

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 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 2/3 May 2026 Fifth Sunday of Easter

READERS: Sat 2 6.30pm Nicola Carter

Sun 3 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 3 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Lucinda Johnson

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 2 6.30pm (C) Carmen Bennett, Colin Murphy, Louise Barr

MINISTERS: Sun 3 8.30am (C) Paul Bennett, Funmi Amusu, Jacques Honore

Sun 3 10.00am (C) Michelle Rose, Chris Banks, Margaret Hamm

FLOWERS: Sat 2 Denise & Laura **COUNTERS:** Sun 3 Louise Barr & Ellen O'Hare

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 3:(10am Mass) Leader: Laura Helper: Maria

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 3 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 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

Cf. Ps 32:5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia

First reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4.5. 6. (R)1

(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

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.

I know my sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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SUNDAY 26 APRIL - 3 MAY 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

SAT 25 Feast of St Mark, Evangelist

EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (Liam & Kitty O'Connor RIP)

SUN 26 MASS 8.30am (People of the Parish)

MASS 10.00am (Sheila O'Dwyer RIP)

MON 27 NO MASS

TUE 28 MASS 6.00pm (Sheila O'Dwyer RIP)

**WED 29 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin,
Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe**

MASS 9.30am (Celebrant's Intention)

THU 30 MASS 6.00pm. (Mavis Early RIP)

6.30pm - Rosary Prayer Group

FRI 1 MASS 9.30am (Thomas Naughton RIP)

**SAT 2 Memorial of St. Athanasius, Bishop,
Doctor of the Church**

EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (Bill & Alice Witt RIP)

SUN 3 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS 8.30am (Marie & Tony Sullivan RIP)

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 4th Sunday of Easter

When a shepherd in Scotland was asked if his sheep would follow the voice of a stranger he replied: "Yes, when they are sick; but never when they are well. A sick sheep will follow anybody." This, I think sums up life today with so many discordant voices persuading people to follow them. How can we tell the true voice from all these different voices and follow it?

It is by staying close to Jesus, the Good Shepherd, that we know which way to go. The more sick we are through our sinfulness and complacency the more difficult it is to hear the Lord calling us. He will never give up calling to us. Unlike sheep, we can choose to listen to his voice or not, but if we do listen then He will carry us when wolves threaten us and we "walk in the valley of darkness". No evil need we fear. *God Bless, Fr Pat*

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Clergy Training Fund – Vocations Sunday Appeal



This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online

at: www.vocations.org.uk/ctf

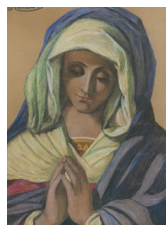
For more information about vocations and the work of the Vocations Office, please see their latest newsletter available online. Please also keep in your prayers those currently discerning their vocation, and those in formation, that they may have the courage and perseverance to follow the Lord's call. Thank you for your support and generosity.

With my prayers and every blessing in this Easter Season.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

+ Bernard

✠ Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham



MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

May is Mary's month and we can be sure that our heavenly mother will help us to pray. Pray the Rosary every day if you can; it is a beautiful prayer that we can pray anywhere, alone or in a group. If you have not said the Rosary for a while, now would be a good time to start again. It is a good habit to get into. There is a **Rosary Group who meet after Mass on Thursdays at**

6.30pm. They would love to see you.



SHEILA MARGARET MARY O'DWYER (NÉE CASSIDY– R.I.P.)

Sheila passed away peacefully on Good Friday, 3rd April 2026, at The Homestead Care Home, after a 10-year battle with dementia, surrounded by her family. Sheila and John married in 1970 and made their home in Witney, where they raised their three children: John William, Tara, and Bernadette. They were devoted members of Our Lady and St Hugh parish.

Sheila contributed greatly to parish life over the years, including supporting the Priests' Training Fund, helping with church duties, serving briefly as a Parent Governor, organising school fete stalls, and leading the Little White Flower Appeals across the Diocese.

Sheila wished to be laid to rest alongside her parents in Ireland, a wish her family will honour. **The Funeral Mass: Friday 1st May, 11:00 am** St Francis Xavier Church, Dublin

<https://www.gardinerstparish.ie/webcam>

The family sincerely thank everyone for their love, prayers, and support at this difficult time.

LUNCH CLUB IN MAY



Please join us for our next Lunch Club, to be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 5th May from 12:30 to 2:00pm.**

It's a great opportunity to chat with friends and make new ones over a two course meal, followed by tea or coffee, and all still at a cost of only £5.

Everyone is welcome

KNIT AND NATTER FRIENDSHIP GROUP



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 14th May from 1.30pm-3.30pm** in the parish hall. Everyone is very welcome. Bring your knitting or stitch or other small projects and enjoy a cuppa and good company. We have yarn, needles and a few patterns so we can get you started if this is a new experience for you.

We look forward to welcoming you.



THE 200 CLUB DRAW



The next draw is 26 April 2026 following 10am Mass.



TODDLER GROUP - HELP NEEDED

Our Toddler Group is looking for more helpers.

They meet on **Tuesdays from 10am until 11.30am.**