



## 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 21/22 February 2026

#### READERS:

Sat 21 6.30pm Brian Viles

Sun 22 8.30am Christina Morris

Sun 22 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Catherine Wilson

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 21 6.30pm (C) Bernadette Collins, Jos Murphy, Vincent Cugnet

Sun 22 8.30am (C) Barry Canning, Christina Morris, Funmi Amusu

Sun 22 10.00am (C) David Sole, Margaret Hamm, Carlton Rose

#### FLOWERS:

Sat 21 Fiona Hook **COUNTERS:** Sun 22 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

**TEA & COFFEE:** Sun 22 Paddy/Catherine

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sun 22 10.00am **Leader:** Jiya and **Helper:** Teena

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 30:3-4

Be my protector: O God, a mighty stronghold to save me.

For you are my rock, my stronghold!

Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First reading**

Sirach 15:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 119(118):1-2. 4-5.

17-18. 33-34. (R) 1b

(R) Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep his decrees!

With all their hearts they seek him. (R)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm

in keeping your statutes. (R)

3. Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see

the wonders of your law. (R)

4. Lord, teach me the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law, and observe it wholeheartedly. (R)

**Second reading**

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

**Gospel Acclamation**

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:17-37

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 77:29-30

They ate and had their fill,

and what they craved the Lord gave them:

they were not disappointed in what they craved.

2nd Collection for Pro Life

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**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; YEAR A**

**SAT 14 Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe**  
**EXPOSITION 10am-11am**

**MASS 6.30pm** (Linda Brown RIP)

**SUN 15 MASS 8.30pm** (People of the Parish)

**MASS 10.00am** (Sheila Harris S.I.)

**MON 16 NO MASS**

**TUE 17 MASS 6.00pm** (E Luszczyk SI)

**WED 18 ASH WEDNESDAY** (Celebrant's Intention)  
**MASS 10.00am and 7.00pm**

**THU 19 MASS 6.00pm** (E Luszczyk SI)  
**6.30pm - Rosary Prayer Group**

**FRI 20 MASS 9.30am** (People of the Parish)

**SAT 21 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**  
**MASS 6.30pm** (Jacqueline Stone S.I.)

**SUN 22 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MASS 8.30pm** (People of the Parish)  
**MASS 10.00am** (Hanna Przybyla RIP Anni)

### 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

*Taking  
responsibility  
for our actions is much harder  
than finding someone or  
something to blame.*

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Reading today's gospel reminds me of what seems to be happening more and more today. That is, people not accepting responsibility for their actions. They either claim to have done nothing wrong when it is clear they have or say that it is not their fault. Jesus is reminding us that the motivations that direct our actions and behaviour

towards other people start in the heart. We may even act in our relations to other people following Christian principles but our hearts maybe far from the Lord. The law of Moses describes how we should relate to each other. Jesus is updating the Law by saying that it is giving our hearts over to the Lord that counts. That way how can we hate our enemies and have lust in our hearts. *God Bless. Fr Pat*



### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

**February: For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH CHURCH

The Confirmation class **for all candidates** will be held on **21<sup>st</sup> February 2026** in the **Church Hall**, from **4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun on 01993 702661.

### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Lent is a time of penitence and reflecting on ways we can improve our spiritual growth. One way we can grow in holiness this Lent is by incorporating the Rosary in our daily prayers and Lenten observances.

We would like to welcome you to our newly formed Rosary Prayer group. We meet weekly after Mass on **Thursday evenings starting at 6.30pm**. You are especially welcome if the Rosary is a new experience for you.

### ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026—URGENT NOTICE

Next year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is **25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. Going to Lourdes with the Diocese is by far the best way to experience it !

St Joseph's in Carterton are going and anyone from Witney Parish will be very welcome to join them as part of the Birmingham Diocese Bookings and bookings are now being taken. The total price this year seems to be £1250 for those wanting a single room and £1050 for those willing to share. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the special place with our Diocesan Family. **This is an urgent notice so if you would like to go please contact Fr Paul on 01993 842463; [www.stjosephscarterton.co.uk](http://www.stjosephscarterton.co.uk) ; [stjseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk).**



### LENTEN LUNCH 2026

Our annual Lenten Lunch will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 07954523163**, if you would like to come. All are very welcome!



### CAFOD LENT APPEAL- FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION

This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. The **Family Fast Day this year is Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February**. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation 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.. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call

0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **The CAFOD stall will be the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**



### WALK WITH ME



**Walk with Me is a prayer and scripture journey** for the seasons of Advent and Lent. The Walk with Me booklet contains a brief reflection, either on the scripture reading of the day or on a catechetical theme. **An A4 Children's Calendar** is also available for Lent.



**The suggested donation is £1.50 for the booklet and 75p for the calendar.**

Both the booklet and the calendar are available in the church porch.



### TODDLER TIME - IMPORTANT NOTICE

**\*Toddler time is now a nut free toddler group\***  
**Please do not bring snacks that contain nuts.**



We have become aware one of our toddlers has a severe nut allergy .. We will **1. Provide snacks in the kitchen that don't have nuts 2. Provide food by the church front door that does not have nuts. 3. We ask members not to bring food with nuts. 4. We remind members of all of the above.**



### THE 200 CLUB

**Congratulations to the January winners!**