

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 28 February/1 March 2026

READERS:

Sat 28 6.30pm Ellen O'Hare

Sun 1 8.30am Demi Amusu

Sun 1 10.00am Duncan Enright, Michelle Rose

EUCCHARISTIC

Sat 28 6.30pm (C) Colin Murphy, Jane Cugnet, Carmen Bennett

MINISTERS:

Sun 1 8.30am (C) Jacques Honore, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Paul Bennett

Sun 1 10.00am (C) Janina Kalinowska, Anthony Brown, Chris Banks

FLOWERS: Sat 28 Maureen Moran **COUNTERS:** Sun 1 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 1 Celia

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 1 10.00am **Leader:** Caterina **Helper:** Holly

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 90: 15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

First reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 51(50):3-4. 5-6b.
12-13. 14, 17.(R)cf. 3a

(R) Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your merciful love;
according to your great compassion,
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin. (R)

2. (My transgressions, truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done (R)

3. Create a pure heart for me, O God;
renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence;
take not your holy spirit from me. (R)

4. Restore in me the joy of your salvation;
sustain in me a willing spirit.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise. (R)

Second reading

Romans 5:12-19

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ.

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the
mouth of God.

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4: 4

**One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.**

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SUNDAY 22nd February –1st March 2026
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT; YEAR A

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

SUN 22 **MASS 8.30pm** (Krystyna (Cacha) B.I.R.)
MASS 10.00am (Hanna Przybyla R.I.P.)

MON 23 **NO MASS**

TUE 24 **MASS 6.00pm** (Joseph Steele R.I.P.)

WED 25 **MASS 9.30am** (Cynthia Mary Baker R.I.P.)

THU 26 **MASS 6.00pm** (Sandra Tearney)
6.30pm - Rosary Prayer Group

FRI 27 **MASS 9.30am** (People of the Parish)
7.00pm - Stations of the Cross

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

SUN 1 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
MASS 8.30pm (Chris Crouch 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 email

2nd Collection for Parish Church
Maintenance



GOSPEL REFLECTION

All too often there is a need in us of aspiring to be more than we actually are. We look for ways to impress people. We may frequently need to believe we are needed, if we were not there things would be much worse. We can be desperate to have a sense of importance, a certain status in other people's eyes. To accept ourselves as we are, just ordinary people having nothing special about us can be hard. Jesus has just been told that He is the Beloved of God at his baptism. Therefore, Satan in the temptations is trying to provoke Him to do something in order to impress people or win their admiration. If Jesus succumbed how much easier would it be to do God's will? People will listen to him because he is obviously so important. However, Jesus rejects these attempts. The only thing that matters is total reliance on God. This Lent let us put aside any desire to be somebody we are not. It is only when we accept we are ordinary and seem to have nothing to offer that the Lord can do great things with us. *God bless, Father Pat*

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For disarmament and peace



Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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 **4:00pm to 6:00pm**. For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun on 01993 70266.

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 to have been 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"

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.

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- 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.

WALK WITH ME



Walk with Me is a prayer and scripture journey for 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.



RECENT FIRE INSPECTION

Following a recent Fire Inspection, you may notice some changes in the Church & Hall. If any of these changes impact you and we have not realised please speak to Fr Pat or Sue in the Office. We want to make the Church & Hall safer but also fit for purpose moving forward.



THE 200 CLUB

The next 200 club draws will be on the 1st Sunday of the month: **1st March and Easter Sunday 5th April 2026.**

