

## 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 4/5 April 2026 – Easter Saturday Vigil/Easter Sunday

**READERS:** Sat 4 6.30pm Easter Vigil Org. (Anne Tester)

Sun 5 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 5 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Chris Banks

**EUCCHARISTIC** Sat 4 6.30pm (C) David Sole, Jos Murphy, Denise Williams

**MINISTERS:** Sun 5 8.30am (C) Barry Canning, Paul Bennett, Funmi Amusu

Sun 5 10.00am (C) Anthony Brown, Michelle Rose, Christ Banks

**FLOWERS:** Sat 4 Denise Williams **COUNTERS:** Father Pat Sun 5

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sun 10 10.00am Leader: Aleksandra Helper: Teena

**TEA & COFFEE:** Sun 5 Sheila/Maria **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](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. Jn 12:1,12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

**(R) Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!**

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. (R)

**First reading** Isaiah 50: 4-7

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps. 22(21):8-9. 17-18a.

19-20. 23-24. (R) 2a

**(R) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

1. All who see me deride me; they curl their lips, they toss their heads: 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him, for in him he delights.' (R)

2. For dogs have surrounded me; a band of the wicked besets me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet; I can count every one of my bones. (R)

3. They divide my clothing among them, they cast lots for my robe. But you, O Lord, do not stay afar off; my strength, make haste to help me! (R)

4. I will tell of your name to my kin, and praise you in the midst of the assembly; 'You who fear the Lord, give him praise; all descendants of Jacob, give him glory; revere him, all you descendants of Israel.' (R)

**Second reading** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel Acclamation** Philippians 2:8-9

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name.

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**Gospel Reading** Matthew 26:14-27:66

**Communion Antiphon** Mt 26:42

**Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.**

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**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March-5 April 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
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**SAT 28 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**

**MASS 6.30pm** (Christopher Havers S.I.)

**SUN 29 PALM SUNDAY**

**Before 10.00am Mass, meet in Cemetery Chapel for Blessing and Procession of Palms**

**MASS 8.30pm** (Celebrant's Intention)

**MASS 10.00am** (People of the Parish)

**MON 30 NO MASS**

**TUE 31 MASS 6.00pm** (John & Judith Broun R.I.P.)

**WED 1 NO MASS**

**THU 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY LAST SUPPER  
MASS 7.30pm. Followed by procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel of Repose**

**Fri 3 GOOD FRIDAY PASSION LITURGY 3.00pm  
Followed by Confessions until 5pm  
Stations & Veneration of the Cross 7.00pm**

**SAT 4 NO EXPOSITION**

**Blessing of the Food 11.00am**

**NO 6.30pm MASS**

**HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8.30pm** (Hazel & Thomas Kenny RIP)

**SUN 5 SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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

**MASS 10.00am** (Yvonne Alexander R.I.P.)

### CONFESSIONS

Confessions are available following each Mass up to & including Good Friday.

**2<sup>nd</sup> collections are for Easter Church flowers**



### PASSION SUNDAY REFLECTION

Up until Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane He has, generally, been in control of His life. He has carried out miracles and taught what He wanted to teach, often against strong opposition. Nothing could defeat Him from His mission. Now, however everything changes. He is arrested, scourged, tortured and finally killed. All this is done to Him. He seems no longer to be in control of His life. Yet, we know that is not true. He allowed it to happen to Him. He willingly accepted it. Ironically, He was still in control. In our lives we might go through times, even over a long period, when we seem to be no longer in control of what is happening to us. We feel powerless. Yet, if we can accept it and offer it to God willingly, we can with God's help actually regain control. His Father had never abandoned Him, no matter how He might have felt at times. As a result, He was made anew. Let us follow His example, knowing He is with us. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

### ADVANCE NOTICE - FUNERAL MASS OF YVONNE ALEXANDER

Yvonne Alexander passed away on **Friday March 13<sup>th</sup>** in Sobell House. Her Funeral Mass will take place here in Our Lady & St. Hugh on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm.**

### Yvonne Alexander - RIP

Yvonne was a pillar in our Church community, her selfless dedication to a large number of groups cannot be underestimated. Whether selling for CAFOD her speciality shortbread, and the lovely plants from her garden. Starting the Tuesday luncheon club after Covid, where parishioners can meet and chat over a home cooked meal. Lenten lunches, often held in her own home. An active member of the Flower group, encouraging other parishioners to join through her kind nature. The SVP where she regularly attended meetings, even when quite ill, visiting people who welcomed her friendly chats over tea and cake. All this achieved with a smile and warmth. Yvonne thank you from the Parish and may you rest in peace.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FLOWERS

**This weekend 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> 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.



### TODDLER TIME ADVANCE NOTICES

Due to shortage of helpers, toddler time will not be on **March 31<sup>st</sup>.** Additionally Toddler time is not meeting **7<sup>th</sup> April 2026.** Toddler Time will recommence on **14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**



### YOUTH GROUP - LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE REFLECTION

The Youth Group lead a wonderful Lenten Prayer Service last Sunday. It was good to see so many people of all ages come together to spend a prayerful time with the Lord.

This service came from the Young People themselves and included new Christian songs, liturgical dance, prayers, reflections and a time for confession with Father Pat or Father Paul. As one of our parishioners said " I thought the Lenten Service was really lovely. Well thought-out and delivered". Keep praying for this group, as your prayers really do make a difference.



### DOWN SYNDROME OXFORD STALL (DSO)

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated towards the DSO fundraiser last weekend. We raised an incredible £320. A huge thank you for all your generosity, to those who helped bake for the stall, and to Joe for all his help. It's wonderful to be part of such a supportive parish. **Thank you. Laura, Harry, Jack and Thomas.**

### **\*\*\*NOTICE OF CANCELLATIONS \*\*\***

Please note that due to the funeral, **Lunch Club and Seated Exercises are all cancelled on April 7<sup>th</sup>.**



### 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.



### 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.**

**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.