Entrance Antiphon **Jer 29: 11, 12, 14**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place

First reading **Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5.**
(R) **1a**

(R) **Blessed are all who fear the Lord.**

1. Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. ***(R)***

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. ***(R)***

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! ***(R)***

Second reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

Gospel Acclamation **John 15:4a, 5b**

Alleluia, alleluia.
Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 25:14-30**

Communion Antiphon **Ps 72: 28**

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

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SUNDAY 15th – 22nd NOVEMBER. 2026
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SAT 14 EXPOSITION 10am–11am
MASS 6.30pm *Jane Parkinson RIP 1st Ann*

SUN 15 MASS 8.30am *All Souls on Dec 'd List RIP*
MASS 10.00am *Deceased relatives & friends of the Ogden Family RIP*

MON 16 NO MASS

TUE 17 MASS 6.00pm *People of the Parish*

WED 18 MASS 9.30am *Margaret Pimm Bl*

THU 19 MASS 6.00pm. *Celebrant's Intention*
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 20 MASS 9.30am *Ted Legassick RIP*

SAT 21 Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
EXPOSITION 10am–11am
MASS 6.30pm *Bill & Alice Witt RIP Ann*

SUN 22 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
MASS 8.30am *Christopher Flynn RIP*
MASS 10.00am *Sheila Harris Bl*

GOSPEL REFLECTION 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Todays Gospel is often understood as Jesus explaining how we must use the talents we have been given. However, I feel there is another way of seeing this parable. The clue is in the first reading when the wife is described as wise. In the Hebrew scriptures one of the most important aspects of wisdom is the fear of God. However, not the craven fear of someone who can harm us but understood as awe and respect. This is the opposite of craven fear. It is the recognition of Gods wisdom and His love for us.

The man who received the ten talents and the man who received the five talents had that sort of fear. It made them use their talents and move forward knowing that, so long as they had done their best, if they made mistakes God would be there for them. They did not need to fear Him. The man with the one talent had the timid fearfulness of God. As he says: "I was afraid." He stayed where he was afraid to move forward. His fear prevented him from growing. What is my fear of God? Am I like the first two men prepared to grow spiritually and let God use me, following His will? Or am I like the third man. My fear of God actually prevents me from growing spiritually and actually hinders my relationship with Him. In other words, how do I see God?

God Bless. Fr Pat

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

On **Sunday 15th November at 3.00pm** please meet at Oxford Hill Cemetery for the Grave Blessings

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Unfortunately, at present, the 40 hour Eucharistic Adoration from **Friday 20th – Sunday 22nd November** has had to be **cancelled**. We are very thankful to those of you who signed up to be in attendance for the Adoration. We are looking to have a Eucharistic Adoration at another time when we can come together for a time of grace and blessing for our families and our parish.



CELIA CASSIDY R.I.P.

The Funeral Service for Celia will be on **Friday 20th November 2026 at 12.00 noon**, here at Our Lady & St. Hugh. The committal will be at North Oxford Crematorium at **1.00pm**. The family will be appreciative of your support.



ADVENT RETREAT DAY

As usual St Joseph's in Carterton are holding an Advent Retreat Day. This year it will be on **Saturday November 28th starting with Mass at 10am**. It will be led by Fr Martin Flatman and is entitled "The glory of imperfect prayer". As usual the day will incorporate a couple of talks and a soup lunch. A donation of £10 a head to cover costs would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB IN DECEMBER

The Lunch Club, which will be held in the Parish Room on **Tuesday, 1st December from 12:30 to 2:00pm**. Please join us to enjoy a 2 course Christmas lunch, followed by tea or coffee, at a cost of £5. It's a great opportunity to celebrate the start of the festive season with friends old and new. Everyone is welcome

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY DECEMBER 20th at 6PM

Many, many thanks to all of you who have volunteered *(or in some cases were gently persuaded!)* to take part in our Christmas Presentation. I am very grateful to you all. *Ruth B*

IT'S RAFFLE TIME AGAIN



As you know every year we have a raffle to which you always contribute by either buying tickets, selling tickets, providing prizes or all three! **The tickets have arrived** and the top 3 prizes are 1st prize, a weekend in Swanage, 2nd prize is a large hamper and 3rd prize is £75 plus many more prizes. Each ticket is £1. Will you please pop your ticket stubs plus monies in the envelope provided and then post them through the Presbytery inner door. With many thanks in advance.

NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE

If you have anything you think the church may like i.e. books/religious artifacts/furniture, could you please speak to Fr Pat or the office rather than just bringing it in and leaving it somewhere for us to find. It can make a trip hazard, a fire hazard or just makes the church look very untidy. If it is not something we need, we have to arrange for it to be taken away which means it is another job for us to do in a very busy office. Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation.

LOST AND FOUND

Have you lost something in the Church car park **after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday the 7th of November**? If so it's possible we have it, so please contact Fr Pat or the office if you think it's yours and hopefully we can reunite you with your belongings.

SANITARY BIN IN GENTLEMAN'S TOILET

Supporting the physical and mental health of all people is central to creating a respectful environment. We have introduced a sanitary bin in the men's cubicle of the Narthex.
It's not a legal requirement, but there's a growing recognition- across many arenas and even in Parliament- of the need for proper disposal facilities in male toilets. Health issues such as incontinence or Stoma care can affect anyone, and without suitable options, there's often no discreet or hygienic way to manage them. It's a small change, and one that might go unnoticed by many, but for those who need it, it matters. It's about making sure everyone has the facilities to manage their health with dignity, without feeling awkward or overlooked.

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 John Molyneux and Celia Cassidy.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 21/22 NOVEMBER 2026 CHRIST THE KING

READERS: **Sat 21 6.30pm** Duncan Clark
Sun 22 8.30am Demi Amusu
Sun 22 10.00am Cohen Tester, Anne Tester

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: **Sat 21 6.30pm** Rita Aston, Bernadette Collins
Sun 22 8.30am Paul Bennett, Christina Morris
Sun 22 10.00am Denise Williams, Michelle Rose

FLOWERS: **Sat 21** Fiona **COUNTERS:** **Sun 22** Philip Ogden and Jennie Dolphin
CHILDREN'S LITURGY *(during 10.00am Mass)* **Sun 22 : Leader:** Teena **Helper:** Laura
TEA & COFFEE: **Sun 22** Maria **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

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