

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 14/15 March 2026- 4th Sunday of Lent

READERS:
Sat 14 6.30pm Duncan Clark
Sun 15 8.30am Christian Morris
Sun 15 10.00am Maia Johnson, Carlton Rose

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sat 14 6.30pm (C) Vincent Cugnet, Jos Murphy, Bernadette Collins
Sun 15 8.30am (C) Christina Morris, Jacques Honore, Barbara Chodkiewicz
Sun 15 10.00am(C) Carlton Rose, Chris Banks, Margaret Hamm

FLOWERS: Sat 14 Fiona Hook **COUNTERS:** Sun 15 Louise Barr & Ellen O'Hare

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 15 Liz/Linda

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 15 10.00am **Leader:** Teena **Helper:** Betty

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 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor

First reading Exodus 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b.
7c-9. (R) 7c, 8a

(R) O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'

1. Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. (R)

2. O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand (R)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. (R)

Second reading Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Acclamation Cf. John 4:42, 15

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ.

Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty.

Glory and Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42

Communion Antiphon

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring welling up to eternal life.

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SUNDAY 8th - 15th March 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT; YEAR A

SAT 7 EXPOSITION 10am - 11am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

SUN 8 MASS 8.30pm (Mary Grassby R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (Teresa Judd R.I.P.)

YOUTH GROUP here today from 4.30pm—6.00pm

MON 9 NO MASS

TUE 10 MASS 6.00pm (Martin Kirk R.I.P.)

WED 11 MASS 9.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

THU 12 MASS 6.00pm (John Barr R.I.P.)
6.30pm - Rosary Prayer Group

FRI 13 MASS 9.30am (People of the Parish)
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm

SAT 14 EXPOSITION 10am-11am
MASS 6.30pm (People of the Parish)

SUN 15 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS 8.30pm (Mary Grassby R.I.P.)
MASS 10.00am (Maggie Brown 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 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

In the beginning of today's Gospel, the Samaritan woman comes to the well at midday, the hottest part of the day. With five husbands and the man she was now with not even her husband she will be seen as a pariah by the rest of the village. Yet, Jesus reaches out to her. In fact, he asks her for help. He doesn't judge or rebuke her at all even though he knows her situation. He even

offers her "Living water".

He could see that she was a good woman no matter what had happened in the past. He refused to identify her value as a human being with her past history. As a result, he gave her permission to change. The Gospel ends with her bringing those villagers who had despised her to the Lord. Let us follow Jesus' example and never judge people by their past history but, without condoning what they have done, see them as a human being in their own right loved by God. Who knows what might happen? God Bless. *Fr Pat*

DO SOMETHING EXTRA FOR LENT

As we begin the Holy season of Lent we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ when **He delivers God's people from the power of evil.**

Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives. Most of us try to do something extra such as giving up something we enjoy, but there are other things we could also do – such as attending Mass or the Stations of the Cross during Lent, being more charitable towards others especially those we find it difficult to get on with, or visiting the sick or elderly.

Stations of the Cross are at 7pm every Friday during Lent.

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.** There is a **sign up sheet** for this **Lenten Retreat Day in the porch of our church.** It is said that the Shroud was 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"

LENTEN LUNCH 2026



It was lovely to **welcome so many to our annual Lenten Lunch** last Tuesday. There was a wonderful atmosphere of fellowship, as people chatted over their bread, soup and cheese.

£125 was donated to CAFOD. Thank you very much for your generosity.



PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised are required to **attend a course of preparation** which is held over a period of two weeks. The **next course will be held in the Church's Side Chapel on Wednesday 4th and 11th March 2026, starting at 7.30pm.** We will watch a video which goes through the Rite of Baptism, and discuss the signs and symbols of this great sacrament which you have chosen for your child.



THE PARISH YOUTH GROUP



The Parish Youth Group meets in the **church hall every second Sunday of the month, from 4:30 - 6:00 pm.** The group continues to flourish thanks to the ongoing support and prayers of the parish community. These gatherings provide a welcoming environment where children can grow in faith and friendship. Upcoming meeting dates are: **8th March, 12th April, 10th May, 14th June and 12th July.** All children are most welcome. Parishioners are kindly asked to **keep the Youth Group and its leaders in their prayers.**



CONFIRMATIONS AT OUR LADY & ST. HUGH CHURCH

Confirmation Classes for ALL candidates – March 2026

21st March 2026, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, in the Church Hall.

For any clarifications, please contact Fr. Patrick Broun on 01993 702661.

KNIT AND NATTER

A new friendship group is starting in March. Everyone is very welcome. Bring your knitting or stitching or other small projects and enjoy a cuppa and good company. We will meet in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 12th March from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.** We have yarn, needles and a few patterns and we can get you started if this is a new experience for you. If you would like to make contact or have any questions, please scan the WhatsApp QR code.



200 CLUB

The next 200 club draw will be on **Easter Sunday 5th April 2026.**

