

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 1st & 2nd FEBRUARY 2025

Readers:	Sat 1 6.30pm Mass: Philip Ogden
	Sun 2 8.30am Mass: Demi Amusu
	Sun 2 10.00am Mass: Cohen Tester, Duncan Enright
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 1 6.30pm Mass: © Bernadette Collins, Jane Cugnet, Rita Aston
	Sun 2 8.30 am Mass: © Barbara Chodkiewicz, Christina Morris, Jacques Honore
	Sun 2 10.00am Mass: © Anthony Brown, Janina Kalinowska, Ally Warren
Flowers:	Sat 1 Maureen Moran
Counters:	Sun 2 Louise Barr & Ellen O'Hare
Bulletin:	Sat 1 Ruth-Church Office
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 2 Celia

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 Cf. Ps. 95: 1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First reading Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15.
R: John 6:63c
R; Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect;
it revives the soul.
The decrees of the Lord are steadfast;
they give wisdom to the simple. **R:**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right;
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear;
It gives light to the eyes. **R:**
3. The fear of the Lord is pure,
abiding for ever.
The judgements of the Lord are true;
they are, all of them, just. **R:**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rock and my redeemer! **R:**

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to
the poor;
to proclaim liberty to the captives.
Alleluia.

Gospel 1:1-4; 4:14-21
A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 53:6
Look toward the Lord and be radiant:
Let your faces not be abashed.

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SUNDAY 26th January-2nd February 2025 YEAR C
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 (Paul Quigley R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

Mon 27 EUCHRISTIC SERVICE 9.30am

Tue 28 Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church
MASS 6.00pm (Christine Jones R.I.P.)

Wed 29 NO MASS

Thu 30 MASS 6.00pm (Celebrant's Intention)

Fri 31 Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest
MASS 9.30am (Michael Quinan R.I.P.)

Sat 1 EXPOSITION 10am-11am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

Sun 2 FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
MASS 8.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

CONFESSION TIMES and APPOINTMENTS

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.

Your Safeguarding representative:

GOSPEL REFLECTION



It would seem sensible that Jesus, having been anointed with the Holy Spirit at His baptism, would begin His Father's mission at the heart of the Jewish faith, Jerusalem. The temple, the symbol of God's presence among His people, is in Jerusalem. Yet, Jesus begins His ministry miles to the north in Nazareth, His home town, which has no connection to the faith. It would be three years before He returns to Jerusalem for the climax of His mission, His Passion. The timing had to be right. In our relationship with God, we might ask Him to help us cope with a specific situation or for something to happen, convinced that this is what the Lord would want. Yet, nothing seems to be happening. Perhaps God knows the timing is not right. It is then we must trust that His timing is perfect. 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.



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.
For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun.

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

This week on Thursday 30th January at 7pm the topic will be the 'Holy Spirit and the Church' The following week the **6th February** the topic will be 'The Gift of Faith'

This is an extremely interesting course., but you don't have to attend every week if you are already Catholic but you are able to 'dip in and out' if you see a topic which interests you. **Please consider it.**



LUNCH CLUB ON FEBRUARY 4TH 2025

The next lunch club will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 4th February from 12.30-2.00pm.** The cost is 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.



ESCORTED TOUR TO WESTPORT, KNOCK & COUNTY MAYO

This tour will take place on **10th March 2025 at £799.00 pps.**

The price includes :-

- ◆ Flight with 10kg hold luggage,
- ◆ 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast.
- ◆ Lunch on three days.
- ◆ All entertainment, excursions and transport included.
- ◆ There will be a visit to Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey and Quiet Man Museum
- ◆ Single supplement on Enquiry.
- ◆ Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.



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>

AN EXCITING EVENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE:

28th February - 2nd March 2025

FEARLESS for SCHOOL YRS 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.

Both retreats are tailored for different age groups, but maintain that boundless fun, excitement and adventure that is to be expected from this annual event!

More details to follow