

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. 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 19th/20th SEPTEMBER 2026 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 19 6.30pm Liz Beaton

Sun 20 8.30am Demi Amusu

Sun 20 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Michelle Rose

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 19 6.30pm (C) Jane Cugnet, Louise Barr, Colin Murphy

MINISTERS: Sun 20 8.30am (C) Akin Amusu, Barbara Chodkiewicz, Funmi Amusu

Sun 20 10.00am (C) Margaret Hamm, Maureen Banks, Chris Banks

FLOWERS: Sat 19 Maureen **COUNTERS:** Sun 20 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Leader: Denise Helper: Teena

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 20 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 **Thursday 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. Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.

Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your
people Israel.

First reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4.

9-10. 11-12. (R)8

(R) The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. (R)

2. It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. (R)

3. He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. (R)

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our
transgressions. (R)

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the
Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved
you Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the
shadow of your wings.

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SUNDAY 13th - 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 12 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm Joan Wisby R.I.P. Wed Ann

SUN 13 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS 8.30am People of the Parish

MASS 10.00am Alan Cousins R.I.P.

YOUTH GROUP 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.

NEW YOUNG ADULTS GROUP 6.30pm

See inside for details

MON 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

NO MASS

TUE 15 Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

MASS 6.00pm Felix McAllister R.I.P.

Ann.

**WED 16 Memorial of Ss Cornelius, Pope, and
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**

MASS 9.30am Celebrant's Intention

THU 17 MASS 6.00pm Martin Kirk R.I.P.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 18 MASS 9.30am Mary Jenkins R.I.P.

SAT 19 EXPOSITION 10am-11am

MASS 6.30pm Anne & Ivor Pimm R.I.P.

B'day & 76th Wed. Ann.

SUN 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS 8.30am Martin Kirk R.I.P.

MASS 10.00am People of the Parish

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 - 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

If we converted the figures in today's Gospel to present day values, the servant would owe the king something like seventy million pounds. I always thought that was absurd. However, that is the point. It is. When I sin against God, the "value" of the sin is irrelevant. I can never pay back the debt I owe Him. It is God Himself I have sinned against. The only way I can be free of my debt is for God to unconditionally forgive me. He did, by asking His only Son to shed His blood on the cross. So, who am I to refuse to forgive a person who has wronged me, even repeatedly. It might take time, especially if they have hurt me. Nonetheless, I must truly desire to forgive that person, with the help of God's grace. Otherwise, it is not that God will not forgive me. That will never happen. He simply cannot because I am blocking His grace. I will never be free. *God bless. Fr Pat*



YOUTH GROUP IS BACK!

As Youth Leaders, we warmly welcome everyone back after a **delightful summer break!** We're excited to see you all again and continue our monthly gatherings on the **second Sunday of every month.** Our first session will be on **Sunday, 13th September, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.** Our gatherings are a wonderful opportunity for children to **grow in their faith, make friends, and have fun together.** We're delighted to see such great participation and enthusiasm from everyone. All children are very welcome, and we encourage them to **bring along friends** who may be interested. ***Please continue to keep us and our leaders in your prayers.*** We look forward to seeing you all and sharing another **joyful and faith-filled year together!** For any questions, please contact **Michelle via message on 07484880109.**

ARE YOU AGED 18-30. A NEW YOUNG ADULTS GROUP IS BEGINNING

We are delighted to announce the launch of our **new Young Adults Group** for anyone aged **18–30.** This is a welcoming and supportive space where young adults can come together to **deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in their faith.** Our gatherings will include **Bible study, prayer, praise and worship, faith discussions, and opportunities to explore and ask questions about our faith.**

We will meet every Second Sunday at 6:30pm with Our first session on Sunday, 13th September. We would love for you to join us! Please feel free to **bring along your friends or anyone who may be interested, everyone is warmly welcome.** Please keep this new group in your prayers, that it may **grow, flourish, and bring more people closer to Christ.**



KNIT AND NATTER FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 17th September, from 1.30pm-3.30pm** in the Parish Hall. Everyone is very welcome. Bring your knitting or stitch or other small craft project, or try your hand at one of our jigsaws. Come and enjoy a cuppa and good company, we look forward to seeing you. ***Scan the QR code for more details***



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows whose feast day is on the **15th September.**

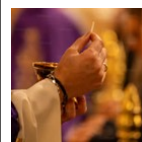
Here is a daily prayer for September -

O most sorrowful mother Mary, Your heart was pierced with a sword of sorrow, Yet it remained always faithful, always loving, always united with your Son.

Teach me to accept my own sufferings, To unite my pains with yours and with Jesus and to trust that even in darkness, God is working. Holy Mother of Sorrows, pray for us.

Amen. (@SrRachaelDSH)

The **Seven Sorrows of Mary** are seven moments of profound suffering in the life of the Virgin Mary, traditionally listed as Simeon's prophecy, the flight into Egypt, the loss of Jesus in the Temple, meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary, the Crucifixion, receiving Jesus' body, and His burial.



RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

ALL children who will be entering year 3 or above **including those at Our Lady of Lourdes school** are now ready to commence the lessons for these two important Sacraments. Fr Pat has the enquiry forms which must be completed by **Sunday 20th September at the 10.00am Mass** and handed in to Margaret Hamm. For those attending the school, enquiry forms are available from the school. There will be more details to follow. ***N.B. 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.***

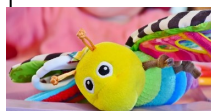
Welcome to
Children's Liturgy



PLEASE HELP GROW OUR CHILDREN'S FAITH

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.

TUESDAY TODDLER TIME 10.00am till 11.30am



Hello, we are trying to restart Toddler Time in the Parish Hall but **need one person** to help another adult set up **9.30am till 10am.** Could you help ?



THE 200 CLUB - THE WINNERS FOR AUGUST
Congratulations to the lucky winners!