#### 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 15th & 16th FEBRUARY (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time) 2025

Readers: Sat 15 6.30pm Mass: Duncan Clark

Sun 16 8.30am Mass: Christina Morris

Sun 16 10.00am Mass: Margaret Hamm, Chris Banks

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 16 6.30pm Mass: © Carmen Bennett, Jos Murphy, Colin Murphy

Sun 16 8.30 am Mass: © Jacques Honore, Barry Canning, Barbara Chodkiewicz,

Sun 16 10.00am Mass: © John Davies, David Sole, Maureen Banks

Flowers: Sat 15 Fiona Hook

Counters: Sun 16 Philip Ogden, Jennie Dolphin

Bulletin: Sat 15 Ruth-Church Office

Tea & Coffee: Sun 16 Liz/Linda

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. 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 Ps 94:6-7
O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

First reading Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 4-5. 7c-8. R:1c

# R. In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

- 1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down towards your holy Temple. (R)
- 2. I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul. (R)
- **3.** All earth's kings shall thank you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R)**
- 4. With your right hand you save me; the Lord will accomplish this for me. O Lord, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands. (R)

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

# Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia.

Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. **Alleluia.** 

Gospel 5:1-11

A Gospel reading according to Luke

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 106: 8-9
Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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#### SUNDAY 9th -16th February 2025 YEAR C

Sat 8 EXPOSITION 10am–11am

MASS 6.30pm (People of he Parish)

Sun 9 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MASS 8.30pm (Chris Crouch R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (Celebrant's Intention)

Mon10 Memorial of St. Scholastica, Virgin EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 9.30am

Tue 11 EUCHAHISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm

Wed 12 NO MASS

Thu 13 EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm

Fri 14 Feast of St. Cyril, Monk, & St.
Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe
EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 9.30am

Sat 15 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)

Sun 16 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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: Helen Holt-Davies



#### **GOSPEL REFLECTION**

Peter is a professional fisherman. Night time is the best time for fishing and yet he has caught nothing. Jesus tells him to fish even though it is daylight and what's more to fish in deep water. Yet he catches a huge number of fish. Immediately, he feels unworthy to be in the presence of Jesus and wants Jesus to leave. Yet Jesus

does not even acknowledge that Peter is unworthy. The Lord simply says "Do not be afraid". It is almost, it seems to me, that Jesus is saying "I know you're not worthy, so what?" The Lord has called Peter to follow him and he obeyed. That's what matters. I can spend so much time focusing on my own sinfulness and unworthiness that I forget Jesus is calling me. I must be aware of my own sinfulness, yes, but I must focus on Jesus and have the courage to follow him That is where I find my true worth. *God Bless. Fr Pat* 

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

This week on Thursday 13th February at 7pm the topic will be 'The Bible'
The following week the topic will be 'The Power of Prayer'. 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. <u>Masses for the weekends are taken up very quickly so please give as much notice as possible.</u> 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

#### THE SVP (St. VINCENT DE PAUL) SOCIETY—TURNING CONCERN INTO ACTION

<u>Who are the SVP?</u> The SVP is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in need. In England and Wales there are currently over 10,000 voluntary members.

What do they do? They visit the lonely, the sick, the marginalised and the imprisoned.



What is the aim of visiting? The aim of visiting is God's Love, Tangible Through us, Frees them to love. Not just that people are helped materially, or even that they recover a sense of hope because they are better able to cope. It is that they become more spiritually aware and more caring, more able to give of themselves, more forgiving, that they become peacemakers who will seek reconciliation with those they have offended or those who have upset them.

St. Vincent said," It is a good thing to induce others to exercise charity. To do so is to practice all the virtues at once." All this is embraced in our prayer that we may "understand their deeper needs. "Our work springs from God, not from ourselves alone.

**If you think that you might like to be part of the SVP** please speak to Fr. Pat who will put you in touch with a SVP member.



# 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 <a href="mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com">knockpilgrimages@gmail.com</a>.

#### **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". Fr. Paul from Carterton is taking a group to Lourdes if you wish to go there with him.



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

If Our Lady is calling you please answer and give to others. We look forward to hearing from you. Find out more here: <a href="https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage">https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage</a>

#### 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

#### 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.

#### **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.

