

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 18/19 JULY 2026 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 18 6.30pm Philip Ogden

Sun 19 8.30am Demi Amusu

Sun 19 10.00am Catherine Wilson, Anne Tester

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 18 6.30pm (C) Vincent Cugnet, Sue Collins, Jos Murphy

MINISTERS: Sun 19 8.30am (C) Barbara Chodkiewicz, Funmi Amusu, Akin Amusu

Sun 19 10.00am (C) Denis Williams, Michelle Rose, Janina Kalinowska

FLOWERS: Sat 18 Denise **COUNTERS:** Sun 19 Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 19:(10am Mass) **Leader:** Denise **Helper:** Laura

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: 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 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11.
12-13. 14. (R) Luke 8:8

(R) Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

1. You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. (R)

2. And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. (R)

3. You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. (R)

4. The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! (R)

Second reading Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower;
all who find him will live for ever.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-23

Communion Antiphon Ps 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and
my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.

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SUNDAY 12– 19 JULY 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

SAT 11 Feast of St. Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe
EXPOSITION 10am–11am
MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 12 MASS 8.30am Alyce & Margaret Bailey B.I.
MASS 10.00am David Sole R.I.P.
YOUTH GROUP 4.30pm–6.00pm

MON 13 NO MASS

TUE 14 MASS 6.00pm Ian Lawson R.I.P.

WED 15 Memorial of St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
MASS 9.30am .Fr Paul Johnson R.I.P.

THU 16 END OF TERM/LEAVERS' MASS 10.00am
MASS 6.00pm Mary O'Sullivan R.I.P.
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 17 MASS 9.30am Joe & Janet McLoone
Golden Wedding Anniversary

SAT 18 EXPOSITION 10am–11am
MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 19 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASS 8.30am Fr Noel Breslin R.I.P.
MASS 10.00am Fr Simon Hall 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 - 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What is Faith? Why is it that a person who grew up in a family with a strong, not dominating, faith with a history of religious practice can lose their faith and yet someone who has had no experience of faith can become a strong follower of the Lord? The parable of the sower sowing the seed describes many of the threats to the faith.

These are particularly true today. Yet Jesus seems to be saying that the people will be denied the opportunity to understand and accept the truth, "they look without seeing and listen without hearing". I believe He is not saying that. He is simply saying they are not yet ready and able to accept the faith.

It is only when He has completed His undertaking and returned to His Father that the Apostles would be sent out to teach the faith. It will be then, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that the people will be ready and able to accept the seed of faith and let it grow if they choose to let it. Faith is a gift from God. It is precious and fragile. The parable warns us not to take it for granted. However, the seed falling on rich soil gave a harvest greater than it in itself could potentially produce. If we open our hearts to Jesus in faith no matter what situations we may face, who knows what He can do with us and offer us. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

CARLTON'S ORDINATION MASS

Carlton's ordination for the Permanent Diaconate is **next Sunday 19th July 2026** at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham at **3.00pm**. The Coach will leave Woodford Way Car Park Witney **Sunday 19th July at 11:30** aiming to arrive at St Chad's Catholic Cathedral at **13:45**. Mass will begin at **3.00pm**. The Coach will be leaving St Chad's Catholic Cathedral on **Sunday 19th July at 18:00** arriving back at Woodford Way Car Park at **20:15**.

An updated list of people who have signed up for the coach is in the porch. If you are happy to add a contact number for us in case we need to contact you, please add it to the list in the porch. If any other changes are needed please change the sheet or email Sue on olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk

WALSINGHAM 2026 - A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAUL IN CARTERTON



There is a provisional date for this year's Walsingham Pilgrimage; **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 know? 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 email stjoseph.carterton@rcaob.org.uk

THANKYOU FROM MARGARET SOLE

Margaret and family would like to say thank you for all the prayers and cards they have received and the masses said. They are very much appreciated.



200 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the June draw!

KNIT AND NATTER FRIENDSHIP GROUP



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 16th July from 1.30pm-3.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome. Bring your knitting or stitch or other small craft project, or try your hand at one of our jigsaws. [Come and enjoy a cuppa and good company, we look forward to seeing you.](#)

TUESDAY TODDLER TIME

Toddler Time Tuesdays are from **10 till 11.30am**. Toddler Time will have its last session for the summer on **Tuesday 14th July**. We will return in **September**.

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. Have a lovely summer.

MUSIC GROUP NEWS



Due to various commitments there will be no Music Group in August. We will next sing on **September 13th. (2nd Sunday)**. We have had many positive comments about the new hymns we have introduced into Mass; thank you all for them. We are planning on introducing a new Mass setting from September. We would encourage anyone to come and join us. And if anyone plays an instrument we would love you to come and play with us too. We wish you all a lovely Summer.

OUR CHURCH GROUPS NEED YOU

Many of our church groups really need more helpers to keep the various groups we have in church, existing. If you are able to help with any of them but a) wonder if you have the time to commit, b) feel a bit scared of joining a group you don't really know or c) not sure if you have the ability to join then please, ask Fr Pat to put you in touch with whoever leads the group, or send an email to the church email asking to be put in touch with the groups. Be brave and give it a go!!

