

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025

<b>Readers:</b>	Sat. 10 6.30pm Liz Beaton Sun 11 8.30am Angela Dryden Sun 11 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Anne Tester
<b>Eucharistic Ministers:</b>	Sat 10 6.30pm (C) Carmen Bennett, Jos Murphy, Rita Aston Sun 11 8.30 am (C) Barry Canning, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Funmi Amusu Sun 11 10.00am (C) Janina Kalinowska, Maureen Banks, John Davies
<b>Flowers:</b>	Sat 10 Maureen Moran
<b>Counters:</b>	Sun 11 Philip Ogden, Jennie Dolphin
<b>Bulletin:</b>	Sat 10 Ruth - Church Office
<b>Tea &amp; Coffee:</b>	Sun 11 Paddy / Catherine

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 65: 1-2  
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First reading** Acts 5:27b-32, 40b-41

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 30(29):2, 4, 5-6, 11,  
12a,13b. ( R ) 2a

I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

1. I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up, and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have lifted up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from those who sink into the pit. (R.)

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you faithful ones; give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night come tears, but dawn brings joy. (R.)

3. Hear, O Lord, and have mercy on me; be my helper, O Lord. You have changed my mourning into dancing. O Lord, my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

**Second reading** Revelation 5:11-14 · 17

**Gospel Acclamation.** cf. Lk 24:32  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race.  
**Alleluia.**

**Gospel reading** according to St. John 21:1-19

**Communion Antiphon** Lk 24: 35  
The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

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**SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 YEAR C**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Sat 3 **EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**  
**MASS 6.30PM** (Martin & Jos Murphy  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)

Sun 4 **MASS 8.30pm** (Baby Sochima Okolue R.I.P.)  
**MASS 10.00am** (Colm Donnelly R.I.P.)  
**May Crowning of Our Lady the Virgin Mary**

Mon 5 **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 10.00am**

Tue 6 **MASS 6.00pm** (Maria Cosentino R.I.P.)

Wed 7 **NO MASS**

Thu 8 **MASS 6.00pm** ((Mary Daly R.I.P.))

Fri 9 **MASS 9.30am** (Margaret Kitto & Family.)

Sat 10 **EXPOSITION from 10am—11.00am**  
**MASS 6.30PM** (Celebrant's Intention)

Sun 11 **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MASS 8.30pm** (Wilfred Bailey R.I.P.)  
**MASS 10.00am** (People of the Parish)

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday : 10.30am -11a & 5.30-6pm

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

.What I like about today's Gospel is how it starts. After all the profound theology and Spirituality of Lent and Easter, it is so human. The disciples had been fishing all night and caught nothing. They would be frustrated, tired and hungry. When Jesus appears He does not start teaching them. He invites them to just sit around a fire, already prepared, and share breakfast with Him, nothing more. Jesus may have risen from the dead in glory but He has not forgotten what it means to be human. Perhaps this is why Peter, despite his serious sin of betraying Jesus three times, knew he could be forgiven. He acted out of weakness, letting his fear get the better of him. In his love for Jesus he believed that Jesus knew his betrayal did not come from the heart. I must never despair of my weaknesses. Yes, Jesus is now with God but He never lost His humanity. *God Bless. Fr. Pat.*

### CROWNING OF OUR LADY DURING 10AM MASS

Our church will be having the **crowning of Our Lady on Sunday 4th May** during the **10:00am Mass**. We have asked that the children who received First Holy Communion last year attend this mass and they will participate in the procession at the end of Mass.

The "May Crowning" is a traditional Catholic ritual that occurs in the month of May. "The crowning is symbolic of Mary as Queen of Heaven and of our lives,

*Bring flow'rs of the fairest. Bring flowers of the rarest. ...*

*We crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels, Queen of the May.*

For many decades, the lovely words and melody of the hymn [Bring Flowers of the Rarest](#) have been gracing the beautiful traditional crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The ceremony is held in countless parishes, schools and homes throughout the world.

Since the 11th century, there arose the custom of **devoting 30 days to Our Lady**, a time set aside to contemplate her virtues. Called a **Tricesimum**, these 30 days became known as "Lady Month", but the custom did not become widespread in the Church until the 18th century when Fr Latomia of the Roman Jesuits **specifically set aside May as Mary's Month**.

Most recently, Pope Francis wrote a letter encouraging the celebration of Mary's Month of May and calling for the daily recitation of the Rosary.

### LOOKING FORWARD FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Many of us found comfort and inspiration during the solemn and prayerful days surrounding the funeral of Pope Francis.

In this time of transition, the College of Cardinals prepares for one of the most sacred and solemn duties in the life of the Church: the election of a new pope through the conclave.

As the Church now turns its gaze toward the conclave and the election of a new Pope, we pray that our **new Holy Father** will be a faithful witness to Your truth, a compassionate minister to all in need, and a unifying presence in our divided world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

### THE RELIC OF ST. EDMUND CAMPION

The Relic of local Saint St. Edmund Campion will be displayed at the **10am Mass on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**, when all will have an opportunity to venerate the Relic. Edmund was captured at Lyford Grange, East Hanney near Wantage and taken to Tyburn where he was hung, drawn and quartered by order of Elizabeth 1



### CONFIRMATION AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH

The upcoming **classes in May** for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be as follows: **Saturday 10th of May 2025 & Saturday 24th of May 2025**

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

### THANKYOU FROM MELISSA

I would like to thank everyone who supported my bake sale Fundraiser last week after Mass. I am so very grateful for your generous donations and especially your very best wishes and prayers for both Lourdes and Rome and also my future at Worcester University where I will be training to be a nurse from this coming September.



### CHANGE OF E MAIL 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](mailto: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.

On a different subject, **due to essential electrical work the Presbytery will have no electric on Wednesday the 7th of May**. This means we will have no phone or email available to us. We will action emails on Thursday the 8th. **Please come to the Presbytery or the office in case of any emergencies**

### LUNCH CLUB



The next lunch club will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 6th May 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 FOR APRIL

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

### 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 or tea & reading through the bulletin! With grateful thanks,

