

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 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 28/29 March 2026 - PALM SUNDAY

READERS: Sat 28 6.30pm 1st reader: Liz Beaton, Narrator: Philip Ogden, St. Peter Ellen O'Hare

Sun 29 8.30am Demi Amusu (other readers TBD)

Sun 29 10.00am Michelle Rose, Duncan Enright

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 28 6.30pm (C) Jane Cugnet, Rita Aston, Vincent Cugnet

MINISTERS: Sun 29 8.30am (C) Barbara Chodkiewicz, Jacques Honore, Akin Amusu

Sun 29 10.00am (C) Margaret Hamm, David Sole, Maureen Banks

FLOWERS: Sat 28 Fiona Hook **COUNTERS:** Sun 29 Louise Barr and Ellen O'Hare

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 29 10.00am Leader: Laura

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 29 Celia **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. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God,
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,
for you, O God, are my strength.

First reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4.
5-6b. 6c-8. (R) 7bc

(R) With the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings. (R)

2. If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered (R)

3. I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak. (R)

4. More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.

For with the Lord there is mercy,
in him is plentiful redemption.

It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities. (R)

Second reading Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation John 11:25a, 26

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord.
Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever; says the Lord

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SUNDAY 22nd - 29th March 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SAT 21 EXPOSITION 10am - 11am

MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

SUN 22 MASS 8.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)

MASS 10.00am (Teresa Judd R.I.P.)

MON 23 NO MASS

TUE 24 MASS 6.00pm (Celebrant's Intention)

WED 25 SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

MASS 9.30am (Isaac S.I.)

THU 26 MASS 6.00pm (Joan Wisbey R.I.P.)

6.30pm — Rosary Prayer Group

FRI 27 SCHOOL END OF TERM MASS IN CHURCH 10.00am (People of the Parish)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm

SAT 28 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (Christopher Havers S.I.)

SUN 29 PALM SUNDAY

MASS 8.30pm (Celebrant's Intention)

MASS 10.00am (People of the Parish)



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 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Many of us might be asking when will the Lord bring this time of fear and uncertainty to an end. Why does He seem to hesitate? Martha must have asked the same question when Lazarus was ill. Why did Jesus wait until he was dead to finally visit them?

He wanted to see if Martha truly did believe in Him. Her conviction that Jesus was the Christ and God would do whatever the Lord asked of Him enabled Lazarus to be given life again. Let us have the faith to believe that the Lord will draw a greater good than the evil in this world. Only He knows when this time will be. Until then let us say: "My soul clings to Him, his right hand holds me fast." *God Bless. Fr Pat*



YOUTH GROUP—LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE THIS SUNDAY

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.



PALM SUNDAY

This coming Sunday the 29th March is Palm Sunday. Please make your way to the Cemetery Chapel for the Blessing of the Palms. We will then process back to church for the **10.00am Mass.**



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 Mass' that weekend will go to Down Syndrome Oxford (DSO).

World Down Syndrome Day (WDSDD) 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. **Thank you. Laura, Harry, Jack and Thomas.**



ADVANCE NOTICE - FUNERAL MASS OF YVONNE ALEXANDER

As many of you will now know, Yvonne Alexander passed away on Friday March 13th in Sobell House. Her Funeral Mass will take place here in Our Lady & St. Hugh on **Tuesday 7th April at 1.30pm.**

At the moment these are all the details we have. If there any other further notices we will of course let you all know.



COLLECTION FOR FLOWERS - ADVANCE NOTICE

Next weekend **28th/29th March** there will be a second collection for flowers. Please give as generously as possible to enable the team to decorate the church for Easter. Also we could do with some more volunteers. Please contact the church office if you feel you could help. 01993 702661. Many thanks.

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH AND APRIL

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.

APRIL For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.