

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 18th & 19th JANUARY 2025

Readers:	Sat 18 6.30pm Mass: Brian Viles
	Sun 19 8.30am Mass: Christina Morris
	Sun 19 10.00am Mass: Michelle Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 18 6.30pm Mass: © Vincent Cugnet, Louise Barr, Sue Collins
	Sun 19 8.30 am Mass: © Jacques Honore, Barry Canning, Barbara Chodkiewicz
	Sun 19 10.00am Mass: © Denise Williams, Maureen Banks, David Sole
Flowers:	Sat 18 Flower team
Counters:	Sun 19 Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins
Bulletin:	Sat 19 Church Office
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 19 Sue

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. This is a lovely way to meet new people and wind down before returning home.



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.

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 230 6240/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns."

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

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

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Mt 3:16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 104 (103): 1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 R 1

R. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

My God, how great you are!

- O Lord my God, how great you are
Thou hast put on praise and beauty:
Wrapped in light as with a robe.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. (R.)
- On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot;
You ride on the wings of the wind.
You make the winds your messengers,
flame and fire your servants. (R.)
- How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom: you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
Vast and wide is the span of the sea,
With its creeping things past counting,
living things great and small. (R.)
- All of these look to you
to give them food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up;
you open wide your hand, they are well filled. (R)
- You hide your face; they are dismayed;
you take away their breath, they die.
Returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7

Gospel Acclamation Cf. Luke 3:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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SUNDAY 12th -19th January 2025 YEAR C
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- Sat 11 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)
- Sun 12 FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
MASS 8.30pm (People of the Parish)
MASS 10.00am (Wojciech Jankowski R.I.P.)
- Mon 13 SCHOOL MASS 10.00am** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Tue 14 MASS 6.00pm** (Wilma Da Cunha Carneiro R.I.P.)
- Wed 15 NO MASS**
- Thu 16 MASS 6.00pm** (John Dineen R.I.P.)
- Fri 17 MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Sat 18 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)
- Sun 19 MASS 8.30pm** (Celebrant's Intention)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

CONFESSIONS:



Saturday mornings 10.30am -11am
Saturday evenings 5.30pm-6pm

If you would like to see Fr Pat for confession or any other reason, please do not hesitate to make an appointment either by phone or e mail.

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Communion Antiphon: Jn 1:32, 34
Behold the One of whom John said:
I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION



If John's Baptism was a baptism for the forgiveness of sins, why was Jesus baptised when He was without sin? It was effectively the end of His role as Mary's son within a normal family. He must now begin his work as the chosen one of God, the Anointed one. The baptism would have involved total immersion into the water. I think this can be seen as symbolic of the total immersion of His whole being into His calling. This is confirmed by the appearance of the Holy Spirit and the voice of His Father as He comes out of the water. There is no going back whatever He has to face. However, Jesus knows He is not on His own no matter what He might experience. He will never forget His decision to follow God. Do I feel the same way? *God Bless. Fr Pat*

CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH



It's that time of the year again, when we welcome the children who would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, to come together for a time of preparation in readiness for this wonderful event.

An introductory session of 30 minutes for parents and candidates will be held on **19th January 2025 after the 10:00am mass**

Preparatory classes (16:00 – 17:30) will commence on Saturday 25th January 2025. There will be a total of 9 sessions culminating in the conferring of the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Auxiliary Bishop Rt. Rev. Richard Walker at 7:00pm on 20th June 2025.

Eligibility: Children who are aged 10 years and above.

Enrollment forms will be available in the Narthex after 10:00am Mass from 24th December 2024 onwards. Please fill in the forms and have them returned by 12th January 2025 at the latest. For any clarifications, please contact either Fr. Patrick Broun.

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 week's topic on 16th January is 'Creation, Fall and Salvation' On January 23rd the topic will be 'The Light of Christ'

This is an extremely interesting course. Please consider it.

There are also flyers in the porch for you to serve as a reminder of the Course. Please take one.



TODDLER TIME-TUESDAYS 10am-11am



Our under 5s playgroup is held in our Parish hall, with free play, drinks, & snacks, or a voluntary £2 donation.



200 CLUB WINNERS

Many congratulations to the winners of the 200 Club for December .

Cheques will be in the sacristy.

Please consider joining this club. This is an excellent club to join and has the possibility that you could be one of the three winners each month.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Booking now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May.

The pilgrimage runs from **Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025** with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope".

If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers.

Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes.

If Our Lady is calling you please answer and give to others.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Find out more here: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>



WITNEY FOOD BANK

Witney Foodbank always needs our help. The food bank are really struggling to meet the demands of all the local people who really need support, especially in this season. 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.