

### LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers:  
Please also pray for the Holy Father, Pope Francis who is battling pneumonia.

### RECENTLY DECEASED



Let us pray for all those who have died recently, especially 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> March (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent) 2025

<b>Readers:</b>	<b>Sat 15 6.30pm Mass:</b> Duncan Clark
	<b>Sun 16 8.30am Mass:</b> Angela Dryden
	<b>Sun 16 10.00am Mass:</b> Constance Mkwanda, Carlton Rose
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	<b>Sat 15 6.30pm Mass:</b> © Bernadette Collins, Ritya Aston, Jane Cugnet
	<b>Sun 16 8.30 am Mass:</b> © Jacques Honore, Barry Canning, Barbara Chodkiewicz
	<b>Sun 16 10.00am Mass:</b> © Denise Williams, Helen Holt-Davies, John Davies
<b>Flowers:</b>	<b>Sat 15</b> No flowers during Lent
<b>Counters:</b>	<b>Sun 16</b> Vanessa & Darryl Wilkins
<b>Bulletin:</b>	<b>Sat 15</b> Ruth - Church Office
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	<b>Sun 16</b> Sheila

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns."

### PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

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**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 90:15-16

When he calls me, I will answer him;  
I will deliver him and give him glory;  
I will grant him length of days.

**First reading** Deuteronomy 26:4-10

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 91(90):1-2. 10-11.  
12-13. 14-15. ( R ) cf 15b

( R ) Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, and abides in the shade of the Almighty, says to the Lord, 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach your tent. For you has he commanded his angels to keep you in all your ways. (R)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread, and trample the young lion and the serpent.(R)
4. Since he clings to me in love, I will free him, protect him, for he knows my name. When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him, and give him glory. (R)

**Second reading** Romans 10:8-13

**Gospel Acclamation** Matthew 4:4b

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**  
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**

**Gospel** According to Luke 4:1-13

**Communion Antiphon**

Behold the Lamb of God,  
Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

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**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025 YEAR C**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**Sat 8 EXPOSITION from 10am—11.00am**

**MASS 6.30pm** (People of the Parish)

**Sun 9 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MASS 8.30pm** (Peter Ejoh R.I.P. 10 Year Anniversary)

**MASS 10.00am** (Martin Kirk (sick))

**Mon10 MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)

**Tue 11 MASS 6.00pm** (John Barr R.I.P.)

**Wed 12 NO MASS**

**Thu 13 MASS 6.00pm** (People of the Parish)

**Fri 14 MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)

**Sat 15 EXPOSITION from 10am—11.00am**

**MASS 6.30pm** (People of the Parish)

**Sun 16 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MASS 8.30pm** (People of the Parish)

**MASS 10.00am** (Maggie Brown R.I.P.)

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

How often do we say to ourselves “all I want is an easy life”? We might say this especially when we have to face difficulties. In today’s Gospel the devil in the three temptations in the desert is doing just that. He is offering Jesus an easier life than the one His father is offering Him. He could have His immediate wants satisfied by turning the stone into bread. Or, He could even have the power to achieve what God actually wants Him to do, thereby avoiding any pain at all. However, He knows that although the path God wants Him to follow involves the pain of the cross, without it there is no Resurrection and victory.

Our destiny and ultimate meaning is to share that victory. We can only do so by following the path that God calls us to walk no matter what challenges we may face, although God will be with us. The light at the end of the tunnel will be much brighter than the light at the beginning but we can only reach it by going through the tunnel. *God bless. Fr. Pat*

## A LENTEN RETREAT DAY LED BY CANON MICHAEL DOLMAN

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.

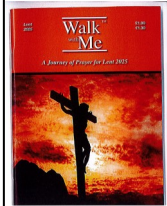


## LENT 2025

As we begin the Holy season of Lent we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ when He delivers God’s people from the power of evil. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives. Most of us try to do something extra such as giving up something we enjoy, but there are other things we could also do– such as

attending Mass or the Stations of the Cross during Lent, being more charitable towards others especially those we find it difficult to get on with, or visiting the sick or elderly. **Stations of the Cross are every Friday at 7pm during Lent**

## LENTEN WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS



The Lenten ‘Walk with me booklets and calendars are available on the table in the narthex. Please take one of each. If you know of someone who might appreciate a booklet or calendar please take one for them also. A suggested donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover the cost of printing but do not let the cost prevent you from having a copy. There is a Lenten sheet for children which is fun to read with them and has activities that they can do, to encourage them to feel that Lent is important for them too.



## **URGENT—WE NEED ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE SUNDAY 10AM MASSES**

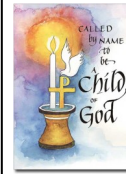
If you have taken your First Holy Communion, please consider becoming an **Altar Server**. Why become one? Well.....  
1. You learn a lot about the Mass

and why we do the things we do to keep the Mass running smoothly. 2. You get fully involved with the Mass and get more out of it. 3. You can make some great friends 4. You learn some fantastic life skills such as communication and team work. Don’t worry if you’re not sure what to do. You will be given all the training you need to become an altar server.

If you would like to ‘give it a go’ or have questions about becoming an altar server please talk to **Fr. Pat or one of the altar servers**.



## 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.

## MUSIC GROUP - WE NEED YOU!



Have you got an instrument lurking in a cupboard that you haven’t played for ages? Do you have instrument lessons at school? Do you sing in the shower but are too nervous to join a choir? If the answer to any of those questions is ‘yes’ then come and join the music group. We need your abilities to support the mass and the liturgy, whether great or small. If you feel you would like to come and join us but are unsure as to whether you can play or sing well enough, come and talk to us after Mass when we can answer any questions you may have and show you the sort of music we play. **We’d love to hear from you.**

## ADVANCE NOTICE ABOUT WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

World Down Syndrome Day, on 21 March, is a global awareness day which has been officially observed by the United Nations since 2012.



To celebrate this important day there will be a cake stall on **Saturday and Sunday, 22nd & 23rd March**.

This is an important day for raising our awareness of our brothers and sisters who have Down Syndrome, so please support the cake stall next weekend.

To find out more go to [Home - World Down Syndrome Day](#)

