

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 Duncan Clark
Sun 22 8.30am Christina Morris
Sun 22 10.00am Lucinda John Son, Chris Banks

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Sat 21 6.30pm (C) Sue Collins, Rita Aston, Colin Murphy
Sun 22 8.30am (C) Barbara Chodkiewicz, Akin Amusu, Paul Bennett
Sun 22 10.00am (C) Denise Williams, Maureen Banks, Michelle Rose

FLOWERS: Sat 21 Denise Williams

COUNTERS: Sun 22 Philip Ogden and Jennie Dolphin

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 22 Liz/Linda

CHILDREN'S Sun 22 10.00am **Leader:** Holly and **Helper:** Denise

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.



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 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.

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SUNDAY 15th-22nd 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 Luszciy S.I.)

WED 18 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
MASS 10.00am and 7.00pm

THU 19 **MASS 6.00pm** (E Luszciy S.I.)
6.30pm — Rosary Prayer Group

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

SAT 21 **Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe**
EXPOSITION 10am-11am
MASS 6.30pm (Jacqueline Stone S.I.)

SUN 22 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
MASS 8.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)
MASS 10.00am ((People of the Parish))

CONFESIONS & 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.

towards other people start in the heart. We may even act in our relations to other people following Christian principles but our hearts may be 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 **21st 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 **25th-30th 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 ; stjoseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk.**

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

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 27th 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 or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. **The CAFOD stall will be the weekend of 21st / 22nd February.**



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 –WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners in January!

