



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 17/ 18th January 2026: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr:A

READERS: Sat 17 6.30pm Brian Viles

Sun 18 8.30am Christina Morris

Sun 18 10.00am Michelle Rose, Catherine Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sat 17 6.30pm (C) Louise Barr, Jane Cugnet, Vincent Cugnet

Sun 18 8.30am (C) Barry Canning, Akin Amusu, Christina Morris

Sun 18 10.00am (C) David Sole, Margaret Hamm, Maureen Banks

CHILDREN'S LITURGY Sun 18 10.00am Leader Teena Helper Jiya /Getty

FLOWERS: Sat 17 Maureen Moran

COUNTERS: Sun 18 Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 18 Liz/Linda

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](tel:01212306240)/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. Mt 3: 16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29(28):1-2. 3ac-4. 3b,

9b-10. R: 11b

(R): The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1. Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly powers, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bow down before the Lord, majestic in holiness. (R)

2. The voice of the Lord upon the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord full of power; the voice of the Lord full of splendour. (R)

3. The God of glory thunders; in his temple they all cry, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. (R)

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Mark 9:7

Alleluia, alleluia

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

Communion Antiphon

John 1: 32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Rita Hankin was a long standing member of our parish. Her funeral is here on Thursday the 15th of January at 11am.

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SUNDAY 11th-18th JANUARY 2026

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD:YR.A

SAT 10 EXPOSITION 10am - 11am

MASS 6.30pm (Olga Louth RIP)

SUN 11 MASS 8.30pm (John Conroy RIP)

MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

MON 12 NO MASS

TUE 13 MASS 6.00pm (Celebrant's Intention)

WED 14 MASS 9.30am (People of the Parish)

THU 15 MASS 6.00pm (People of the Parish)
ROSARY GROUP 6.30PM

FRI 16 MASS 9.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

SAT 17 Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot
EXPOSITION 10am - 11am

MASS 6.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)

SUN 18 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS 8.30pm (Rita Rawlings RIP)

MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

CONFESIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Confessions are on Saturdays at

10.30am-11am and 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





THE ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

We warmly welcome Archbishop Bernard who is here at Our Lady & St. Hugh from 10th to 11th January and officiating at all three of our Masses.

After the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday the 10th 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.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

John's baptism is a baptism of repentance. Jesus being without sin did not need to be baptised. He chose to be baptised in order to show His



oneness and solidarity with sinful mankind. So even right at the beginning of His Ministry, when He hears His Father's voice and is anointed with the Holy Spirit, He shows His love for the human race. As we begin a New Year let us remember that we are not being asked merely to follow a set of commandments and rules but to respond in love to His love for us. He not only wishes us to follow Him in our lives but to share our lives with Him including our faults and failures. All too often we leave these outside our relationship and prayer with Jesus because they cause us embarrassment and shame. However, they are part of who we are. Unless we allow the light of His love to illuminate them how can He help and heal us. He was baptised in order to identify Himself with us. If He had not been baptised He would have done the thing right, but would He have done the right thing? Is my relationship with the Lord like that? I try to be good and not do anything wrong because that's what God expects me to do, or do I do the right thing? I obey His will because I love Him as I know He loves me. What do we need to be afraid of?

God bless. Fr Pat



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.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - EXPLORING THE FAITH

 **This program runs from 7:00 - 8:15pm every Wednesday** and is 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.



CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH CHURCH

It's that time of the year again, when we welcome the children who would like to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, to come together for a time of preparation in readiness for this wonderful event.

An introductory session for parents and candidates will be held on **25th January 2026** after the 10:00 am mass in the church and the **Enrolment**

Mass will be held on **February 1st 2026** at the 10:00 mass.

Eligibility: Children who are aged 10 years and above.

Enrolment forms are available in the Narthex. Please fill in the forms and have them returned to the parish office by 25/1/2026 at the latest. For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

 **Sessions will resume on 11th January 2026 with a rota for who will be running Children's Liturgy on the back of the bulletin. We still need volunteers to help in Children's Liturgy.** If you're not sure what volunteering to be part of Children's Liturgy involves please speak with Fr. Pat.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP)

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 on 01993 702661.

 St Vincent de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action
We all need help sometimes and **we want everyone to know – YOU'RE NOT ALONE**

 **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 to Witney every second Sunday of each month, **(our next gathering is the 11th January from 16.30—18.00)** 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
Our next Lunch Club, is held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday 3rd February 2026 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!