

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 13/14 December 2025: Third Sunday in Advent: Yr. A

Readers: Sat 6.30pm Philip Ogden
Sun 8.30am Demi Amusu
Sun 10.00am Duncan Enright, Margaret Hamm

Eucharistic Ministers: Sat 6.30pm (C) Jane Cugnet, Colin Murphy, Sue Collins
Sun 8.30am (C) Barbara Chodkiewicz, Paul Bennett, Jacques Honore
Sun 10.00am (C) Chris Banks, Maureen Banks, Michelle Rose

Flowers: No flowers in Advent

Counters: Sun Philip Ogden and Jennie Dolphin

Tea & Coffee: Sun Sheila

Bulletin: Fri 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

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 Cf. Is 30: 19,30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

First reading Isaiah 11:1-10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8.
12-13. 17.(R) Cf.7

(R) In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement. (R)

2. In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the river to the bounds of the earth.
In his days shall justice flourish,
and great peace for ever. (R)

3. For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy. (R)

4. May his name endure for ever,
his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed. (R)

Second reading Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation Luke 3:4, 6
Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:1-12

'Communion Antiphon Bar 5:5; 4:36
Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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SUNDAY 7th-14th DECEMBER 2025 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT YR.A

Sat 6 **EXPOSITION from 10am-11.00am**
MASS 6.30pm (Elizabeth Pickett R.I.P.)

Sun 7 **MASS 8.30am** (Anne Bee R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

Mon 8 **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**
NO MASS

Tue 9 **MASS 6.00pm** (Martin Kirk sick)

Wed 10 **MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)

Thu 11 **MASS 6.00pm** (For the recovery of
Frances Riley)
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

Fri 12 **Memorial St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**
MASS 9.30am (Deceased members of the
Early Family)

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

Sun 14 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
MASS 8.30am (Margaret Harkin R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

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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**Second collection this weekend for
the Poor Parishes Fund**

THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

Archbishop Bernard

The Oxford North Deanery is having a visitation process as the Diocese is going through a process, planning for the future. The visitations are a part of this process. 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. *God bless, Fr Pat*



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION GET-TOGETHER

Following on from last year's wonderful Christmas Get-together, we will be celebrating Christmas with our Get-Together **on December 21st at 6pm in the Parish Room**. This year we will be asking you, from this week, to fill in a 'my 5 favourite carols' festive form. **We are asking for 'carols', not Christmas 'songs' (so I'm afraid Jingle Bells, Rudolph, Little Donkey or White Christmas won't count!)** Please post it in the post box in the porch, by 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. 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



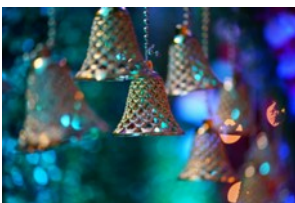
MISSIO BOXES RED BOX HOLDERS

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

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.



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) -

Exploring the Faith

Starting from the 26th November 2025, the **RCIA program** will begin and will **run over a period of 15 weeks**. This is **designed, primarily**, for those who are **thinking about becoming members of the Catholic Church**, but it is **also open to those who are married to a Catholic** and want to know more about what their partner believes, **those who are from another faith**, or Catholics who wish to refresh their faith. This will culminate in the conferring of the rites of Baptism and Confirmation (as applicable) at the Easter Vigil.

This program will run 7:00 - 8:15pm every Wednesday and will be held in the parish hall, starting with three sessions pre-Christmas break (26th Nov, 3rd & 10th Dec) and 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.



THE DECEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB

Please join us for our **Christmas Lunch Club**, to be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 9th December from 12.30 to 2.00pm**. Please contact **Rachel Crouch** on **07811 212297** to book your place. 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 welcome!**

THE 200 CLUB - WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners in November!



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 21st December at 11am** Please buy as many as you are able and take some to sell you your friends and family.



TODDLER TIME

There is **Toddler Time** in the Parish Hall on **Tuesdays from 10.00 until 11.30am**. There are crafts, music, play & snacks. There is a voluntary donation of £2 and all are welcome. A kind Volunteer needed to paint the shed in the parish garden with wood preservative. Paint is provided for the shed, it will store Toddler Time play equipment.