

## 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 also 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 25/26 October 2025: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr. C

**Readers:**  
**Sat 25 6.30pm** Ellen O'Hare  
**Sun 26 8.30am** Angela Dryden  
**Sun 26 10.00am** Constance Mkwanda, Chris Banks

**Eucharistic Ministers:** **Sat 25 6.30pm (C)** Jane Cugnet, Rita Aston, Colin Murphy  
**Sun 26 8.30 am (C)** Akin Amusu, Barry Canning, Funmi Amusu  
**Sun 26 10.00am (C)** John Davies, Margaret Hamm, Anthony Brown

**Flowers:** **Sat 25** Fiona Hook

**Counters:** **Sun 26** Jenny Dolphin and Philip Ogden

**Tea & Coffee:** **Sun 26** Sue

**Bulletin:** **Fri 24** Ruth, Church Office

### 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 and reading through the bulletin! With grateful thanks.



### 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.

### 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 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.  
Guard me as the apple of your eye;  
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

### First reading Exodus 17:8-13

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 121 (120):1-2,3-4, 5-6,7-8, (R ) cf.2

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains;  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. (R)

2. He will keep your foot from stumbling.  
Your guard will never slumber.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. (R)

3. The Lord your guard, the Lord your shade  
at your right hand.  
By day the sun shall not smite you,  
nor the moon in the night. (R)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil; .  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and coming,  
both now and for ever. (R)

### Second reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

### Gospel Acclamation Hebrews 4:12

**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
The word of God is living and active,  
discerning the thoughts and intentions  
of the heart.  
**Alleluia.**

### Gospel Reading according to St. Luke 18:1-8

### Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 53: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord  
are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

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### SUNDAY 19th - 26th October 2025: Year C 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C 19th October World Mission Sunday

**Sat 18 Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist**  
**EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**  
**MASS 6.30pm** (People of the Parish)

**Sun 19 MASS 8.30am** (Joan & Paul Fowler RIP)  
**MASS 10.00am** (Maggie Brown RIP)

**Mon 20 EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 9.30am**  
**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 10.00am**

**Tue 21 NO MASS**

**Wed 22 MASS 9.30am** (People of the Parish)

**Thu 23 MASS 6.00pm** (Celebrant's Intention)  
**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm**

**Fri 24 MASS 9.30am** (People of the Parish)

**Sat 25 EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**  
**MASS 6.30pm** (People of the Parish)

**Sun 26 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**MASS 8.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)  
**MASS 10.00am** (Christopher Flynn RIP)



### CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Confessions are on **Saturdays**  
at **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: [olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk)

**2nd collection this weekend is for**  
**MISSIO - World Missions Sunday**



## GOSPEL REFLECTION

For me, the last sentence in today's Gospel is one of the most frightening in the scriptures. "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

In the first part of the Gospel the Lord is contrasting the corrupt judge to God. If the widow can untimely succeed in getting the judge to listen to her, how much more will God, who loves us,

respond to our prayer? The widow was desperate and would not accept "no" for an answer, she knew exactly what she wanted.

Yet, how often have I prayed to God, knowing clearly what I wanted or thought I needed but did not get it, even though I had prayed and prayed? However, God is God and He sees the whole of time including what will happen to me. Surely this is the greatest irony. I may be convinced that if the Lord really loved me how can he not answer my prayer, no matter how desperate. Yet, precisely because he loves me that he doesn't. That is why after every prayer, no matter how much I want it answered I must say "Thy will be done". Is my faith strong enough to accept that and never give up? *God bless. Father Pat*

## ROSARY PRAYER GROUP



**October is the month of the Holy Rosary** and we will be praying the

Rosary following 9.30am Eucharistic Service on **Monday morning** and following 6pm mass on **Thursday evening**. We will include prayers for the Pope's intentions, the parish, for our sick and recently deceased and for our own intentions. **We will be meeting on the front benches in church.**

Everyone is very welcome, especially if praying the Rosary is a new experience for you. **We have a few rosaries for anyone who needs one.**

**missio**  
Today. Tomorrow. Together.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—19TH OCTOBER

**WE ARE THE POPE'S  
CHARITY FOR WORLD MISSION**

This Sunday, the Holy Father **invites all Catholics to support Missio** – his charity for world mission – through a special collection.

This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, **use the Missio envelopes**, call **020 7821 9755 (office hours)** or visit **[missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk)** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

**WHITE ELEPHANT STALL** There will be a white elephant stall for World Mission Sunday at all three Masses.



## POPE LEO'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION

**October:** For collaboration between different religious traditions.

The link below is a short 2 minute video on the Pope's October prayer intention from the Vatican. <https://youtu.be/9JNhQzzisOQ?si=nZFRYpGjQMajWSay>



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There is a meeting for **all parents and children**, who are taking their First Holy Communion next year, on **Thursday 23rd October at 6.45pm in Church.**

Also **The Enrolment Mass for all first holy communion children** will be on **Sunday 2nd November** during the **10 o'clock Mass.**

## LUNCH CLUB IN NOVEMBER

Please join us for our next Lunch Club, to be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 4th November from 12.30 to 2.00pm.** It's a great opportunity to chat with friends and make new ones over a two course meal, followed by tea or coffee, and all **still at a cost of only £5. Everyone is very welcome!**



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN NURSERY

### OPEN EVENTS for September 2026

#### intake

**Wednesday 5th November 09:30-10:30,**

**Wednesday 12th November 18:00-19:00**

**Thursday 20th November 13:30-14:30**

- Presentation from our Head teacher.



- Tours of our school
- Sample food from our catering team



## 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**

