

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 Sheila Lupta (Mother of Helen Holt-Davies) 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 29/30 AUGUST 2026 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 29 6.30pm Duncan Clark

Sun 30 8.30am Demi Amusu

Sun 30 10.00am Michelle Rose, Anne Tester

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 29 6.30pm (C) Colin Murphy, Jane Cugnet, Louise Barr

MINISTERS: Sun 30 8.30am (C) Christina Morris, Barry Canning, Paul Bennett

Sun 30 10.00am (C) Janina Kalinowska, Margaret Hamm, Maureen Banks

FLOWERS: Sat 29 Fiona **COUNTERS:** Sun 30 Louise Barr & Ellen O'Hare

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

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 30 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

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

First reading

Isaiah 22:15, 19-23

Responsorial Psalm Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3.
6, 8bc. (R) 8bc

(R) O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. (R)

2. I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R)

3. The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. (R)

Second reading

Romans 11:33-36

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 16:13-20

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord;
you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

2nd Collection for
St. Patrick' Missionary Society

Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Hugh
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SUNDAY 23rd–30th AUGUST 2026 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MON 24 Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
NO MASS

TUE 25 **MASS 6.00pm** Jorgen Lqvbakke.

WED 26 Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest, Religious
MASS 9.30am Celebrant's Intention

THU 27 Memorial of St Monica
MASS 6.00pm People of the Parish
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 28 Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
MASS 9.30am Fr Pat Armstrong B.I.

SAT 29 Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr
EXPOSITION 10am - 11am
MASS 6.30pm Laura & Karl Busby S.I.

SUN 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
MASS 8.30am Laurie Burns R.I.P.
MASS 10.00am David Sole 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 by phone or email



GOSPEL REFLECTION - 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

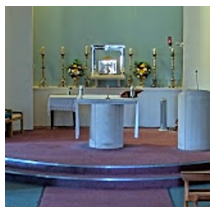
Today's Gospel sees Jesus appointing Peter as head of His church on earth. On the surface of it this seems a strange choice. Peter has already shown a weakness in faith by sinking when he started walking on water. Immediately after this Gospel event he tries to stop Jesus going to Jerusalem to complete his Father's will. Finally, Peter actually denies that he has ever known Jesus at a time when Jesus truly needed a friend, just to save his own skin. Yet, Jesus still called him and he fulfilled the role the Lord gave him in the end. Sometimes, when we look at what is going on in the church or perhaps even in our own lives, we can wonder what the Lord is doing. We may feel confused about why He allows certain things to happen. I often find myself trying to understand what God is doing. Yet, as the Lord says in one of the psalms "my ways are not your ways, my thoughts are not your thoughts". At any one-time God sees the whole picture, we see only a tiny part. Also, even that tiny part can be coloured by our own fears and prejudices. We must trust that God knows what he is doing, even if it seems crazy. This can be reassuring. Peter was a good man and, because of his shortcomings, I believe, would not have ever thought of becoming the leader of the church. Clearly the Lord knew better and knew something he didn't. Who knows what the Lord sees we can do and who we really are? That is why we must never lose hope either in God or ourselves. *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** 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. *Parish contact no. 01993 702661*



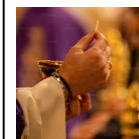
ARE YOU NEW TO OUR LADY AND ST. HUGH?

Here at Our Lady and St Hugh we are incredibly fortunate to have new members adding to our numbers frequently. A new member of the Parish asked if there were any forms that they could use to let us know who they were and any Parish activities there may be for them to get involved with or they would like to see in our church. Consequently there are now forms in the church porch for anyone who hasn't registered with us and would like to.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

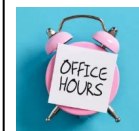
Following on from the Archbishop's Visitation we had this year as part of the Visitation process that began last year, there will be a meeting with Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop Walker on **October 6th 2026**. Further details will follow.



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 October. For those attending school, enquiry forms are available from the school. Please could all forms be returned to Fr Pat. 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.**

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.

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CHURCH BBQ

A huge 'thankyou' to all those who were involved in organising the Parish BBQ last Sunday. It was very successful and it was so lovely to see so many of you there. Thank you to everyone who brought food and drink and to all who helped the event run so smoothly.



UPCOMING SCHOOL UNIFORM GIVEAWAY BY APOLLOS CLOTHING

Apollos Clothing are holding their school uniform giveaway **this coming week**. Sessions on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th** are for families specifically referred to Apollos. Sessions on **Thursday 27th and Friday 28th** are free to anyone from families. Any questions please e mail Rachel Miller: ctiwsecretary3@gmail.com