

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 25th & 26th JANUARY 2025

Readers:	Sat 25 6.30pm Mass: Ellen O'Hare Sun 26 8.30am Mass: Peter Bee
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sun 26 10.00am Mass: Anne Tester, Helen Holt-Davies Sat 25 6.30pm Mass: © Colin Murphy, Jos Murphy, Carmen Bennett Sun 26 8.30 am Mass: © Christina Morris, Jacques Honore, Barry Canning Sun 26 10.00am Mass: © Carlton Rose, Margaret Hamm, John Davies
Flowers:	Sat 25 Fiona Hook
Counters:	Sun 26 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin
Bulletin:	Sat 25 Ruth-Church Office
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 26 Paddy

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](tel:01212306240)/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 Ps. 65:4
All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First reading Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3.
7-8a. 9-10ac R.3

R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord; bless his name. (R)
2. Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R)
3. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name. (R)
4. Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, "The Lord is king."
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R)

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel Acclamation Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14
Alleluia, alleluia.
God called us through the gospel,
so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia.

Gospel John 2:1-11
A reading from the Gospel according to John

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 22:5
You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that
quenches my thirst.

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SUNDAY 19th - 26th January 2025 YEAR C
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 18 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)
- Sun 19 MASS 8.30pm** (People of the Parish)
MASS 10.00am (John Hobbs R.I.P.)
- Mon 20 MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Tue 21 Memorial of St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**
MASS 6.00pm (People of the Parish)
- Wed 22 NO MASS**
- Thu 23 MASS 6.00pm** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Fri 24 Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Deacon of the Church**
MASS 9.30am (People of the Parish)
- Sat 25 Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle**
EXPOSITION 10am-11am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)
- Sun 26 MASS 8.30pm** (Celebrant's Intention)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

CONFESION TIMES and APPOINTMENTS

CONFESIONS:

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.

Your Safeguarding representative: Helen Holt-Davies



GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel, Mary, it seems, although she knew Jesus could help, did not know exactly how He would do it. She simply asked the waiter to do whatever Jesus asked him to do. However, she knew Jesus would do something. She trusted Him to do what was necessary. Often, when we ask the Lord to help us, especially in difficult or trying times we not only want Him to help us we also want to see what he will do. Then we can feel reassured that something is happening. Yet it may seem to us that nothing is happening, then, like Mary, we must have the faith to trust that all will be well. After all, at Cana, the wine was the best wine of all.

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 **Sunday 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 Fr. Patrick Broun.

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

This week's topic on Thursday January 23rd at 7pm will be 'The Light of Christ' The following week **Thursday 30th January at 7pm** the topic will be the 'Holy Spirit and the Church'



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.

AN EXCITING EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE; 28th February - 2nd March 2025

FEARLESS for SCHOOLYRS 5-9 LIMITLESS for YRS 10-13

RUN BY THE KENELM YOUTH TRUST at ALTON CASTLE

FEARLESS for Yrs 5-9

Fearless is filled with adventure, prayer, outdoor activities and fun, **Fearless** is a popular retreat at **Alton Castle** . in Staffordshire

LIMITLESS for Yrs 10-13

Limitless is looking at growing leadership skills through incredible workshops, outdoor activities, small group work and team/confidence building.



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.

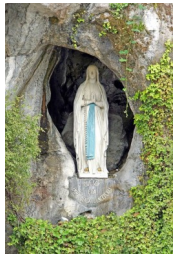
Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

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.