

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please keep all the sick and housebound in your prayers:

Please also pray for Pope Francis.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Let us pray for all those who have died recently, especially Mary Cousins, Maria Cosentino 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 HOLY WEEK 17th-20th April (Easter Sunday) 2025

Readers: 17th April Maundy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper : Ava Tester, Philip Ogden

18th April Good Friday - The Passion of our Lord: 1. Catherine Wilson, 2. Ellen O'Hare

Passion Reading: Narrator: John Garrick, Others: Chris Banks

Sat 19 8.30pm: Easter Vigil/1st Mass of Easter

The Old Testament readings are: 2 Genesis 22:1-18 Reader: Michelle Rose
3 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Reader Elizabeth Beaton
6 Baruch 3:9-15 32:4:4 Reader Anne Tester.

The Epistle Reader Cohen Tester

Sun 20 8.30am Easter Day: Angela Dryden

Sun 20 10.00am Easter Day: Chris Banks, Carlton Rose

Eucharistic Ministers: Maundy Thurs 7pm (C) Carlton Rose, Jos Murphy, Louise Barr

Good Friday 3pm (C) John Davies

Sat 19 8.30pm Mass: (C) Bernadette Collins, Rita Aston, David Sole

Easter Sunday 20 8.30 am Mass: (C) Barbara Chodkiewicz, Barry Canning, Jacques Honore

Easter Sunday 20 10am Mass: (C) Helen Holt-Davies, Maureen Banks, Janina Kalinowska

Flowers: Sat 19 T.B.C.

Counters: Sun 20 Fr. Pat

Bulletin: Sat 19 Ruth - Church Office

Tea & Coffee: Sun 20 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 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

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1,12-13;

Six days before the Passover Ps 23: 9-10

When the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out; 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'

ALL Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads;

Grow higher, ancient doors.

Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?

He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

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First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22(21):8-9. 17-18a.
19-20. 23-24. (R) 2a

(R) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him, if this is his friend' (R)

Many dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. (R)

They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R)

I will tell of your name to my brethren,,
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord, give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, Israel's sons' (R)

Second reading Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,
Death on a cross. But God raised him high
And gave him the name which is above all names.

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SUNDAY 13th-20th April 2025 YEAR C

PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

Sat 12 EXPOSITION from 10am—11.00am
MASS 6.30pm (Bill Bradshaw R.I.P.)

Sun 13 Palm Sunday Masses as usual but with
Procession of Palms from Cemetery Chapel
before 10am Mass

MASS 8.30pm (Marie & Tony Sullivan R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

Mon 14 **MASS 9.30am followed by confessions**
(Celebrant's Intention)

Tue 15 **MASS 6.00pm followed by confessions**
(Ceterina Diliberto R.I.P.)

Wed 16 **NO MASS**

Thu 17 MAUNDY THURSDAY
Confessions 12.30pm-1pm & 5.30pm-6pm
LAST SUPPER MASS 7.00pm (Celebrant's Intention)

Fri 18 GOOD FRIDAY PASSION LITURGY
Confessions 12.30pm-1pm & after Passion

MASS 3.00pm
STATIONS & VENERATION OF THE CROSS 7PM

Sat 19 THE BLESSING OF THE FOOD 11am
HOLY SATURDAY EASTER EVENING
VIGIL, FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8.30PM
(Celebrant's Intention)

Sun 20 EASTER SUNDAY, THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
MASS 8.30pm (People of the Parish)
MASS 10.00am (Cecilia Wallcraft)

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to St Luke. 22:14-23:56

Communion Antiphon Mt 26:42

Father, if this cup may not pass but I must
drink it, then, your will be done.



