

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

First reading Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8.

9-10a, c. (R)7b

(R) Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**
- 2 For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R)**
3. Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R)**
4. Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness **(R)**

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine as lights in the world,
holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-21

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

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SUNDAY 18th- 25th OCTOBER 2026

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- SAT 17 EXPOSITION 10am–11am**
MASS 6.30pm *Geaney Bell Family RIP*
- SUN 18 WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**
MASS 8.30am *Joan & Paul Fowler RIP*
MASS 10.00am *Maggie Brown RIP B'day*
- MON 19 NO MASS**
- TUE 20 MASS 6.00pm** *Celebrant's Intention*
- WED 21 MASS 9.30am** *People of the Parish*
- THU 22 MASS 6.00pm. Celebrant's Intention**
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm
- FRI 23 MASS 9.30am** *Joan Wisby RIP Birthday*
- SAT 24 EXPOSITION 10am–11am**
MASS 6.30pm *Palestrant Irek RIP*
- SUN 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
MASS 8.30am *Celebrant's Intention*
MASS 10.00am *People of the Parish*



Second collection
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

CONFESSIONS & APPOINTMENTS

Confessions are **Saturday 10.30am-11.00am**
& **5.30pm-6.00pm**. If you wish to make an
appointment to see Fr. Pat, please ring the
office or email



GOSPEL REFLECTION 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Many people see today's Gospel as Jesus making a comment on the relationship between politics and religion. However, I see it differently. In Jesus' time the image of the ruler's face on a coin showed his authority to rule. When he became ruler or conquered somewhere, he would immediately issue a coin with an image with his face on it, effectively saying, "I now rule you." It was seen that the coin actually belonged to him. That is why Jesus says, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar." What then is the image of God? What belongs to Him? We do. "God created humanity in His own image." If we belong to Him what does He ask of us? It is to turn to Jesus and follow Him.

This incident happened not long before His Passion when Jesus suffers and dies for our salvation. We are reconciled to God through Jesus's death and resurrection. The image of God printed on our soul has been restored after being blemished through the Fall and our own sins. We belong to the Lord. That is why we must never give up trying to follow Him even when it may seem pointless at times. The Lord is with us, we are His. He will lead us to fulfillment. He will not let us go. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER



Today, all parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for working mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. **The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in Mission'** to celebrate **100 years of World Mission Sunday** and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, or call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible. **Thank you all for your generosity and support.**



CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Dear Parishioners

We are aiming to improve and expand the range of resources and activities we do in the children's liturgy sessions. We're hoping to make the sessions meaningful and engaging for the range of ages and abilities of all the children.

Therefore, we are asking for donations. Anything you may not use, or you simply wish to give; anything craft or stationary related (pens, pencils, beads, tissue paper, paint, playdough, wool, stickers, cardboard, glue, tape, etc. the list goes on...) Anything you can give, would be greatly appreciated. **There will be a box on the porch for donations.**



NEW - MONTHLY EVENING PRAYER

We are starting a monthly gathering of the Cluster of Churches which are Witney, Carterton, Charlbury and Kidlington for Adoration, Evening Prayer, Benediction and a cup of tea and chat afterwards. We are starting this on the First Sunday of the Month to make it easy to remember and **is starting November 1st in Witney at 5pm**. The dark nights are closing in but this will be a wonderful time to take out of our busy lives to come to focus on the Light of Christ.



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY DECEMBER 20th at 6PM

My apologies for raising the subject of Christmas so early but I hope you'll bear with me. You may remember our Christmas Get-togethers from the last 2 years, which were so enjoyable. This year, there will of course be carols and singing as part of our get-together and I'm hoping that there will be volunteers, adults of any age and young people (*from Year 5 upwards*) who will learn a few lines so that we can put together a short presentation called "The 8 Lost Gifts." Each of the 8 *gifts* (*played by either an adult or young person*) are a part of Christmas, which the main character (*called the Seeker*) feels are lost in the world today. The ending is when every lost gift finds its true home.

May I say a huge 'thankyou' to those of our congregation who 'volunteered' last week to join in with this new venture. Except for The Seeker, the other roles have only a few lines to say. If learning lines isn't really your scene, please be part of the stage crew to change the props for each scene, so it all flows. **Everyone's offer to be part of this, in whatever capacity, is truly appreciated.** If you would like to know more, *without commitment*, please email me: ruthbai@outlook.com. I hope I see or hear from you soon. Ruth



LUNCH CLUB IN NOVEMBER

Please join us for our next Lunch Club, which will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 3rd November from 12:30 to 2:00pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and make new ones over a two-course lunch, followed by tea or coffee. The cost is £5, and all are welcome.

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 24/25 OCTOBER 2026 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: Sat 24 6.30pm Philip Ogden
Sun 25 8.30am Christina Morris
Sun 25 10.00am Constance Mkwanda, Chris Banks

EUCCHARISTIC Sat 24 6.30pm Bernadette Collins, Carmen Bennett

MINISTERS: Sun 25 8.30am Barry Canning, Paul Bennett
Sun 25 10.00am Chris Banks, Denise Williams

FLOWERS: Sat 24 Fiona **COUNTERS:** Sun 25 Philip Ogden & Jennie Dolphin

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (during 10.00am Mass) Sun 25 : **Leader:** Caterina **Helper:** Maria

TEA & COFFEE: Sun 25 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](tel:01212306240)/safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk** if you have any concerns."

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU

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