

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 24th/25th January 2026

READERS:	Sat 24	6.30pm Ellen O'Hare
	Sun 25	8.30am Christina Morris
	Sun 25	10.00am Margaret Hamm, Duncan Enright
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Sat 24	6.30pm (C) Carman Bennett, Rita Aston, Colin Murphy
	Sun 25	8.30am (C) Jacques Honore, Funmi Amusu, Barbara Chodkiewicz
	Sun 25	10.00am (C) Chris Banks, Denise Williams, Janina Kalinowska
FLOWERS:	Sat 24	Denise Williams
COUNTERS:	Sun 25	Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin
TEA & COFFEE:	Sun 25	Paddy/Catherine
CHILDREN'S	Sun 25	10.00am Leader: Denise Helper: Laura
LITURGY:		

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.



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

Ps.65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you,
O God, and shall sing to you,
Shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First reading

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 40(39):2, 4ab, 7-8a,
8b-9, 10; R: 8a 9a

(R) Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. (R)

2. You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' (R)

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep-within me.' (R)

4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. (R)

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 1:14a, 12a

Alleluia, alleluia
The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;
to all who did receive him,
he gave the authority to become children of
God.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 1:29-34

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 4:16

We have come to know and to believe
in the love that God has for us.

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SUNDAY 18th-25th JANUARY 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SAT 17 **Memorial of St. Anthony, Abbot**

EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)

SUN 18 **MASS 8.30pm** (Rita Rawlings RIP)

MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)

MON 19 **NO MASS**

TUE 20 **MASS 6.00pm** (Olga Louth RIP)

WED 21 **MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)

THU 22 **MASS 6.00pm** (John Hobbs RIP Anniv)

6.30PM — ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

FRI 23 **MASS 9.30am** (Celebrant's Intention)

SAT 24 **EXPOSITION 10am-11am**

MASS 6.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)

SUN 25 **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS 8.30pm (People of the Parish)

MASS 10.00am (Martin Kirk RIP)

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.

**Second collection this weekend is for
Church Maintenance**

GOSPEL REFLECTION: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In today's Gospel we hear John declaring Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Perhaps he saw the Holy Spirit descend on Jesus at His Baptism and realised he was the chosen one of God and that meant for John the Baptist that his ministry was over. He was no longer needed. All His followers would now go to Jesus. Yet, he accepted that fact willingly. He had no feelings of resentment or jealousy. It did not matter to him that he seemed no longer important. His value as a human being lay in being loved by God. How other people saw him did not matter to him. He did not need to compare himself with other people to judge his own worth. The Lord loved him no less just because the Messiah had finally come. If, like John we can accept ourselves that nothing matters but God's love which will always be there it will give us great freedom. Never again need we worry about how people see us or even compare ourselves with others. It is a total waste of time.

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. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Patrick Broun, Parish priest, Our Lady and St Hugh.



PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised are required to attend a course of preparation. The next course will be held in the Church's Side Chapel, on **Tuesday 20th and 27th January 2026**, starting at **7.30pm**. We will watch a video which goes through the actual Rite of Baptism, and discuss the signs and symbols of this great sacrament which you have chosen for your child.

THANK YOU

I would like to say a big thank you to all involved with the visit of the Archbishop last weekend. From preparing the itinerary, attending the meetings, contributing in the meetings and providing refreshments. Also to those who helped to feed the Archbishop, left to me he would not be very well! I wish to say a personal thank you as I felt very much supported by the Parish during the Archbishop's stay. We do not know what the future holds but I believe he was very happy with what he saw Thank you again Fr Pat

CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH CHURCH

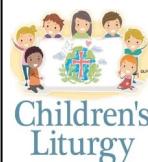


It's that time of the year again, when we welcome the children who are aged 10 years and above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, to come together for a time of preparation in readiness for this wonderful event.

An introductory session for parents and candidates will be held on **25th January 2026 after the 10:00 am mass** in the church, with the Enrolment Mass being held on **1st February 2026 at the 10:00 mass**.

The enrolment forms are available in the Narthex. Please fill in the forms and return them to the parish office by **25th January 2026** at the latest. For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



Children's Liturgy

We still need volunteers to help with the Children's Liturgy. If you are interested but not sure what this involves, please speak with Fr. Pat, Teena Rose or Denise Williams. (If you're uncertain who Teena or Denise are, please speak to Fr. Pat who will direct you to the right person)

A rota for who will be running the Children's Liturgy is detailed on the back of the bulletin.

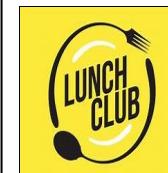


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England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

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.

We all need help sometimes and we want everyone to know that you are not alone



Our next Lunch Club, will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 3rd February 2026 from 12.30 to 2.00pm**. It is a great opportunity to chat with friends or make new ones over a two course meal, followed by tea or coffee. The price is still only £5.00 and to help with our catering plans, **look forward to seeing you as everyone is welcome!**

OLGA LOUTH RIP

Olga Lough was a member of our Parish who sadly died before Christmas. Her funeral is on Wednesday the **28th of January at noon** at Blessed Dominic Barberi church in Littlemore. The funeral is being taken by Fr Ziggy Zieba from Littlemore Parish.

NOTICES FOR THE BULLETIN

The deadline for notices to be included in the weekly bulletin is **Tuesday evening** at the latest. All notices should be sent to the Parish Office by emailing: olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk or given to Father Pat.