GOSPEL REFLECTION PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Obedience is a word we don't hear much about, even in Christian circles. Yet it is a gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, in His humanity initially recoiled from His Passion and Death but freely accepted it in loving obedience to God. He was glorified, not in His Resurrection, but in His death on the Cross. Sometimes we may want to recoil in fear or doubt from accepting God's will in our lives because of what He might ask of us. However, if, like Jesus, we willingly obey His will, not

only will He be with us in all that we go through, especially in times of difficulty, but when we come through those times His grace will help us become a little bit more like the person He wants us to be, sharing His glory. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

PASSION WEEK MUSIC—STAYING WITH TRADITION

Due to time constraints this year the Choir will be singing the previous versions of the psalms with responses when they accompany the Masses of Palm Sunday-Easter Vigil. The new words need to be set to newly composed music and as you will imagine, there are a lot of Psalms and Gospel Acclamations! The Music Group will also be using the version of 'All the ends of the Earth' from Laudate as it is at present on Easter Sunday. However a new version of Laudate will be coming out fairly soon to encompass the new settings of words for Psalms and Acclamations.



CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY AND ST. HUGH

The upcoming classes in April for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be as follow:- Saturday 26th April These sessions will run from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in the Parish hall. For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun.

OSCOTT COLLEGE, THE DIOCESAN SEMINARY



Oscott college, the diocesan Seminary in Sutton Coldfield, are trying to spread the news about the work they do, by asking people to sign up to their newsletter at www.oscott.org. April's newsletter includes an update from the Rector, some answers to frequently asked questions about discernment, a report on some of the 'Hidden Treasures' in Oscott's museum, and details of how to book a college tour.

It takes less than a minute to sign up, and those who do will receive a monthly newsletter, as well as early access to the annual 'Oscotian Magazine' and events hosted through the college. The web site is fascinating and definitely worth reading.

HOSANNA - A MUSICAL JOURNEY FROM PALM SUNDAY TO EASTER

Witney Inter-church singers are performing 'Hosanna' on **Wednesday 16th April** at **7.30pm** at **High Street Methodist church**, Witney the first ever performance of an Easter cantata written by Beth Hutton. Admission is free but there is a Retiring Collection in aid of charity.



TERMINALLY ILL (END OF LIFE) BILL

Kim Leadbeater's Bill has been watered down in Committee stage, with safety amendments rejected and legal protections weakened. It creates significant risks for the most vulnerable in Society. So Kim has decided to delay the next stage (day one of Report Stage) of her assisted suicide Bill from 25 April to 16 May.

We need to use every day between now and 16 May to reach MPs as possible - and persuade them to oppose this dangerous Bill. The **Support Not Suicide campaign** - is a nationwide campaign that will be running over this final phase leading up to the vote on the Bill at Third Reading.

TAKE ACTION NOW

Would you request a meeting with your MP? A number of MPs have made it clear that constituents taking the time to go and visit their MP in person is the best way to make a significant difference with this Bill.

Meeting your MP might feel daunting, so there is a dedicated mini-site that guides you through the process. It includes:

- A simple EasyAction tool that lets you request a meeting with your MP in just 30 seconds
- An introductory video guide, Insider Tips for Meeting with Your MP, where Tom Hunt (former MP) and Rupert Evans (our Director of Public Affairs) share tips and talking points to help you prepare
- An in-depth step-by-step 'how to' guide
- A clear MP briefing you can take to your meeting

Please don't wait. Even if you're not sure yet, please watch the video. It will help you see that meeting with your MP is something you can do. Please write to your MP before the 16th May.

Links on - <http://righttolife.org.uk> carenotkilling.org.uk

There are letters on either of these web sites to send to MP.

WITNEY MP - Charlie Maynard MP, House of Commons, Palace of Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

200 CLUB WINNERS

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



DONA CARD READER: Remember to use our contactless card reader for all your donations. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code. so you could donate from home when you are having a cup of coffee & reading through the bulletin!
With grateful thanks, your Finance Committee

SOME EASTER EVENTS IN WITNEY

Wednesday 16 April Windrush Church: Free Easter Fun Morning, 10 am - 12.30 pm: crafts, Easter egg hunt and an Easter trail – *N.B. being held at Windrush School*

Maundy Thursday 17 April: St. Bartholomew's, Ducklington: Warm Space, 11.30 am – 5.30 pm

Good Friday 18 April: St. John's, Hailey: Reflective Service, 12 noon

Newland Chapel: Quiet Space, 8 am – 8 pm: the chapel will be open for anyone to come in for quiet reflection throughout the day. Tea- and coffee-making facilities will be available.