

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 8th & 9th FEBRUARY (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 2025

Readers:	Sat 8 6.30pm Mass: Philip Ogden
	Sun 9 8.30am Mass: Angela Dryden
	Sun 9 10.00am Mass: Catherine Wilson, Carlton Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 8 6.30pm Mass: © Louise Barr, Sue Collins, Vincent Cugnet
	Sun 9 8.30 am Mass: © Barry Canning, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Christina Morris
	Sun 9 10.00am Mass: © Michelle Rose, Helen Holt-Davies, Denise Williams
Flowers:	Sat 8 Denise Williams
Counters:	Sun 9 Vanessa and Daryl Wilkins
Bulletin:	Sat 8 Ruth-Church Office
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 9 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. 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.

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. Ps47: 10-11
Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First reading Malachi 3:1-4

Responsorial Psalm - Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10. ☒: 8a

R The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!

- O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R)
- Who is this king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant;
the Lord, the valiant in war. (R)
- O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! (R)
- Who is this king of glory?
He, the Lord of hosts,
he is the king of glory. (R)

Second reading Hebrews 2:14-18

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.

Alleluia.

Gospel 2:22-40

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

Communion Antiphon Lk 2:30-31
My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the
peoples.

There will be a second collection on
1st - 2nd February for Pro Life.

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SUNDAY 2nd - 9th February 2025 YEAR C
FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- Sat 1 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)
- Sun 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**
MASS 8.30pm (People of the Parish)
MASS 10.00am (Hannah Przybyla R.I.P.)
- Mon 3 MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Tue 4 MASS 6.00pm** (People of the Parish)
- Wed 5 Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**
NO MASS
- Thu 6 Memorial of St. Paul Miki, and**
Companions, Martyrs
MASS 6.00pm (Ted Finch R.I.P.)
- Fri 7 MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Sat 8 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)
- Sun 9 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Commitment Mass for Confirmation
MASS 8.30pm (Chris Crouch R.I.P.)
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, Simeon said that Jesus will be appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel. Many people in Israel, especially the religious leaders expected the Chosen One of God to be a powerful leader, like King David. It seems as if they had based the very understanding of their faith on that conviction. When Jesus failed to meet their expectations, their very identity and status in society was threatened. If Jesus was whom he said he was, what role would they have? So they refused to accept Jesus and the result was they actually fell. Yet, had they had the courage to change their minds and listened to Jesus, they would have had a new role to play. Do I listen to God to see if he wants me to change my life in any way? Or do I refuse to change even if I feel He might be calling me to because it might affect my security? To change, including changing my mind, can be frightening Am I prepared to rise or will I fall? *God Bless. Fr Pat*

CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH



The upcoming classes in February for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be as follows: **Saturday 8th February & Saturday 22nd February** These sessions will run from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in the Parish hall. For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun.

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

This week on **Thursday 6th February at 7pm** the topic will be 'The Gift of Faith' The following week the topic will be 'The Bible'. 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.**



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.** 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 Thanks.

LUNCH CLUB ON 4TH FEBRUARY 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.

200 CLUB WINNERS

Many congratulations to the winners of the 200 club for January. 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.



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>

THE PARISH KITCHEN

Quite a few of our groups who use the Parish Room also use the kitchen. We're in the process of tidying out the kitchen and rearranging it so the space works better. If you have left anything of yours or your groups in the kitchen, **please remove it or it may be disposed of.**

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

FEARLESS for SCHOOL YRS 5-9 **LIMITLESS** for YRS 10-13

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LIMITLESS for Yrs 10-13

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

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

