD</sup> & 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE**

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**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER -1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**  
**LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE:**  
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- Sat 23 **EXPOSITION 10am—11.00am**  
**MASS 6.30pm** (Derek Clarke R.I.P.)
- Sun 24 **LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**  
**World Youth Sunday**  
**MASS 8.30am** (Linda Domingue R.I.P.)  
**MASS 10.00am** (Birthday Intention SH)
- Mon 25 **MASS 9.30am** (Birthday Intention.SH)
- Tue 26 **MASS 6.00pm** (Christopher Flynn R.I.P.)
- Wed 27 **NO MASS**
- Thu 28 **MASS 6.00pm** (Early Family R.I.P.)
- Fri 29 **MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Sat 30 **EXPOSITION 10am—11.00am**  
**MASS 6.30pm** (Tom Smith R.I.P.)

### **THE SEASON OF ADVENT**

- Sun 1 **1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR C**  
**MASS 8.30am** (Anne Bee R.I.P.)  
**MASS 10.00am** (People of the Parish)

### CONFESSIONS

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

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

It seems quite clear reading today's Gospel that it is Pilate who has the power and Jesus is powerless. Pilate has soldiers under his command and can determine the fate of Jesus. He has the power to kill Him or release Him. Yet, we often forget that is fact. Jesus has legions of Angels at His command and could easily call on their help. Jesus chooses not to because it is obeying God's will that matters. Pilate is allowing his fear of the people dictate his behaviour even though he wants to let Jesus go. Pilate may have the power but ultimately who has the real power? What about me. Do I want to fit in and be accepted or do I have the real power to do what it is that God wants no matter the cost?

God Bless. *Fr Pat*



## WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

In November 2020, Pope Francis called for a relaunch of National Youth Sunday and moving forward asks the global Catholic community to celebrate locally on the Solemnity of Christ the King. 23rd & 24th November

It is a day for the world to recognise and celebrate young people in our local church communities, whether that be through school, at home, or of course in the parish.

On this day young people will be sharing within parishes, the role that they play within the Church. Melissa, one of our servers, now volunteers for the Kenelm Trust at Alton Castle, and will be with us in Mass to explain her work.

Bishop Timothy in collaboration with KYT created two bookmarks for this celebration. The first is a prayer for young people, encouraging all congregations to intentionally offer their support. The second is a young person's prayer written with young people

***"I share my faith with others even if I am scared. What's the worst that can happen, if they don't agree? Every new conversation has an equal chance of rejection whether it's about ones faith or not "-*** Dumebi Umensofor, 18

## NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Sunday Missals should be available **this weekend 23rd/24th November**. Sheila will have them for us. The cost is £15 each. Please pay by cash or cheque payable to S.Harris

## THE CHOIR

The choir are now practicing music for Christmas Eve. Unfortunately there is a danger that we will be unable to sing choir pieces as we have insufficient members. We will have no tenor or bass parts and we have so few ladies that if one or two are sick we will be unable to sing as has happened lately. CAN YOU HELP. We rehearse Wednesday evenings 7.30 to 9pm. **We would love you to come along.**



## 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).



## ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL— 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

On November 29th the above Bill is being voted on in Parliament. There is still time to contact your MP Charlie Maynard to **oppose this Bill**. On the Right to Life website if you input your post code they will send a letter to Charlie for you. Or you can write to Charlie Maynard, MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or email [charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:charlie.maynard.mp@parliament.uk). [righttolife.org.uk](http://righttolife.org.uk) [carenotkilling.org.uk](http://carenotkilling.org.uk)

## MESSAGE FROM PAULA FLYNN

I - and the whole Flynn family, would like to thank you very much for the Requiem Mass for Christopher on 12th November. We were all very touched to see so many fellow parishioners among the congregation, some of whom we have known for many decades (we arrived in Witney in June 1973). The music was lovely - just what Christopher would have liked! - and we greatly appreciated all the greetings and kind messages of support that we received. To be the recipients of such warmth and kindness meant a great deal to us, especially at a time of such distress and anxiety. In particular we should like to express our thanks to all those people who so generously arranged for Holy Mass to be offered for Christopher. With every good wish. God bless, Paula

## 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 your local secretary.



## ADVENT 2021



Next 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 readings for **next weekend's** Masses are from Cycle C but from the **New Sunday Missal**.

## 200 CLUB

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

## WITNEY INTER-CHURCH SINGERS



The upcoming WICS concerts, 'Come, see the beauty of the King' will be on Saturday, 7th December at 7.30 pm and Sunday, 8th December at 4.30 pm at High Street Methodist Church, Witney. The concerts will be free, but the singers are requesting donations to two charities,

## NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Our new parish administrator, Sue Lally, has started. We wish her all the best in her new position. Do introduce yourselves to Sue, especially if you help out at church. Sue will usually be in the Parish Office Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings, and Ruth Baigent will continue on Tuesday and Friday mornings.