

**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 Ian Lawson, David Sole and Andrew Pledge. 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 JULY 2026 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**READERS:** Sat 4 6.30pm Ellen O'Hare

Sun 5 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 5 10.00am Lucinda Johnson, Margaret Hamm

**EUCCHARISTIC** Sat 4 6.30pm (C) Colin Murphy, Jane Cugnet, Louise Barr

**MINISTERS:** Sun 5 8.30am (C) Funmi Amusu, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Akin Amusu

Sun 5 10.00am (C) Janina Kalinowska, Margaret Hamm, Maureen Banks

**FLOWERS:** Sat 4 Fiona **COUNTERS:** Sun 5 Louise Barr and Ellen O'Hare

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sun 5:(10am Mass) **Leader:** Caterina **Helper:** Teena

**TEA & COFFEE:** Sun 4 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 Jo Browne.** 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**

These are the ones who, living in the flesh,  
planted the Church with their blood;  
they drank the chalice of the Lord  
and became the friends of God.

**First reading**

Acts 12:1-11

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7.  
8-9. (R)5

(R) *From all my terrors the Lord set me free.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
praise of him is always in my mouth.  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;  
the humble shall hear and be glad. (R)

2. Glorify the Lord with me;  
together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. (R)

3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,  
and rescued him from all his distress. (R)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who fear him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. (R)

**Second reading**

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

**Gospel Acclamation**

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church,  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 16:13-19

**Communion Antiphon**

Cf. Mt 16: 16, 18

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ,  
the Son of the living God.

And Jesus replied: You are Peter,  
and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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**SUNDAY 28 JUNE - 5 JULY 2026**

**SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL; Year A**

SAT 27 **EXPOSITION 10am-11am**

**MASS 6.30pm S.I.**

SUN 28 **MASS 8.30am** *Celebrant's Intention*

**MASS 10.00am** *Pat Ogden B.I.*

MON 29 **NO MASS**

TUE 30 **MASS 6.00pm** *Frank Ryan S.I.*

**Confirmation Rehearsal 4.30pm**

WED 1 **MASS 9.30am** *David Sole R.I.P.*

**Confirmation Mass 7.00pm**

THU 2 **MASS 6.00pm** *Anne-Marie Scott R.I.P.*

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm**

FRI 3 **Feast of St Thomas, Apostle**

**MASS 9.30am** *Mary Guinan R.I.P.*

SAT 4 **EXPOSITION 10am-11am**

**MASS 6.30pm** *Malcolm Williams R.I.P.*

SUN 5 **Fourteenth Sunday in ordinary Time**

**MASS 8.30am** *People of the Parish*

**MASS 10.00am** *Liz & Mike Meechan R.I.P.*

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**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.

**2nd collection for Peter's Pence**



### GOSPEL REFLECTION

In today's Gospel Peter makes a declaration of faith. He proclaims Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God. Yet, even though Jesus says that it was His Father in heaven that revealed this to Peter, he clearly did not understand what this actually meant. Shortly afterwards, when Jesus says he must go to Jerusalem and suffer His Passion, Peter remonstrates with Him, telling him He must not do that. Jesus strongly rebukes him telling him, "Get behind me Satan." As Jesus says, Peter is seeing things in human terms not the way God sees them.

Paul started off hating the followers of Jesus, seeing them as threatening the Jewish faith handed on by Moses through which God had called them to be His own people. He was determined to destroy this new movement. Again, he saw things the human way with his limited understanding of the situation. Yet, God chose these two very fallible, weak human beings to become the two great leaders of the early church. God could see their potential. He knew that when the time was right, they both would understand what He was asking of them. He would give them the courage to carry out His will. Today, especially with social media, people are often judged on their immediate success or their perception of them. This can be a serious problem because there is often a need to be accepted. Peter and Paul remind us that even if we do not understand what the Lord is asking of us, and we feel inadequate as His followers, we need simply to lean on him. The grace of the Holy Spirit within us will enable us to serve the Lord in spite of our weaknesses and sinfulness. After all, that is simply what Peter and Paul did. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

### WHAT IS PETER'S PENCE?



Peter's Pence is the financial contribution that the faithful offer directly to the Pope to support the Church's charitable works, humanitarian aid, and pastoral needs worldwide. At its core, Peter's Pence is an expression of unity with the Pope as the Vicar of Christ, a tangible way to support the one who steers Peter's barque through the storms of the world.

### DAVID SOLE R.I.P. FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Sadly David passed away on Sunday 7th June. He will be greatly missed by all in this Parish. The dates for David's funeral are: **Into Church Thursday 9th July at 5.30pm** and his **Funeral Mass on 10th July at 11.00am** *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercies of our Lord Jesus Christ rest in peace. Amen.*

### CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL AND MASS

All Confirmation candidates are asked to attend the rehearsal on **30th June at 4:30 pm** in the church. **The Confirmation Mass** will take place at **7:00 pm on 1st July**.

All parishioners are warmly welcome to come and share in this wonderful Mass and help to surround our young people in this, who begin a new stage in their Spiritual journey, a stage they have freely chosen.

### CARLTON'S ORDINATION MASS

Carlton's ordination for the Permanent Diaconate is on **Sunday 19th July 2026** at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. The Coach will leave Woodford Way Car Park Witney on **Sunday 19th July at 11:30** aiming to arrive St Chad's Catholic Cathedral at **13:45**. Mass will begin at **3.00pm**. Coach will be leaving St Chad's Catholic Cathedral **Sunday 19th July at 18:00** arriving back at Woodford Way Car Park **20:15**. If anyone needs to cancel their booking please let Sue in the office know on [lash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:lash.witney@rcaob.org.uk)

### GARDEN PARTY AT NEWMAN'S COLLEGE

There is to be a Garden Party at Newman's College, Littlemore, Oxford on **Saturday 4th July 2026 from 3.00pm - 5.00pm**. This is a fund raiser to support the Sisters of The Work in their mission at Newman's College. For more information please contact the Sisters at [littlemore@newman-friends.org](mailto:littlemore@newman-friends.org) or 01865 779743

### POSTERS, LEAFLETS & MAGAZINES

If you have any posters, magazines or leaflets you wish to display, please check with Fr Pat or the office before displaying them, please. If you have already left something and it has been removed, please speak to Fr Pat. Many thanks

### LUNCH CLUB IN JULY

The next Lunch Club, is on **Tuesday, 7th July from 12:30 to 2pm**. Enjoy a 2-course lunch with tea or coffee for only £5.00. All welcome.

### PLEASE HELP TUESDAY TODDLER TIME

Could anyone assist the helpers at Toddler Time occasionally on a Tuesday, please? This is to allow the present helpers to have an occasional Tuesday off e.g. when on holiday. Set up is **9.30am** with clear up **11.10am**, but anytime you could give would be very much appreciated.

### CHOIR NEWS

There will be no choir during the month of July due to holidays of choir members. We will next sing at mass on the 2nd August. We will then start planning music for Christmas. We are very short of singers, especially men, so if you would like to support your parish choir please join us. Have a lovely summer.

### WALSINGHAM 2026 - A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL IN CARTERTON

There is a provisional date for this year's Walsingham Pilgrimage of **31st August - 2nd September**. If there is enough interest to book they wanted a deposit of 25% of the cost pretty much straight away, and a further 50% 8 weeks before traveling. The travel company claim this is because of several large groups crying off but who knows, it doesn't feel very user friendly but if we want to go these are their terms. If you would like to go please contact Fr Paul Tel: 01993842463 or e mail [stjoseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stjoseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk)