

## 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 Rita Hankin. 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 20/21 December 2025: Fourth Sunday in Advent: Yr. A

**Readers: Sat 20 6.30pm** Duncan Clark

**Sun 21 8.30am** Angela Dryden

**Sun 21 10.00am** Cohen Tester, Michelle Rose

**Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 20 6.30pm (C)** Carmen Bennett, Bernadette Collins, Jos Murphy

**Sun 21 8.30am (C)** Barry Canning, Akin Amusu, Christina Morris

**Sun 21 10.00am (C)** John Davies, David Sole, Anthony Brown

**Flowers: Sat** No flowers in Advent

**Counters: Sun** Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins

**Tea & Coffee:** Liz/Linda

**Bulletin: Fri 19** 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. With grateful thanks.



### 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: [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

Phil 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

### First reading

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 146(145):6c-7. 8-9a.

9b-10. (R) Matthew 5:3

(R) . Come, Lord, and save us.

1.It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever, who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R)

2. The Lord who opens the eyes of the blind, the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. (R)

3. The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. (R)

### Second reading

James 5:7-10

### Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Alleluia.

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

### 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 email.

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### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2025

#### THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT: YR.A

**SAT 13 EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**  
**MASS 6.30pm** (Valery Brooks R.I.P.)

**SUN 14 MASS 8.30am** (Margaret Harkin R.I.P.)  
**MASS 10.00am** (People of the Parish)

**MON 15 NO MASS**

**TUE 16 SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH**  
**at 2.15pm EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**MASS 6.00pm** (Celebrant's Intention)

**WED 17 MASS 9.30am** (Helen Johnson R.I.P.)

**THU 18 MASS 6.00pm** (People of the Parish)  
**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm**

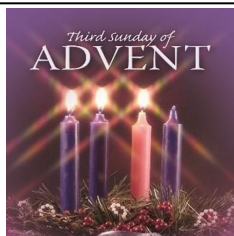
**FRI 19 MASS IN SCHOOL 10.00am**

**SAT 20 EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**  
**The Marriage of Jessica Weaving & Sattam Saha at 1.00pm**  
**MASS 6.30pm** (Joy Smith R.I.P.)

**SUN 21 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**MASS 8.30am** (Marie & Tony Sullivan RIP)  
**MASS 10.00am** (People of the Parish)

**Sunday 21st December**  
**CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER**  
**CELEBRATION**  
**in the Parish Room at 6.00pm**

**Second collection this weekend for**  
**the Church flowers**



### GOSPEL REFLECTION 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Perhaps John was not sure that Jesus was 'the one who is to come' because he did not have his winnowing fan in his hand and was not burning the wicked 'in a fire that will never go out', as he thought the Messiah would act in that way. Yet he was prepared to approach Jesus with an open mind and listen to what he said. Therefore, Jesus was able to teach him, by alluding to Isaiah, what the Messiah would be like.

In our relationship with the Lord we also must have an open mind, asking Jesus in prayer to guide us in our spiritual life and be prepared to face the truth, even if it threatens our sense of feeling secure. This way we can grow. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

Archbishop Bernard

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT - ADVANCE NOTICE



The Oxford North Deanery is having a visitation process as the Diocese goes through the practice of planning for the future. Every parish in the Deanery will have a visit over the next couple of months from either Bishop Richard or the Archbishop Bernard. The Archbishop is visiting three parishes of which we are one. He is coming on the **10th January** and staying overnight.

After the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January he would like the opportunity to **meet as many parishioners as possible either in the Parish Room** or if numbers dictate, in the church. **Can I please urge you to come.** It is very important that the Archbishop hears your views and ideas for our church.

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION GET-TOGETHER



Following on from last years wonderful Christmas Get-together, we will be Celebrating Christmas with our Get-Together **on December 21st at 6pm in the Parish Room.** Please don't forget to fill in your voting form for your favourite carols and pop it in the box so we can include your votes. The deadline is the **end of 10am Mass on the 21st December.** Then in the evening we will discover which carols we, as a Parish, like to sing. There will also be readings or music from some of the groups in our church and of course we will be 'bribing' you to come with the promise of mince pies and various drinks. So do put this in your diary (electronic or otherwise) and spend just an hour out of the Christmas rush



### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

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! Please continue to **keep the Parish youth group in your prayers** as we journey together in faith, fun, and fellowship.



### POINSETTIAS IN CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

It is a well-established custom to decorate our church at Christmastime with poinsettia plants, in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. Those wishing to continue this lovely tradition are asked to **bring the plant to the church porch** at the latest **by SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER.** If you wish a small card with the name of the deceased person can be attached.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Our **Annual Christmas Raffle tickets** are now available. Individual tickets are **£1 each, a book is £5.** The **draw will take place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 11am** Please buy as many as you are able and take some to sell you your friends and family. **We also need prizes for the raffle, so please consider helping in this way too.**



### CAROL SERVICE IN CHURCH



Our school are holding their **Carol Service this year in church at 2.15pm.** This is so as many parents and parishioners as possible can attend. The children (and of course staff) have rehearsed this to make sure that everyone feels a part of it. In particular they would like as many parishioners who can to come and join them in singing the carols and be reminded of the real meaning of Christmas



### MISSIO BOXES RED BOX HOLDERS



May I please request that all red boxes can be returned to church for the annual audit. **I need them in by 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at the latest.** I would like to thank everyone for their continuous support and generous donations. Many thanks,

### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

There is a SVP group in this parish, so if you or someone you know needs some confidential and non judgemental support, or if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can contact us by phoning the parish office 01993 702661. We all need help sometimes and we want everyone to know – **you're not alone.**

Equally if you have some time to give and would like to get involved with the SVP please phone the parish office. If you can help financially, donations to SVP can be made to this **account name: F020716 Our Lady & St Hugh SVP Sort Code: 60-60-04 Account Number: 46078088.**

**Thank you for your support.**, in whatever way you can give it.

