

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 15/16 AUGUST 2026 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

READERS: Sat 15 6.30pm Philip Ogden

Sun 16 8.30am Angela Dryden

Sun 16 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Chris Banks

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 15 6.30pm (C) Louise Barr, Colin Murphy, Jane Cugnet

MINISTERS: Sun 16 8.30am (C) Paul Bennet, Akin Amusu, Jacques Honore

Sun 16 10.00am (C) Michelle Rose, Margaret Hamm, Carlton Rose

FLOWERS: Sat 15 Denise **COUNTERS:** Sun 16 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

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

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 16 Liz/Linda **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 73: 20, 19, 22, 23
Look to your covenant, O Lord
and forget not the life of your poor ones
for ever.

Arise, o God, and defend your cause, and
forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First reading 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85(84):9ab, 10.11-12.
13-14. (R) 8

(R) Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
he speaks of peace for his people and his faithful.
His salvation is near for those who fear him,
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R)

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have kissed.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
and justice look down from heaven. (R)

3. The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.
Righteousness will march before him,
and guide his steps on the way. (R)

Second reading Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 130(129):5

Alleluia, alleluia.
I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 14:22-33

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 6:51

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat..

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SUNDAY 9-16 AUGUST 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A

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

SUN 09 **MASS 8.30am** Alice Cecilia Capella R.I.P.
MASS 10.00am Margaret Fogarty R.I.P.
No Children's Liturgy in August

MON 10 **NO MASS**

TUE 11 Memorial of St Clare, Virgin
MASS 6.00pm Andy Pledge R.I.P.

WED 12 **MASS 9.30am** Dr Marie Rowlands R.I.P.

THU 13 **MASS 6.00pm** Mr M E Connelly R.I.P.
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 14 Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe,
Priest, Martyr
MASS 9.30am Celebrant's Intention

SAT 15 **EXPOSITION 10am-11am**
MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish

SUN 16 **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
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)**

CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Confessions are on Saturdays at
10.30am-11am & 5.30pm-6pm

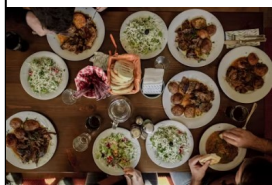
If you would like to see Fr Pat for Confession
or any other reason, please do not hesitate to
make an appointment either by phone or email.





GOSPEL REFLECTION - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Peter, walking on the water, was safe as long as he kept his gaze fixed on Jesus. However, as soon as he became aware of the situation that he was actually in, that was walking on the water on a stormy night, he began to sink. He had become distracted by what was happening to him. He began to sink even though Jesus was there. His focus was no longer on Jesus. Yet, when Peter first got out of the boat he was actually walking on the water. His mistake was that he hesitated. How often do we find doubt challenging our faith in Jesus, we can become distracted by a sense of unworthiness, sinfulness or fear of being overwhelmed by a situation we find ourselves in, even though we know Jesus is there. Never, must we take our eyes off Jesus, even if what is being asked of us seems impossible. After all, so is walking on water. *God Bless. Fr Pat*



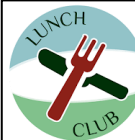
PARISH BBQ AND COME AND SHARE

Our Parish BBQ and Come and Share Get Together is on **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.



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*



LUNCH CLUB IN SEPTEMBER - A DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

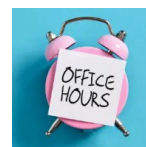
Please join us in the Parish Room for our Lunch Club on **Tuesday, 1st September from 12.30 to 2.00pm.** The cost of the two course meal followed by tea or coffee will be £5, and all are welcome. We look forward to seeing you..



200 CLUB WINNERS FOR JULY

Congratulations to July's 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!



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



THE POPE'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

Pope's August prayer intention: 'for evangelization in the city'

Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of August, and invites Catholics to pray 'for evangelization in the city,' so that the Lord may accompany the millions who seek meaning amid noise and haste.

Pope Leo XIV has urged Catholics across the globe to join him this August in praying for evangelization in the city.

He released the monthly "Pray with the Pope" video on Friday, which is prepared by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. In his prayer, Pope Leo asks the "Good Shepherd" who "walks through our streets and squares," to "enter tall buildings and humble neighbourhoods," and to "silently accompany millions" of people who "seek meaning amid noise and haste."

The Chicago-born Pope acknowledges that while cities are meant to be places of "freedom and opportunity," they can also become "spaces of anonymity and isolation."

Thus, he expressed his hope that urban environments may provide "fertile ground" for proclaiming the Gospel.