Entrance Antiphon **Rv 5: 12:1: 6**

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour.
To him belong glory, and power for ever and ever.

First reading **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6**

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***(R)* The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ***(R)***

2. Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. ***(R)***

3.You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***(R)***

4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ***(R)***

Second reading **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28**

Gospel Acclamation **Mark 11:9, 10**

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading **Matthew 25:31-46**

Communion Antiphon **Ps 28:10-11**

The Lord sits as King for ever.
The Lord will bless his people with peace

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SUNDAY 22nd – 29th NOVEMBER. 2026
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

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

SUN 22 MASS 8.30am *Christopher Flynn RIP*
MASS 10.00am *Sheila Harris BI*

MON 23 NO MASS

TUE 24 Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm

WED 25 NO MASS

THU 26 EUCHARISTIC SERVICE 6.00pm.
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 27 NO MASS

SAT 28 EXPOSITION 10am–11am
MASS 6.30pm *Lucy Tyler RIP*

SUN 29 1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B
MASS 8.30am *Linda Domingue RIP*
MASS 10.00am *All souls on Sick List*

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 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A

I have heard more than once 'I have not done anything wrong; I am ok.' What had the people who were placed on Jesus' left hand done wrong? Yet, Jesus still condemned them why, because they lacked compassion. I don't believe this Gospel is about helping the poor, the homeless or prisoner as such, although these are good things to do. It is about what sort of person I am. In fact, I can be so busy getting involved in good causes I fail to see the person in front of me trying to reach out to me because they are lonely or ill. Or I could be so busy with other concerns I simply didn't see that person there.

If I had true compassion, the compassion which comes from loving God I would have been aware of that person. The only thing that would matter would be to help them. As Jesus says it doesn't matter how small the good deed is. It is Jesus there. The people condemned were surprised when Jesus condemned them. Perhaps they simply had not noticed Him in their presence when they were alive. He is anybody who needs our help. Maybe they didn't see Him because he was somebody they disliked or had hurt them. If you are truly moved by the compassion of Jesus then no matter who that person is I cannot but help Him.

God Bless. Fr Pat



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.



CHURCH YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are delighted to share that **Our Lady & St Hugh and St Joseph's Youth Group is celebrating its first anniversary!**

Over the past year, we have welcomed around **30 children** to our monthly sessions and successfully organised The **Lenten Service and participated at the Knockout Camping Trip.** We are now preparing for our third event, a special Christmas performance this December.

We are truly grateful for **God's blessings and guidance**, which, together with the dedication and support of our parish communities, have made this first year possible.

As we look ahead, we would greatly appreciate any donations to help us purchase resources and organise future trips for our young people. **A Youth Group donation option is now available on the church's contactless donation machine called 'Church Youth Group' Thank you to Fr Pat and Fr Paul our parishioners, parents and families for your continued prayers and support.** We look forward to another wonderful year of growing together in faith and friendship. **Thank you, and God bless! Youth Group Leaders**

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

The **second collection today** will support the **Kenelm Youth Trust,** the youth service for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Trust provides training, events, pilgrimages, missions and parish support, helping to develop youth ministry and nurture the faith of young people across the Archdiocese. If you are unable to contribute financially, please keep the Trust and the young people across the Archdiocese in your prayers.

SCAN HERE TO DONATE

To find out more about the trust's work and how you can get involved, please visit our website www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk Thankyou for your generosity and prayers



MISSIO RED BOXES

It is the time of year when I am requesting anyone who has a red box, can they please bring them into Church or contact me, **before the 13th December**, so they can be counted ready for Audit. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Missio, to thank you all for your continuous support. If you would like a red box, or you can send direct to Missio via a cheque or direct debit. If you are a taxpayer and would like to Gift Aid, forms can be found on the table in the porch.



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.

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

Our Lady & St Hugh and St Joseph's Youth Group proudly presents "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

This Advent, our young people warmly invite you to a special Christmas performance The Youth Group has been working together to prepare a meaningful celebration as we journey through Advent and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. We don't want to give too much away, as we would love you to come along and experience it for yourselves!

Date: Sunday, 13th December 2026 **Time**: 4:00 pm (please be seated by 3:45 pm)

Venue: St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Arkell Avenue, Carterton, OX18 3BS

Refreshments will be served after the performance.

All parishioners, families and friends are warmly welcome. Your presence and support would mean a great deal to our young people.

Please come along and join us for this special Advent celebration!

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.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 28/29 NOVEMBER 2026 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B

READERS:	**Sat 28 6.30pm**	Philip Ogden
	Sun 29 8.30am	Angela Dryden
	Sun 29 10.00am	Constance Mkwanda, Chris Banks
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	**Sat 28 6.30pm**	Carmen Bennett, Colin Murphy
	Sun 29 8.30am	Jacques Honore, Funmi Amusu
	Sun 29 10.00am	Janina Kalinowska, Margaret Hamm

FLOWERS: **Sat 28** Denise *(take down flowers due to Advent)*

COUNTERS: **Sun 29** Philip Ogden and Jennie Dolphin **TEA & COFFEE:** **Sun 29** Liz/Linda

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *(during 10.00am Mass)***Sun 98 : Leader:** Laura **Helper:** Jyoti

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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