

**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 3rd/4th OCTOBER 2026 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**READERS:** Sat 03 6.30pm Nicola Carter

Sun 04 8.30am Christina Morris

Sun 04 10.00am Duncan Enright, Catherine Wilson

**EUCCHARISTIC** Sat 03 6.30pm (C) T.B.A.

**MINISTERS:** Sun 04 8.30am (C) T.B.A.

Sun 04 10.00am (C) T.B.A.

**FLOWERS:** Sat 03 Theresa **COUNTERS:** Sun 04 Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** (during 10.00am Mass) : **Leader:** Teena **Helper:** Denise

**TEA & COFFEE:** Sun 04 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 **Thursday evening at the latest**. All notices should be sent by **email** to: [olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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** Dn 3 31, 29, 30, 43, 42  
All that you have done to us, O Lord,  
you have done with true judgement,  
for we have sinned against you  
and not obeyed your commandments.  
But give glory to your name and deal with us  
according to the bounty of your mercy.

**First reading** Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9

(R) 6a

(R) *Remember your compassion, O Lord.*

1. O Lord, make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are the God of my salvation.

(R)

2. Remember your compassion, O Lord,  
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth,  
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord.

(R)

3. Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way.

(R)

**Second reading** Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel Acclamation** John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,  
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 21:28-32

**Communion Antiphon** Cf Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant,  
O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**2nd Collection is for  
Home Missions**

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### SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER-4th OCTOBER 2026 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SAT 26 EXPOSITION 10am-11am**

**MASS 6.30pm** Celebrant's Intention

**SUN 27 MASS 8.30am** Mary Jenkins R.I.P.

**MASS 10.00am** People of the Parish

**MON 28 NO MASS**

**TUE 29 Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael,**  
**Archangels**

**EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm.**

**WED 30 Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of**  
**the Church**

**NO MASS**

**THU 01 Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child**  
**Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

**EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm.**

**ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm**

**FRI 02 Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**

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### CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Due to Fr. Pat being away, there will be **NO**  
**CONFESSIONS** until 10<sup>th</sup> October 2026

If you wish to make an appointment to see Fr Pat  
please ring the office or email.



## GOSPEL REFLECTION - 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

One of the fascinating aspects for me of the Gospels is how much can be said in subtle ways. Today's Gospel is an example. The first son, in answering his father, is quite blunt in his reply. The second son is polite, addressing his father as "Sir." Would we not expect the polite, considerate son to obey his father? The other bluff-spoken son not obeying his father would come as no surprise. We so often judge by what we see and hear. A person can give the impression of being very holy in appearance and practice but, in fact, not be doing God's will at all. This is the case of the Pharisees. Another person can appear and even be rejecting God's love in how they live but end up turning to Him eventually. This is the case of the tax collectors and prostitutes that Jesus reaches out to. It is not enough to create the impression of being a strong follower of the Lord to other people by my politeness and enthusiasm. Am I truly trying to follow God in all aspects of my life? In the end it is that which will truly please my Father. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

### **STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME**

#### HOME MISSION SUNDAY

On **Sunday 20 September**, we will celebrate **Home Mission Sunday**, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website: [Home Mission Sunday - Catholic Bishops' Conference](#).



#### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

##### **Harvest Family Fast Day will be on Friday 2 October 2026.**

This Family Fast Day, we are sharing a story of our work from northern Zimbabwe. Drought left communities facing severe food and water shortages. Twelve-year-old Tayla told us she arrived at school hungry and tired after fetching water for her family. She struggled to concentrate and feared she would fall behind in her studies. But thanks to the generosity of parishes like yours, our local Caritas partners worked with Tayla's school and community to build a solar-powered water system. The school has safe water for drinking and for growing vegetables, meaning they can provide nutritious meals to the children all year round, helping them to stay in education and develop their God-given talents.



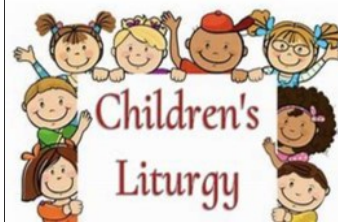
#### ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Rosary Prayer Group meet on Thursday evenings following the 6pm Mass. We include prayers for peace in the world, for the Pope's Intentions, for our priests, for our sick and recently deceased and for our own intentions. Everyone is welcome, especially if praying the Rosary is a new experience for you.



#### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

October: For the mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



#### 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 are interested but not sure what this involves, **please contact Father Pat.** Thank you.

#### LUNCH CLUB IN OCTOBER



Please join us in the Parish Room for our Lunch Club on **Tuesday, 6 October** 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.

#### A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

**World Mission Sunday is on the 18th October this year.** This is the one



Sunday in the Church's year when the Mass is celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. It is one of only three Papal collections and has been especially chosen by the Holy Father to support the mission of the Church in the world.

We are in need of any unwanted presents, gifts or any item that you don't want anymore, for our White Elephant stall which will be in the church porch during all three masses over this special weekend. We are also thinking of doing a raffle this year so once again any donations would be extremely welcome. Also, any homemade cakes or goodies always goes down well and would be much appreciated. Donations can be made on line [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk) or If you prefer to donate over the phone, **please call 020 7821 9755** during office hours. Thank you all for your generosity and support. Jennie Dolphin your local Missio Secretary. [Jenniedolphin3.5@btinternet.com](mailto:Jenniedolphin3.5@btinternet.com)

#### THE 200 CLUB DRAW THIS WEEKEND

The draw for September will take place following the 10.00am Mass. Please see Chris before this Sunday's draw or call him please to join the club. This fun club is really worth joining as not only do you have a good chance at scooping up a decent cash prize (and these days, to quote a very used phrase, 'every little helps') but you'll be helping the church too. So have a word with Chris who'll be delighted to explain everything to you.

