

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 and Yvonne Alexander. 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 March 2026 – 5th Sunday of Lent

READERS:

Sat 21 6.30pm Nicola Carter

Sun 22 8.30am Christina Morris

Sun 15 10.00am Lucinda Johnson, Catherine Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC

Sat 14 6.30pm (C) Carmen Bennett, Colin Murphy, Louise Barr

MINISTERS:

Sun 15 8.30am (C) Paul Bennett, Funmi Amusu, Barry Canning

Sun 15 10.00am (C) Chris Banks, Janina Kalinowska, Anthony Brown

FLOWERS: Sat 14 Maureen Moran **COUNTERS:** Sun 15 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 15 10.00am **Leader:** Laura **Helper:** Denise

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 15 Paddy/Catherine **BULLETIN** Ruth (Office)

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. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning;

exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First reading

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.

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(R) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;

he revives my soul.

(R)

2. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,

no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.(R)

3. You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing.

(R)

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for length of days unending.

(R)

Second reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

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SUNDAY 15th - 22nd March 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SAT 14 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

SUN 15 MASS 8.30pm (Mary Grassby R.I.P.)

MASS 10.00am (Maggie Brown R.I.P.)

MON 16 NO MASS

TUE 17 Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland

MASS 6.00pm (S.I.)

Reception of the body of Teresa Judd into St. Joseph's Church, Carterton at 5pm

WED 18 MASS 9.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

Funeral Mass for Teresa Judd at St. Joseph's Church, Carterton at 11.30am

THU 19 SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS 6.00pm (John Barr R.I.P.)

6.30pm — Rosary Prayer Group

FRI 20 MASS 9.30am (People of the Parish)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm

SAT 21 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

SUN 22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS 8.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION 4th SUNDAY OF LENT

Today's Gospel begins with the blind man being physically healed by Jesus. He is brought to the Pharisees who were meant to be the guardians of the Law of Moses. They should have recognised from the works of Jesus that He was sent by God. However He did not fit into what they expected the chosen one of God to be like. Therefore they metaphorically

closed their eyes to the truth.

The man born blind is now the one who truly sees the situation as it actually is. Is my relationship with the Lord like that? If things go wrong and I ask why God is behaving that way, am I simply applying my own expectations of Him instead of letting Him open my eyes and seeing Him as He is? *God Bless. Fr Pat*



YOUTH GROUP - LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE

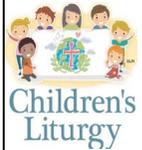
The Parish Youth Group warmly invites everyone in the parish to a special evening of prayer and reflection as we journey towards Holy Week. The service will take place on **Sunday 22nd March from 5:00pm to 6:00pm in the church.** During this time there will be readings from

Scripture, music, moments of quiet reflection, and prayer by candlelight, to reflect on the meaning of Lent and prepare our hearts for Holy Week. There will also be an opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Confession during this time.

All parishioners are warmly welcome. Please feel free to bring along family and friends to share in this time of reflection and prayer together.

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish Youth Group. We look forward to seeing you there."

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING THE EASTER BREAK



The group of volunteers who lead Children's Liturgy each week have decided to hold an **extra Children's Liturgy on Palm Sunday.** The gospel is particularly long on this day, and it was thought it might benefit the children at 10am Mass to have some activities to do upstairs. Laura will be leading, but if anybody wants to help it would be most welcome.

They could do with a few more volunteers for the Children's Liturgy. It is on a rota, so the likelihood is that somebody will be leading the session every six weeks or so. Anybody who leads or helps with children's liturgy has to be DBS checked.

CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH CHURCH



Confirmation Classes for ALL candidates – 21st March 2026, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Church Hall For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun on 01993 702661.



DOWN SYNDROME OXFORD STALL (DSO)

The next stall will be on the **21st and 22nd of March.** Money raised from the stalls at all three Masses that weekend will go to Down Syndrome Oxford (DSO).

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSO) falls on Saturday 21st of March, and celebrates all individuals with Down Syndrome, also known as Trisomy 21. People with this genetic condition carry three copies of chromosome 21, instead of the typical two. This extra chromosome can cause learning disabilities, physical abnormalities, and other conditions. DSO is a local charity that strives to provide every child with Down Syndrome in Oxfordshire with early speech and language therapy, regular outings, joining clubs, socialising with their peers, as well as creating an invaluable network of support, medical and legal advice for families.

As it is Lent, the stall will mostly compromise of savoury goods (*there will be a few cakes*), handmade cards and soaps, knitted toys and plants.



As **chromosomes look a bit like a pair of socks**, it has been customary on WDSO to wear odd or brightly coloured socks. So if anyone wants to join us wearing crazy or mismatched socks, it will be warmly welcomed! It's a really nice way to raise awareness.

Thank you, Laura, Harry, Jack and Thomas.

KNIT AND NATTER / FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our first meeting on Thursday 5th March went very well and we enjoyed fellowship, knitting, crochet and some jigsaws as well as a welcome cuppa. **Our next meeting will be Thursday 9th April 1.30pm.** If you are interested to learn more please scan the QR code



200 CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the March draw. The **next draw will be on Easter Sunday 5th April 2026.**

