

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 22nd & 23rd FEBRUARY (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 2025

Readers:	Sat 22 6.30pm Mass: Brian Viles
	Sun 23 8.30am Mass: Peter Bee
	Sun 23 10.00am Mass: Maia Johnson, Michelle Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 22 6.30pm Mass: © Jane Cugnet, Rita Aston, Bernadette Collins
	Sun 23 8.30 am Mass: © Christina Morris, Jacques Honore, Barry Canning
	Sun 23 10.00am Mass: © Chris Banks, Janina Kalinowska, Margaret Hamm
Flowers:	Sat 22 Maureen Moran
Counters:	Sun 23 Philip Ogden, Jennie Dolphin
Bulletin:	Sat 22 Ruth - Church Office
Tea & Coffee	Sun 23 Sue

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, catch up with friends or just 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.

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

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. Ps. 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4. 6.
(R). Psalm 40(39):5a

R. Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

1. Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R)

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R)

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. @

Second reading Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

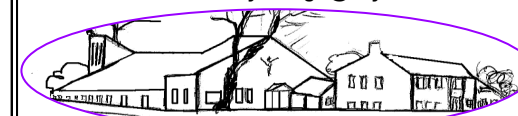
Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23ab

Alleluia, alleluia.
Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia.

Gospel 6:17, 20-26
A Gospel reading according to Luke

Communion Antiphon
They ate and had their fill,
and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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SUNDAY 16th -23rd February 2025 YEAR C

Sat 15 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (Darren Burke R.I.P)

Sun 16 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS 8.30pm (Rt. Rev. William J.D.Down
(Bishop Bill) R.I.P.)

MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

Mon17 MASS 9.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

Tue 18 MASS 6.00pm (Cynthia Baker R.I.P.)

Wed 19 NO MASS

Thu 20 MASS 6.00pm (People of the Parish)

Fri 21 MASS 9.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

Sat 22 Feast of the chair of St. Peter, Apostle

EXPOSITION 10am-11am
MASS 6.30pm (Bill & Alice Witt R.I.P.)

Sun 23 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS 8.30pm (People of the Parish)
MASS 10.00am (René Cesaratto R.I.P.)

CONFESION TIMES and APPOINTMENTS

CONFESIONS:

Saturday mornings 10.30am -11am

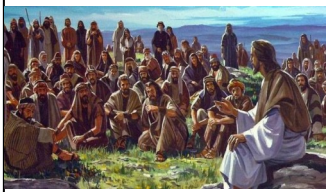
Saturday evenings 5.30pm-6pm



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

**There will be a second collection on
15/16 February for Lepra**



GOSPEL REFLECTION

It appears in the Gospel today that Jesus is saying some harsh things. Is he really suggesting that we should be happy when we are hungry or suffering insult or persecution? Is it really the case that we should feel guilty for being cheerful or not being hungry?

No, He is not. What He is saying is there is a danger we place our values in life on trying to avoid the first and seeking the second. This is the natural human thing to do. However, by becoming human Himself God has transformed our human nature. Following our natural desire and instincts will not give us the true sense of worth we are looking for. It is only by seeking the presence of the Lord within us, yes even if that means having to suffer, that we will find inner peace and happiness. "It is not our task as Christians to conform the Christ of God to our needs and expectations. Our task is to conform our lives to Him"

God Bless, Fr Pat

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

This week on Thursday 20th February at 7pm the topic will be 'The Power of Prayer'.

The following week the topic will be 'The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation' This is an extremely interesting course, but you don't have to attend every week if you are already Catholic you are able to 'dip in and out' if you see a topic which interests you. **Please consider it.**



MASS INTENTIONS

When requesting Mass Intentions please will you specify whether or not the person has died by putting RIP or Anniversary Mass. **Masses for the weekends are taken up very quickly so please give as much notice as possible.** Also, please remember to add your telephone number to your intention request, and if possible **print** the name of the person who the mass is for. Many Thank you

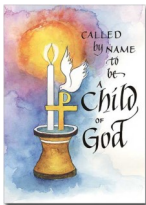
CAFOD HOME PRODUCE STALL



CAFOD Home produce stall will be selling cakes this weekend to raise money for CAFOD. Last year our Parish raised more than £1,100 for this most deserving charity. The home produce stall is always popular so make sure you select your produce as soon as you can

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised are required to attend a course of preparation. **The course** is based over two sessions and will be held on **Tuesday 18th and 25th March 2025 at 7.30pm** in the Church's Side Chapel. We will watch a video which goes through the actual Rite of Baptism, and discuss the signs and symbols of this great sacrament which you have chosen for your child.



FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION AND FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please pray for those in our parish who are working towards full membership of the Church. Let us also pray for those children learning about their First Holy Communion and for those young people preparing for their Confirmation. Pray that the Lord may inspire and strengthen them in their journey.

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.



A LENTEN RETREAT DAY LED BY CANON MICHAEL DOLMAN

The Lenten retreat at: St. Joseph's Church, Carterton is on **Saturday 22nd March 2025 from 10am-3.30pm**. There will be a soup lunch and refreshments included. Please sign up or e mail so we know the numbers we are catering for.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer is to be held on Friday 7th. March at 10.30am at St. Mary's parish church and 7pm at the Congregational church. This year's service has been written by the women of the Cook Islands so please come along to pray for them and learn about their way of life. Tea and coffee etc will be served after the service. Everyone is most welcome.



JOHN SURMAN R.I.P

Sadly John Surman has passed away. Before he was unable to come to Mass he was always with his wife Pamela at 6.30pm Mass. The cremation will be at Tackley on **21st February at 4pm**.



WITNEY FOOD BANK

Dear All at Our Lady and St Hugh Church, I am writing on behalf of everyone here at Witney Food Bank to say thank you so much for your continued support with donations. We are so grateful and all your contributions go such a long way in helping our families and individuals in need. This month you donated 42.15 kg of food and we are so very grateful. Thank you once again, *Faye Carrick*