

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 Jorgen Lovbakke.
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 22/23 AUGUST 2026 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 22 6.30pm Nicola Carter

Sun 23 8.30am Christina Morris

Sun 23 10.00am Maia Johnson, Catherine Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 22 6.30pm (C) Carmen Bennett, Vincent Cugnet, Jos Murphy

MINISTERS: Sun 23 8.30am (C) Funmi Amusu, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Akin Amusu

Sun 23 10.00am (C) Anthony Brown, Denise Williams, Michelle Rose

FLOWERS: Sat 22 Maureen **COUNTERS:** Sun 23 Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: NO Children's Liturgy in August

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 23 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. Rev 12: 1

A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman clothed with the sun,
and the moon beneath her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

First reading Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45(44):10,11,12,16
(R) 10b

(R) On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

1. The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

(R)

2. Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house.

(R)

3. So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him (R)

4. They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. (R)

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.

Mary has been taken up into heaven;
the host of angels rejoice.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Communion Antiphon

Luke 1: 48-49

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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.

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SUNDAY 16-23 AUGUST 2026 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

SAT 15 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 16 **MASS 8.30am** Celebrant's Intention

MASS 10.00am Deirdre Dudley R.I.P.

Parish BBQ & Come and Share Get Together from 12 noon-3.00pm. (See inside for details)

MON 17 **NO MASS**

TUE 18 **MASS 6.00pm** Margaret Fogarty R.I.P.

WED 19 **MASS 9.30am** Fr. Pat Armstrong B.I. 90 yrs
Reception of Jorgen Lovbakke into church 5.30pm

THU 20 Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

REQUIEM MASS for Jorgen Lovbakke 11.00am

MASS 6.00pm People of the Parish

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 21 Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

MASS 9.30am Celebrant's Intention

SAT 22 Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 23 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS 8.30am Celebrant's Intention

MASS 10.00am Jose Wisby R.I.P. (B'day)

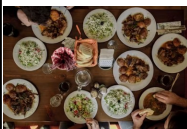
2nd Collection for
St. Patrick's Missionary Society



GOSPEL REFLECTION - THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady body and soul into heaven reminds us of her unique role in the salvation of the human race. Through her, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Lord entered our world as one of us and by His death and resurrection reconciled us to God. Yet, as one great Saint said, she herself wants to be seen simply as our mother. The greatest miracle that occurred when the Angel Gabriel appeared to her is that she conceived Jesus in her heart before she conceived him in her womb. It was her total trust in God's will no matter what that enabled her to become the Mother of God.

I believe that on this great Feast Day Our Lady will not want us to remember her beauty and status in heaven, but to follow her example of putting ourselves into God's hands without condition, simply saying, "Let your word be done to me". *God Bless. Fr Pat*



PARISH BBQ AND COME AND SHARE

Our Parish BBQ and Come and Share Get Together is **this Sunday 16th August from 12 noon to 3.00pm.** Please bring what you can to this sharing meal. If you have specific food that you love to cook, please bring that, if cooking isn't your 'thing' then perhaps bring something that we can all share in e.g. cheese, dips, bread sticks, chicken, salad or vegetarian food etc. Or failing all else, cake is always acceptable!! Bought or made! If you can't afford to bring anything then please, do come anyway. This time is for everyone in our Parish to get together and perhaps meet people who come to the other Masses over the weekend that you don't know.

FR PAT ARMSTRONG

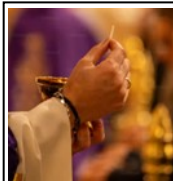


The Holy Sacrifice of the **Mass on Wednesday 19 August at 09.30am** will be offered for Fr Patrick Armstrong, our former Parish Priest, who celebrates his **90th birthday on Monday 17th August.** We invite you all to pray for him.

COME AND JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVERS TEAM!



Our Altar Servers are a really essential part of our Masses. Have you recently made your First Holy Communion? If so **you** can become an Altar Server. Have you recently been confirmed? Why not become an Altar Server and become a part of our Parish life? In fact, any of you, after making your First Holy Communion, can become an Altar Server. Becoming an Altar Server is open to **both** girls and boys, and is very rewarding. Training will be given so that you know just what you need to do during Mass and the other servers will support and help you. If you're not sure if you can be an altar server, talk to the other servers after Mass or chat to Carlton, our new Deacon. If you think you can give it a go then please leave your contact details in the Sacristy or hand to Fr. Pat and we will contact you. We hope to see you soon.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

All children who will be entering year 3 or above and **NOT** at Our Lady of Lourdes school are now ready to commence the lessons for these two important Sacraments. Fr Pat has the enquiry forms that he requires to be filled in before children attend the lessons that will begin in September. For those attending school, enquiry forms are available from the school. Please could all forms be returned to Father Pat. **The deadline for submitting forms is early September.** There will be more details to follow. ***N.B. Candidates must be year 3 or above to commence the lessons for first Holy Communion. If the Candidate was not Baptised at Our Lady and Saint Hugh Parish Witney, please include a photocopy of their Baptismal Certificate with this form.***

JORGEN LØVBAKKE R.I.P.



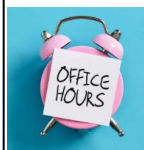
Jorgen Løvbakke, husband of Joanne and son-in-law of Mary Hill, was a truly kind and gentle man. He moved to England from Norway aged 17 to study at Atlantic International College, Wales, where he was received into the Catholic Church. For many years, he worked as a social researcher for the Civil Service. He was due to move to New Yatt, Witney in August but passed away suddenly after a long-term illness. **The Requiem Mass will be held on the 20th August at 11am** here at Our Lady and St Hugh. All are welcome.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



Following on from the Archbishop's Visitation we had this year as part of the Visitation process that began last year, there will be a meeting with Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop Walker on **October 6th 2026.** Further details will follow.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS



It's been mentioned that parishioners would find it useful to know the times that there is someone in the Church Office. So here they are!

Monday: 9.00am—1.00pm Sue Tuesday: 9.00am—11am Ruth
Wednesday: 9.00am—1.00pm Sue Thursday: 9.00am—1.00pm Sue
Friday: 9.00am—11.00am Ruth

LUNCH CLUB IN SEPTEMBER - A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR



Please join us in the Parish Room for our Lunch Club on **Tuesday, 1st September from 12.30 to 2.00pm.** The cost of the two course meal followed by tea or coffee will be £5, and all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you..