

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, especially Mary Grassby. 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 22/23 November 2025: Christ the King: Yr. C

Readers: Sat 22 6.30pm Ellen O'Hare

Sun 23 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 23 10.00am Maia Johnson, Carlton Rose

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 22 6.30pm (C) Colin Murphy, Sue Collins, Jos Murphy

Sun 23 8.30am (C) Jacques Honore, Funmi Amusu, Barbara Chodkiewicz

Sun 23 10.00am (C) Michelle Rose, Denise Williams, John Davies

Flowers: Sat 22 Maureen Moran

Counters: Sun 23 Philip Ogden and Jennie Dolphin

Tea & Coffee: Sun 23 Liz/Linda

Bulletin: Fri 22 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 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 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

Jer 29: 11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place

First reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 98(97):5-6, 7-8a, 8b-9b, 9cd. (R) cf.9

(R) The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the Lord.

(R)

2. Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands.

(R)

3. The hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord, for he comes. He comes to judge the earth.

(R)

4. He will judge the world with justice, and the peoples with fairness.

(R)

Second reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation

St. Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia.

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia.

Gospel reading

St. Luke 21:5-19

Communion Antiphon

Ps 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord

NO 2nd collection this weekend.

There will be a 2nd collection next weekend 22/23 November for the Catholic Youth Service

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Sunday 16th-23rd November 2025
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Yr C

Sat 15 **EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

Sun 16 **MASS 8.30am** (Hazel Kenny R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (Margaret Pimm B.I.)

Mon 17 **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 9.30am**
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 10.00am

Tue 18 **FUNERAL MASS FOR CHARLES NEWMAN 11.30am**

Wed 19 **MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)

Thu 20 **MASS 6.00pm** (People of the Parish)
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

Fri 21 **Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
MASS 9.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

Sat 22 **Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr**
EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

Sun 23 **SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**
MASS 8.30am (Mary Grassby R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (Sheila Harris B.I.)



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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

The people who remarked about the temple would have been impressed about how strong it seemed. Yet, as Jesus says, one day it will be completely flattened. Likewise, people feel strong and secure when everything is going right in their lives. Yet, like the temple, when things start going bad they may feel their lives are falling apart. However, the Lord tells his followers to expect to have real difficulties in their lives, possibly even ridicule or persecution. Still, he says, "Not a hair of your head will perish". It is from within, from the presence of Jesus in our hearts that gives true strength and security, not what happens externally. So, this temple appeared strong and secure yet was to be destroyed by the Romans in AD 70. The followers of Jesus may have to face challenge and ridicule but, the temple in our hearts will never be destroyed. We simply need to persevere. *God Bless. Fr Pat*



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION for NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide may find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life



BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

On **Sunday 16th November**, following a short service in church at 3pm there will be the Blessing of the Graves in **Tower Hill Cemetery**. The Blessing of the Graves for **Windrush Cemetery** will be on **Sunday 23rd November** at 3pm. Please go directly to the Windrush Cemetery **May they Rest in Peace.**



HELP GROW OUR CHILDREN'S FAITH

Dear Parents and parish members, **we urgently need volunteers for our Children's Liturgy**. The group of children is growing rapidly but only a few volunteers remain. **No experience or preparation required** just a willing heart and a little of your time. All materials are prepared for you, including a short gospel reading and colouring sheets. **Plenty of support will be provided**. If you can help, please contact Father Pat. Thank you.



REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10AM MASS. HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

We urgently need volunteers to help with Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass. Please consider joining us. **Any help would be gratefully accepted.** It's fun and a great way to get to know people. Please contact the church office and we'll be in touch



CHRISTMAS MUSIC- WILL YOU HELP THE MUSIC GROUP PLEASE?

Psalm 100 v 1 says 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!'



We, the Music Group, are asking for some more people to come and join us making a joyful noise to the Lord in singing during Mass in the Advent and Christmas Season. We learn our hymns via YouTube which are sent round via e mail and then practice anything new at 9.30am before Mass. **We may have a rehearsal nearer to Christmas. You don't need to feel that you're not a brilliant singer.** God seems to organise things in such a way that voices together do make a joyful noise. If you would like to chat things over come and chat to us following Mass.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS



At our recent Youth Group session on 9th November, we reflected on the significance of November as a month of remembrance. We talked about All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, and Remembrance Day, and why these moments are important in our life of faith. We were delighted to have Fr Pat join us, sharing in our discussion and time together. After our conversation, everyone enjoyed a lively quiz, followed by an exciting



time outdoors with sparklers, and warmed up with hot chocolate and soup. We closed the evening with a meaningful time of prayer.

The Youth Group is a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow in their faith while having fun and building friendships. Our next session will be on **14th December** for an exciting Christmas celebration. We hope to see you there!"

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

The Rosary Prayer group **meets during November and December on Mondays and Thursdays** (please see diary on front page of the newsletter to see if times/days etc have changed). Everyone is welcome, especially if the Rosary is a new experience for you. We will be meeting on the front benches in church. **We have a few rosaries for anyone who needs one.**



THE 200 CLUB (Winners)

The winning numbers for the 200 Club were drawn at the end of 10am Mass last Sunday. (Cheques are in the Sacristy) **Many Congratulations** to them. The next draw will be held on 30th November