

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. 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 23/24 May 2026 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

READERS: Sat 23 6.30pm Ellen O'Hare

Sun 24 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 24 10.00am Margaret Hamm, Carlton Rose

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 23 6.30pm (C) Colin Murphy, Carmen Bennett, Louise Barr

MINISTERS: Sun 24 8.30am (C) Jacques Honore, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Christina Morris

Sun 24 10.00am (C) Janina Kalinowska, Margaret Hamm, Chris Banks

FLOWERS: Sat 23 Denise **COUNTERS:** Sun 24 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 24:(10am Mass) Leader: Jiya Helper: Laura

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 24 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 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 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called you:
of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face;
hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First reading

Acts 1:12-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. (R)13

(R) *I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? (R)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple. (R)

3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' (R)

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord.
I am going away and I will come to you, and
your hearts will rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11a

Communion Antiphon

John 17 :22

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

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SUNDAY 17-24 MAY 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

SAT 16 NO EXPOSITION OR CONFESSIONS

MASS 6.30pm (Margaret Beaton R.I.P.)

SUN 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS 8.30am (People of the Parish)

MASS 10.00am (Steve Tolhurst R.I.P.)

MON 18 NO MASS

TUE 19 MASS 6.00pm (Mary Stewart R.I.P.)

WED 20 NO MASS

THU 21 MASS 6.30pm (David Sole S.I.)

Rosary Group at 6.30pm,

FRI 22 MASS 9.30am (Anne & Ivor Pimm R.I.P.)

SAT 23 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm (John Savage R.I.P.)

SUN 24 SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

MASS 8.30am (People of the Parish)

MASS 10.00am (Celebrant's Intention)



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 7TH Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel starts off by Jesus saying that the hour has come for His Father to glorify Him. Since this is literally just before Jesus enters His Passion and Crucifixion it can only mean that that is what is meant. However, we tend to think of God's glory in terms of power and miracles. God's glory was, in fact shown in Jesus because he obeyed God's will and fully co-operated with Him when He accepted his passion and death. Yes, it was human wickedness that was the immediate cause of Jesus' death. Nonetheless, it was God who was ultimately in control and used

Jesus' death to reconcile the human race to God. Jesus glorified God in His complete obedience to him. Later in the Gospel reading Jesus says in His Disciples He will be glorified. That can only mean therefore, that every time His followers obeyed His will and co-operated with Him in their lives they will glorify Him.

Perhaps, in our own lives, especially today we want God to show his glory in power and miracles putting things right. He, on the other hand, might be waiting for us to completely trust Him. By accepting His will and co-operating with Him He will show his glory through us. Jesus will never leave us, but He says at the end of the Gospel that he is returning to the Father and His followers will remain in the world. It is therefore up to us His followers to show that Jesus is still with us by glorifying Him in total trust. *God Bless. Fr Pat*



ADVANCE NOTICE OF CARLTON'S ORDINATION MASS

My dear Parish family,
As many of you will know, I am currently in formation for the Permanent Diaconate. This journey began for me in September 2021 and will culminate (please God) in my ordination on **Sunday the 19th of July 2026 at St. Chad's Cathedral** in Birmingham. I would like to invite you to join with me and my family in the celebration of the Eucharist at the cathedral, as we thank God for His call upon my life and to serve His people.

The **parish is organising a coach** for those who would like to participate in the Ordination Mass, which is scheduled to begin at 3:00pm. There will also be a gathering together after Mass. I would like to request you to **please fill in your name on the signup sheet** that will be available in the narthex. This will give us an idea of numbers. More details will be shared in the coming weeks. *God bless. Carlton*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES

There will be the very important **Mass rehearsal** in the church on **Thursday 4th June 2026 at 5pm. The First Holy Communion** for the young people will be on **Saturday 6th June 2026 at 10.30am.**

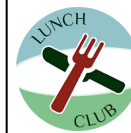
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

A message from Father Pat



I wish to invite all the Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to a meeting in the Parish Hall **following the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 23rd May**. It will not be a long meeting. I know it is a Bank Holiday so if you can't make it, **please let me know**. Many thanks and thank you for your services to the Parish. *Fr. Pat*

THE JUNE LUNCH CLUB



Please join us for our Lunch Club, to be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 2nd June 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**



TODDLER GROUP - HELP NEEDED



Our toddlers are looking for more helpers for this essential group. They meet on **Tuesdays from 10am until 11.30am.**

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. As



spring unfolds in beauty and renewal, the Church invites the faithful into a deeply personal and spiritual tradition: honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary throughout the month of May. For centuries, Catholics around the world have set aside these days to deepen their love for the Mother of God, seeking her intercession and reflecting on her unique role in salvation history.

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. *If you don't own a Rosary, the group have some to borrow.*



POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

The Pope's prayer Intention for May is that everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.