

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 and Sheila O'Dwyer.

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 18/19 April 2026 3rd Sunday of Easter

READERS: Sat 18 6.30pm Brian Viles

Sun19 8.30am Christina Morris

Sun19 10.00am Carlton Rose, Anne Tester

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 18 6.30pm (C) Louise Barr, Rita Aston, Jane Cugnet

MINISTERS: Sun19 8.30am (C) Akin Amusu, Funmi Amusu, Paul Bennett

Sun19 10.00am (C) David Sole, Maureen Banks, Anthony Brown

FLOWERS: Sat 18 Maureen Moran **COUNTERS:** Sun 19 Vanessa and Daryl Wilkins

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Leader: Aleksandra; Helper: Caterina

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 19 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 Jo Browne.** She can be contacted at: 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

4 Esdras 2: 36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 2 :42-47

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b.
22-24.(R) 1

(R) Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

1. Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let the house of Aaron say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'

(R)

2. They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,

but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;

he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and salvation

in the tents of the righteous.

(R)

3. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,

a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice in it and be glad.

(R)

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Sequence - Victimae Paschali Laudes

(See inside bulletin for the words)

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have

seen me, says the Lord.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Jn 20:27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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SUNDAY 12-19 April 2026

DEVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Second Sunday after Easter

YEAR A



SAT 11 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (Bill Bradshaw R.I.P.)

SUN 12 MASS 8.30am (Miss MMA Hince & family members R.I.P.)

MASS 10.00am (Anne-Marie Scott R.I.P.)

MON 13 NO MASS

TUE 14 MASS 6.00pm (Charles Connolly R.I.P.)

WED 15 MASS 9.30am (People of the Parish)

THU 16 MASS 6.00pm (Celebrant's Intention)
6.30pm - Rosary Prayer Group

FRI 17 MASS 9.30am (Yvonne Alexander R.I.P.)

SAT18 EXPOSITION 10am - 11am
MASS 6.30pm (Ian Deeley R.I.P.)

SUN 19 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MASS 8.30am (People of the Parish)
MASS 10.00am (Catherine Buxton 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

Thomas did not see Jesus the first time He appeared to the disciples, because he was not with them. It was only when Thomas was with the group the second time Jesus appeared, that he saw Jesus. Had he remained on his own, Thomas might never have seen Jesus. Perhaps initially he was so upset at Jesus' death that he wanted to isolate himself from those close to him. That is the danger.

When we go through a crisis or serious upset we can be tempted to close ourselves off from those who care either physically or emotionally. We might then find ourselves saying where is God and feeling very much on our own. Yet He is right there in the midst of those who care. Never does God want us to feel we are on our own. *God Bless. Fr Pat.*

THANK YOU FROM FATHER PAT

Thank you so much for your generous gifts and donations. I really do appreciate them. Additionally a very big thank you to all our groups and individuals in the parish who made the Easter Triduum celebration so special. The Choir and Music group, Flower Team, Altar Servers, Eucharistic ministers, wardens, cleaners, readers, bulletin, welcoming and counting teams. **Several of these groups would really appreciate new members.** If you feel that you can contribute to any of these groups please make yourself known to them directly or email the parish office on olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk Remember, this is your parish and you will be serving your fellow parishioners.



A DAY WITH MARY

Our Lady to Lucia, 13 June 1917 said, "Jesus wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

On **Saturday May 2nd, at Blessed Dominic Barberi Earley** near Reading, there will be a Day with Mary. A day of instruction,

devotion and intercession, based on that message, given at Fatima in 1917. **Beginning at 10am and finishing at 5.30pm.** Please take a packed lunch with you. For any other information please contact Trevor Downs, email: adwmary.uk@gmail.com the website is: www adaywithmary.org

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 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.



DIVINE MERCY MESSAGE AND PRAYER

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust. The more we open the door of our hearts and lives to Him with trust, the more we can receive.

For more information about praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet using your Rosary **watch on YouTube** or see

Divine Mercy – My Catholic Prayers.com/divine-mercy/



MASS INTENTIONS

When requesting Mass Intentions please will you specify whether or not the person has died by putting RIP or Anniversary Mass. **Masses for the weekends are taken up very quickly so please give as much notice as possible.** Also, please remember to add your telephone number to your intention request, and if possible **print** the name of the person who the mass is for.

Many thanks. (Ruth)

VICTIMAE PASCHALI LAUDES (The Sequence)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb and Christ, the undefiled hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended, combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

