

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 Patricia Hancock and 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 8/9 AUGUST 2026 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 08 6.30pm Nicola Carter

Sun 09 8.30am Demi Amusu

Sun 09 10.00am Lucinda Johnson, Duncan Enright

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 08 6.30pm (C) Jos Murphy, Sue Collins, Vincent Cugnet

MINISTERS: Sun 09 8.30am (C) Barry Canning, Christina Morris, Jacques Honore

Sun 09 10.00am (C) Maureen Banks, Chris Banks, Janina Kalinowska

FLOWERS: Sat 08 Theresa **COUNTERS:** Sun 09 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

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

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 09 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 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 69: 2,6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer; my help;
O Lord, do not delay

First reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145(144):8-9.
15-16. 17-18. (R) cf. 16

(R) *You open your hand and fulfil us,
O Lord.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures (R)

2. The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing. (R)

3. The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. (R)

Second reading Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Alleluia, alleluia.
One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

Communion Antiphon Wis 16: 20

You have give us, O Lord, bread from
heaven, endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.

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SUNDAY 2-9 AUGUST 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

SAT 01 Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary
de' Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
EXPOSITION 10am-11am
MASS 6.30pm David Fudge R.I.P.

SUN 02 **MASS 8.30am** Bernard Harkin R.I.P.
MASS 10.00am People of the Parish
No Children's Liturgy in August

MON 03 **NO MASS**

TUE 04 Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest
MASS 6.00pm Margaret Davis R.I.P.

WED 05 **MASS 9.30am** Fr Simon Hall R.I.P.

THU 06 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
MASS 6.00pm Mary O'Sullivan R.I.P.
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 07 **MASS 9.30am** May Kimberley R.I.P.

SAT 08 Memorial of St Dominic, Priest
EXPOSITION 10am - 11am
MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 09 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASS 8.30am Alice Cecilia Capella R.I.P.
MASS 10.00am Margaret Fogarty 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.



Then

GOSPEL REFLECTION - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Now



In today's Gospel Jesus, as soon as he hears of the death of John, retires to a lonely place with His Disciples. On receiving the tragic news He, understandably, wants a little time to Himself with His Disciples. Yet, when the people find Him, wanting to hear Him speak, He not only



doesn't get irritated by their demands, He is moved with compassion for them.

Now look at the attitude of the Disciples. They suggest that Jesus sends the people away to buy food as it is getting late. It is almost as if they are afraid that if the people stay any longer, the Disciples themselves might have to accept responsibility for feeding them. They want to avoid that. Also, when Jesus does suggest they feed the people, they immediately become defeatist, saying their resources are not enough to feed them all. However, Jesus calls them to hand over what little they do have and, having blessed it, is enabled to accomplish his wish of feeding the people with more left over.

As we go through life with all its challenges, are we like the Disciples, trying to avoid difficult situations because the Lord might ask us to do something about them and accept responsibility? After all, what can I do about the situation with my very limited resources? I have nothing to offer. Or is the Lord saying give what you can to Jesus and see what He can do with it, no matter how small it may be? Do I have the compassion and trust in God that Jesus showed in the Gospel to do that? *God Bless. Fr Pat.*

COME AND JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVERS TEAM!

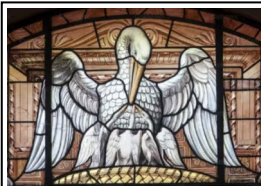


Our Altar Servers are a really essential part of our Masses. Have you recently made your First Holy Communion? If so **you** can become an Altar Server. Have you recently been confirmed? Why not become an Altar Server and become a part of our Parish life? In fact, any of you, after making your First Holy Communion, can become an Altar Server. Becoming an Altar Server is open to **both** boys and girls, 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. *Parish contact no. 01993 702661*

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!!



THE PELICAN AND CATHOLICISM

When you think of Christian symbols, images like the cross, the lamb or the dove may come to mind. But did you know that the humble pelican has also been a powerful reminder of Christ for centuries?

Rooted in ancient traditions, this remarkable bird represents sacrifice, redemption and the Eucharist, making it one of Christianity's most meaningful yet lesser-known symbols. The origins of this symbolism trace back to the *Physiologus*, a 2nd-century Christian text from Alexandria. According to legend, in times of famine, a mother pelican would strike her breast to feed her starving chicks with her own blood, sacrificing herself to give them life. Early Christians saw a clear parallel to Christ's Passion: just as the pelican gives her blood to save her children, Christ pours out His blood on the Cross and in the Eucharist to redeem all people. The legend may have originated from natural observation: pelicans press their large bills against their chests to empty their pouches, creating the impression of piercing their own flesh. Though we now know this behaviour isn't self-wounding, the symbolism remains profound. To this day, depictions of pelicans in Christian churches - whether carved into altars, etched into crucifixes or perched above tabernacles - invite the faithful to reflect on Christ's life-giving sacrifice.

Next time you see a pelican, whether in nature or art, remember its extraordinary significance: a timeless reminder of Christ's boundless love, His Passion and the gift of new life offered through His Body and Blood!

MUSIC GROUP NEWS



Due to various commitments there will be no Music Group in August. We will next lead the music in Mass 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 would encourage anyone to come and join us. And if you play an instrument we would love you to come and play with us too. We wish you all a lovely Summer.

NO LUNCH CLUB IN AUGUST



It has been lovely to welcome so many of you to our monthly Lunch Clubs. We are going to have a break in August, so the next one will be in **September**. More details to follow later.

TUESDAY TODDLER

Toddler Time is now closed for the summer. We will return in **September**.



200 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY

Many congratulations to the winners!

Eventually we are hoping to pay the winners by direct bank payment instead of the cheques we use at present. The 21st Century gets everywhere!