

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. We pray for 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 their passing. If you would like a 'paragraph eulogy' included in the bulletin, please contact Father Pat.

ROTAS FOR 17th& 18th May 2025

Readers: Sat 17 6.30pm Philip Ogden
Sun 18 8.30am Christina Morris
Sun 18 10.00am Catherine Wilson, Chris Banks

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 17 6.30pm (C) Sue Collins, Bernadette Collins, Jane Cugnet
Sun 18 8.30 am (C) Jacques Honore, Akin Amusu, Christina Morris
Sun 18 10am Mass (C) David Sole, Margaret Hamm, Anthony Brown

Flowers: Sat 17 Denise Williams
Counters: Sun 18 Philip Ogden/Jennie Dolphin
Bulletin: Sat 17 Ruth - Church Office
Tea & Coffee: Sun 18 Celia

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 - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN EMAIL ADDRESS

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: olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk 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. Cf. Ps 32: 5-6
The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

First reading Acts 13:14, 43b-52

Responsorial Psalm Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R: 3c
(R) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second reading Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14
Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia.

Gospel reading according to St. John 10:27-30

Communion Antiphon
The Good Shepherd has risen,
who lay down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock,
alleluia.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE
CLERGY TRAINING FUND

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SUNDAY 11th -18th May 2025 YEAR C
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

- Sat 10 **EXPOSITION** from 10am—11.00am
MASS 6.30PM (Celebrant's Intention)
- Sun 11 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
MASS 8.30pm (Wilfred Bailey R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)
- Mon 12 **MASS 9.30am** (People of the Parish)
- Tue 13 **MASS 6.00pm** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Wed 14 **NO MASS**
- Thu 15 **MASS 6.00pm** (People of the Parish)
- Fri 16 **MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)
- Sat 17 **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**
10.30am
MASS 6.30PM Margaret Mary Beaton (RIP)
- Sun 18 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
MASS 8.30pm (People of the Parish)
MASS 10.00am (Margery Pickin RIP)



CONFESSIONS

Saturday : 10.30am-11am &
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.



GOSPEL REFLECTION

.This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because we hear Jesus describing Himself as the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. He will do whatever is necessary for the good of His flock. They trust Him completely and recognise His voice when He calls them. We, of course, are the sheep and are called to follow Jesus wherever He leads us. Each of us, however, is called to follow a different path, one that no one else can walk along. It belongs to me alone. That is my vocation.

If I try to walk along a different path, in other words try to be somebody I am not called to be, it will ultimately lead to disaster. This can be tempting especially if we meet challenges and disappointments along the way. Yet, Jesus, the Good Shepherd will be there to help us. He will use all our experiences to draw us closer to Him, thus to find our true vocation. That is, to become the person the Lord truly wants us to be. As Psalm 23 says, "He guides me along the right path...he is there with his crook and his staff to give me comfort." *God Bless. Fr Pat*



THE RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

The Relic of local Saint St. Edmund Campion will be displayed at the 10am Mass on Sunday 11th May, when all will have an opportunity to venerate the Relic.



ST EDMUND CAMPION, 1540-1581
Scholar, priest, hero, martyr
Feast-day December 1st

Edmund Campion was born into a devoutly Catholic family in England. He grew up in a time of religious turmoil, as England was undergoing the Protestant Reformation. Campion's own faith became the driving force behind his commitment to share the Catholic message with others.

Campion travelled to Europe and dedicated himself to the service of the Catholic community. He encountered hostility and persecution from those who opposed the Catholic faith.

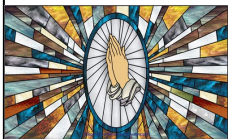
Campion's return to England and despite the constant threat of persecution and capture, he fearlessly journeyed across the country, ministering to Catholics. Campion believed that the **Catholic faith was a source of strength and hope.**

In 1581, he was imprisoned and subjected to harsh interrogations and brutal conditions. Campion was found guilty of treason and by order of Elizabeth 1, condemned to death. On December 1, 1581, he was executed by hanging, drawing, and quartering.

Recognizing Campion's unwavering faith and sacrifice, the Catholic Church beatified him in 1886 and canonized him as a saint in 1970.

As we reflect on the life and legacy of Saint Edmund Campion, His story serves as a beacon of hope, urging us to stand firm in our beliefs and to share the light of the Gospel with courage and conviction.

CONFIRMATION AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH



The upcoming **class in May** for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be as follows: **Saturday 24th of May 2025**

This session will run from 4:00pm to 6:00pm in the Parish hall. If you have any questions please contact Fr. Pat.



WE HAVE A NEW POPE

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, 69, will be the 267th occupant of the throne of St Peter and he will be known as **Pope Leo XIV.**

He is the first American to fill the role of pope, although he is considered as much a cardinal from Latin America because of the many years he spent as a missionary in Peru. Born in Chicago in 1955 to parents of Spanish and Franco-Italian descent, Prevost served as an altar boy and was ordained in 1982. Although he moved to Peru three years later, he returned regularly to the US to serve as a pastor and a prior in his home city. He has Peruvian nationality and is fondly remembered as **a figure who worked with marginalised communities and helped build bridges.**

In his first words as Pope, Leo XIV spoke fondly of his predecessor Francis. "We still hear in our ears the weak but always courageous voice of Pope Francis who blessed us," he said. "United and hand in hand with God, let us advance together," he told cheering crowds.

A PRAYER FOR POPE LEO



Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE CHURCH OFFICE

In line with security changes made throughout the Diocese, our church office has changed our e mail address to: **olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk**

For a very short while, *(we will give you all the final date for the complete change)* our Sky email address will still work. However if you have automatically put in the Sky email address would you please change it to our new one? This e mail is more secure and is now in line with the safety features throughout the Diocese.

200 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL

Many congratulations to the winners of the 200 club for April.1st. The cheques are written out and are in the sacristy for collection. **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.

WITNEY & WEST OXFORDSHIRE FOOD BANK - THANK YOU



We received this from Witney Food Bank: Dear Parishioners of Our Lady & St. Hugh Church. I am writing on behalf of Witney & West Oxfordshire Foodbank to say THANK YOU SO MUCH for the 53kg of food that was donated to us in April. We are so grateful for your continued support. With regards, Witney Food Bank