

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 5TH & 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 05 6.30pm Brian Viles

Sun 06 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 06 10.00am Lucinda Johnson, Margaret Hamm

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 05 6.30pm (C) Rita Aston, Jane Cugnet, Carmen Bennett

MINISTERS: Sun 06 8.30am (C) Barbara Chodkiewicz, Funmi Amusu, Akin Amusu

Sun 06 10.00am (C) Chris Banks, Carlton Rose, Anthony Brown

FLOWERS: Sat 05 Theresa **COUNTERS:** Sun 06 Vanessa and Daryl Wilkins

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Leader: Caterina **Helper:** Maria

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 06 Sheila **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 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

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

First reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm Ps 63(62):2,3-4, 5-6, 8-9,
(R) 2b

(R) *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God*

10 God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

2. I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. (R)

3. I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. (U7R)

4. For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me. (R)

Second reading

Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,
so that we may know the hope
to which he has called us.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-27

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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SUNDAY 30th AUGUST– 6th SEPTEMBER 2026 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 **MASS 8.30am** Laurie Burns R.I.P.

MASS 10.00am David Sole R.I.P.

MON 31 **NO MASS**

TUE 01 **MASS 6.00pm** People of the Parish

WED 02 **MASS 9.30am** Celebrant's Intention

THU 03 Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

MASS 6.00pm People of the Parish

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 04 Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

MASS 9.30am Celebrant's Intention

SAT 05 St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)
EXPOSITION 10am–11am

MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS 8.30am Paul Fowler R.I.P.

MASS 10.00am Jorgen Løvbakke 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 - 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Jesus, in today's Gospel, very strongly rebukes Peter, effectively accusing him of being Satan. Peter has just declared Him as the chosen one of God, the successor to king David. Surely, therefore, Jesus should become the King of Israel. He should lead His people to victory and

make them a great nation again. I feel that perhaps the strong response of Jesus to Peter is because Peter has verbally expressed a temptation he was feeling.

One of the temptations in the desert that Satan offered Jesus was for Him to use His gifts as Messiah in terms of power. He offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world only He must worship Satan. Why go to Jerusalem to suffer horribly and die in agony when He can use His position as King of Israel to have worldly power and lead the people to God that way. No wonder Jesus called Peter, Satan. If the Lord followed this path, he could avoid suffering. Surely it makes sense.

For me this is one of the great challenges of following the Lord. What seems sensible, what seems to make sense is not necessarily what the Lord is asking of me. Jesus chose to go to Jerusalem and suffer because He loved us and His Father. By doing so He remained loyal to who He really was and found victory in His Resurrection. In order to stay loyal to God I may have to take hard decisions in my life which seem irrational. However, I must remember that the Lord will be with me, always supporting me and I will be the person that He wants me to be. Therefore, no matter what may seem to be the case I will find true peace. 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

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.



ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL

On **11th September** there will be another attempt to **introduce the Assisted Suicide Bill to Parliament**. This bill is effectively the same as the previous one, which gives no actual protection to vulnerable groups. Also, in all those countries where assisted suicide has been introduced, it has been abused, often overriding the wishes of the family and their loved one. Once the principle of medical professionals using their expertise to help to take the life of another person is accepted, a line has been crossed. Once the line has been crossed there is no return.

Flyers will be handed out following Mass. Please take one and send to our MP Charlie Maynard at the House of Commons, which is printed is on the reverse of the flyer, and **take a stand with millions of others who do not support this bill**.

Welcome to
Children's Liturgy



PLEASE HELP GROW OUR CHILDREN'S FAITH

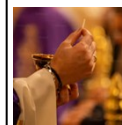
Dear Parents and Parish members, **we urgently need volunteers for our Children's Liturgy**. The group of children is growing rapidly but only a few volunteers remain.

No experience or preparation required just a willing heart and a little of your time.

All materials are prepared for you, including a short gospel reading and colouring sheets.

Plenty of support will be provided. If you can help, please contact **Father Pat**. Thank you.

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.**



LUNCH CLUB IN SEPTEMBER

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.