

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 Andy 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 25/26 JULY 2026 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 25 6.30pm Liz Beaton

Sun 26 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 26 10.00am Maia Johnson, Michelle Rose

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 25 6.30pm (C) Jane Cugnet, Louise Barr, Colin Murphy

MINISTERS: Sun 26 8.30am (C) Jacques Honore, Barry Canning, Paul Bennett

Sun 26 10.00am (C) Margaret Hamm, Maureen Banks, Chris Banks

FLOWERS: Sat 25 Maureen **COUNTERS:** Sun 26 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sun 26:(10am Mass) Leader: Laura Helper: Maria

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 26 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: 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

Ps 53:6, 8

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10.
15-16a.(R)5a

(R) O Lord, you are good and forgiving

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication. (R)

2. All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R)

3. You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me. (R)

Second reading

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom
to little children.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-43

Communion Antiphon

Ps 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders:
he gives food to those who fear him.

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SUNDAY 19-26 JULY 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

SAT 18 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 19 MASS 8.30am Andy Pledge R.I.P.

MASS 10.00am Jorgen Lovbakke R.I.P.

**CARLTON'S ORDINATION MASS IN
ST.CHAD'S CATHEDRAL, BIRMINGHAM**

MON 20 NO MASS

**TUE 21 ANDREW PLEDGE RECEPTION into
Church 5.30pm**

MASS 6.00pm Andy Pledge R.I.P.

WED 22 Feast of St Mary Magdalene

NO MASS 9.30am

FUNERAL MASS FOR ANDREW PLEDGE 11.00am

**THU 23 Feast of St Bridget, Religious, Patron of
Europe**

MASS 6.00pm Catherine Buxton R.I.P. Ann

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 24 MASS 9.30am Mgr Vaughan Morgan R.I.P

SAT 25 Feast of St James, Apostle

EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm Fr Daniel McAvoy

PP of St Joseph's Bracknell

SUN 26 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS 8.30am Fr Simon Hall R.I.P.

MASS 10.00am People of the Parish

CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Confessions are on Saturdays at

10.30am-11am & 5.30pm-6pm

or make an appointment by phone or email.



GOSPEL REFLECTION - 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All too often we can judge people not on who they are but on what they do. We see how they behave or hear what they say and immediately in our mind slot them into a particular pigeon hole based on what we observe or listen to. Once put there it is almost impossible for us to change our perception of them. Our judgement of them is made. Do we take time to reflect and ask the question why are they behaving or talking that way? Do we know what sort of relationship they have with God? We may be fooled by someone whose appearance gives the impression they are close to God yet whose disposition is anything but. In the Gospel, the dandelion and the wheat look the same. Even though the natural inclination is to judge someone, especially if they hurt us, nonetheless without condoning what they have done, we must be patient and leave the judgement of them to God. After all, how do other people see us? *God Bless. Fr Pat*

CARLTON'S ORDINATION MASS

Carlton's Ordination for the Permanent Diaconate is here - the **19th of July 2026** at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham at **3.00pm**.

Here is the link to St Chad's if you would like to watch the Mass.

<https://youtube.com/@stchadscathedral?si=AMzKUf-UAgp8tO0p>

The Coach will leave Woodford Way Car Park Witney at 11:30. Mass will begin at **3.00pm**. The Coach will be leaving St Chads Catholic Cathedral at

6.00pm arriving back at Woodford Way Car Park at **8:15pm**.



POPE LEO'S JULY PRAYER INTENTION

Pope Leo's July prayer intention: 'For formation in discernment'

If you would like to pray with the Holy Father this is the link to use.

<https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of July, and invites us to pray that we may know how to choose the right path for our life and reject anything that leads us away from Christ. He prays that the Holy Spirit may inform our decisions and that we may learn to listen attentively to God's gentle voice. In listening, he says, we learn to "discern the hidden paths of my heart" and understand what truly matters to God.

"I ask you for the grace to learn how to pause," he prays, "to become aware of the way I act, of the feelings that dwell within me, and of the thoughts that overwhelm me, which, so often, I fail to notice." Pope Leo leads us to pray that our choices may lead us "to the joy of the Gospel," despite moments of doubt and fatigue, constantly seeking to begin anew. "Because, at the end of the journey, your consolation is the fruit of the right decision," he affirms.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Please let me know if your group will be taking a break during the school summer holidays, which I will then put into the bulletin. Many thanks, Ruth

TUESDAY TODDLER TIME

Toddler Time is now closed for the summer. 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



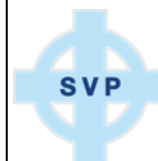
Due to various commitments there will be no Music Group in August. We will next sing on **September 13th. (2nd Sunday)**.

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 you 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!!



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If you know of anyone who needs support, if you have friends or relatives who would like a visit, you can make contact through the parish office.

email: olash.witney@rcaob.org by **phone:** 01993 776201 or via the **web site:**

<https://svp.org.uk> Donations to SVP can be made to this account: Sort Code 60-60-04.

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