

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 Teresa Judd. 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 7/8 March 2026

READERS:
Sat 7 6.30pm Liz Beaton
Sun 8 8.30am Angela Dryden
Sun 8 10.00am Cohen Tester, Anne Tester

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sat 7 6.30pm (C) Louise Barr, Rita Aston, Sue Collins
Sun 8 8.30am (C) Akin Amusu, Barry Canning, Funmi Amusu
Sun 8 10.00am (C) Michelle Rose, Maureen Banks, Denise Williams

FLOWERS: Sat 7 Denise Williams **COUNTERS:** Sun 8 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 8 Sheila/Maria

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 8 10.00am **Leader:** Holly **Helper:** Aleksandra

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 Cf. Ps 26:8-9
Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

First reading Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19.
20, 22. (R) 5b

(R) May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord.

1. The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. (R)

2. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R)

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord. (R)

Second reading 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ.
From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:
'This is my beloved Son, listen to him' .

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9

Communion Antiphon Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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SUNDAY 1st - 8th March 2026
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT; YEAR A

SAT 28 EXPOSITION 10am - 11am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

SUN 1 MASS 8.30pm (Chris Crouch R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (Teresa Judd R.I.P.)

MON 2 (In the Diocese) Feast of St. Chad
NO MASS

TUE 3 MASS 6.00pm (Miss MMA Hince R.I.P. &
Family Members R.I.P.)

WED 4 MASS 9.30am (P.I.(SK))

THU 5 MASS 6.00pm (Richard Anderson R.I.P.)
6.30pm - Rosary Prayer Group

FRI 6 MASS 9.30am (Martin Kirk R.I.P.)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm

SAT 7 EXPOSITION 10am - 11am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

SUN 8 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS 8.30pm (Mary Grassby R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (Teresa Judd R.I.P.)



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



GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus has just told His disciples that He will be handed over to the Romans and crucified on the cross. Being truly human He will be very fearful, a fear that will grow as He gets closer to Jerusalem. The Transfiguration on the mountain is His Father's way of confirming Him in his mission. It also reveals to the three disciples present the power and beauty that lies hidden beneath the humanity of Jesus. The pain and suffering that Jesus will go through, although very real, do not define who Jesus truly is. Sometimes, especially when we are experiencing feelings of intense pain, confusion or uncertainty we can allow ourselves to believe they express who we are. However, we are made in the image and likeness of the Lord. Therefore we look to the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain to define who we truly are. Consequently, no matter what challenges we face in our lives must we ever give up?
God bless, Father Pat

DO SOMETHING EXTRA FOR LENT

As we begin the Holy season of Lent we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ when He delivers God's people from the power of evil. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives. Most of us try to do something extra such as giving up something we enjoy, but there are other things we could also do – such as attending Mass or the Stations of the Cross during Lent, being more charitable towards others especially those we find it difficult to get on with, or visiting the sick or elderly.

Stations of the Cross are at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

THE HOLY SHROUD RETREAT DAY



This retreat day will be held on **Saturday 14th March 2026 from 10.00am until 3.30pm, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Carterton.** It is said that the Shroud was brought from the Mideast to Europe by the Knights Templar, and it is purportedly the most studied artefact in history. But the greatest claim made for this cloth is that it is the actual burial cloth of Christ. Blessed Sabastian Valfrè wrote, "The Cross received the living Jesus and gave him back to us dead; the Shroud received the dead Jesus and restored him to us alive"

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's World Day of Prayer will be **held at the Congregational church, Welch Way on Friday 6th March at 10.30am and 7pm** The service has been written by the women of Nigeria and the whole world will be praying for the Nigerian people and their country. As you know Nigeria is a huge country with many difficulties and they really need our prayers. **Please make every effort to attend one of the services.**



Nigeria 2026



PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised are required to **attend a course of preparation** which is held over a period of two weeks. The **next course will be held in the Church's Side Chapel on Wednesday 4th and 11th March 2026, starting at 7.30pm.** We will watch a video which goes through the Rite of Baptism, and discuss the signs and symbols of this great sacrament which you have chosen for your child.



CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH CHURCH

Confirmation Classes for ALL candidates – March 2026



- 7th March 2026, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Church Hall
- 21st March 2026, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Church Hall

For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun on 01993 702661.

LENTEN LUNCH 2026

Our annual Lenten Lunch will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 3rd March**, from 12:30 to 2:00pm. This will be a **bread and soup lunch**, with donations to CAFOD.

To assist with numbers, **please phone Linda Purple on 01993 778136 or 07954523163**, if you would like to come. All are very welcome!

CAFOD LENT APPEAL

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. Your donations can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.



KNIT AND NATTER

A new friendship group is starting in March. Everyone is very welcome. Bring your knitting or stitching or other small projects and enjoy a cuppa and good company. We will meet in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 12th March from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.** We have



yarn, needles and a few patterns and we can get you started if this is a new experience for you. If you would like to make contact or have any questions, please scan the WhatsApp QR code.



THE 200 CLUB

The next draws will be on 1st March and Easter Sunday 5th April 2026.

