

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 3rd / 4th January 2026: Second Sunday after the Nativity. Yr: A

Readers: Sat 3 6.30pm Duncan Clark

Sun 4 8.30am Demi Amusu

Sun 4 10.00am Chris Banks, Carlton Rose

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 3 6.30pm (C) Bernadette Collins, Carmen Bennett, Rita Aston

Sun 4 8.30am (C) Christina Morris, Jacques Honore, Akin Amusu

Sun 4 10.00am (C) Janina Kalinowska, Denise Williams, David Sole

Flowers: Christmas period **Counters:** Sun 4 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

Tea & Coffee: Sun 4 Celia **Bulletin:** Fri 2 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 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

Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the
Infant lying in a manger.

First reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5.

(R) 1a

(R) Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk
in his ways.

1. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in
his ways.

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. (R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! (R.)

Second reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel Acclamation

Col 3:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;
let the message of Christ find a home with you
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Communion Antiphon

Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth,
and lived among 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 e mail

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SUNDAY 28th Dec 2025 - 4th JANUARY 2026
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY
AND JOSEPH: YR.A

SAT 27 Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
NO EXPOSITION 10am - 11am

MASS 6.30pm (For the Kitto family)

SUN 28 MASS 8.30pm (For the Norris family)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

MON 29 Feast of St. Thomas Becket, Bishop,
Martyr
NO MASS

TUE 30 MASS 6.00pm (Mary & Edward Daly RIP)

WED 31 EXPOSITION 5.00pm - 6.00pm
MASS 6.00pm THANKSGIVING
(S.I. Chima Anyanwy)

THU 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
MOTHER OF GOD
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

FRI 2 Memorial of St Basil the Great & St
Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of
the Church
MASS 9.30am (Mary & Gerhard Grill S.I.
for their daughter's exam preparation)

SAT 3 EXPOSITION 10am - 11am
MASS 6.30pm (Olga Grill RIP)

SUN 4 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
MASS 8.30pm (Wilfred, Alyce & Margaret
Bailey)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

Second collection this weekend for
Parish Church Maintenance



THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT - IMPORTANT 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 10th 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Please note that there will be **no Children's Liturgy** from **21st December 2025 to 4th January 2026**. **Sessions will resume on 11th January 2026**. We extend our sincere thanks to all parents and volunteers for their continued support and commitment throughout the year. We wish everyone a **Merry**

Christmas and a Happy New Year.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

Christmastide and the New Year is especially difficult for many people. 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.**



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) -

Exploring the Faith

This program will run 7:00 - 8:15pm every Wednesday and will be held in the parish hall. The programme will resume following the Christmas break from **7th January onwards**. If you have any queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Patrick Broun, Parish priest, Our Lady and St Hugh.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

January: For prayer with the word of God

Let us pray that praying with the word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



OUR PARISH YOUTH GROUP



In order to encourage our parish of Our Lady & St. Hugh and St. Joseph's in Carterton's to work more closely together, we are forming a cluster community with St. Joseph's young people by warmly inviting them to come here to Witney **every second Sunday of each month** for fun, fellowship and a wonderful opportunity for the young people to grow in their faith while building friendships. **Please keep all the young people in your prayers and thank you for your continued support.**



LUNCH CLUB

Unfortunately the lunch club on the 6th January has had to be cancelled. The next lunch club will be on **Tuesday 3rd February**

THE 200 CLUB - WINNERS

Congratulations to the three winners in December!

Please consider joining this Club.



TODDLER TIME-TUESDAYS 10am-11am

Our under 5s playgroup is held in our Parish hall, with free play, drinks, & snacks, or a voluntary £2 donation. Due to the church having a funeral on January 6th **Toddler Time will be back on January 13th.**



FOLLOW MASS ON LINE

If you are unable to come to Mass in church, you can follow the Mass on line via YouTube. **view of church on your tv or computer screen**
For more information please see our website address : **<https://ourladyandsthugh.org.uk>**



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.**

