Entrance Antiphon **Cf. Ps 24:1-3**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading **Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1, 3b-8**

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 80(79):2ac, 3b, 15-16. 18-19 *(R)* 4**

(R). Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us. ***(R)***

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. ***(R)***

3. May your hand be on the man at your right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your own.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. ***(R)***

Second reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Gospel Acclamation **Psalm 85(84):8**

Alleluia, alleluia.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia.

Gospel Reading **Mark 13:33-37**

Communion Antiphon **Ps 84: 13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase

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SUNDAY 29th NOV- 6 DEC 2026
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

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

SUN 29 **MASS 8.30am** *Linda Domingue RIP*
MASS 10.00am *All souls on Sick List*

MON 30 **Feast of St Andrew, Apostle**
NO MASS

TUE 01 **Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr**
MASS 6.00pm Marus Duddy Scullion RIP

WED 02 **NO MASS**

THU 03 **Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest**
MASS 6.00pm Pimm family & friends RIP
ROSARY PRAYER GROUP 6.30pm

FRI 04 **MASS 9.30am** *Sheila Harris Bl*

SAT 05 **Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop**
EXPOSITION 10am–11am
MASS 6.30pm *Elizabeth Pickett RIP*

SUN 06 **2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B**
MASS 8.30am *Anne Bee RIP Ann*
MASS 10.00am *People of the Parish*

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: FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B

Today's Gospel reminds me of the virtue of patience. We know that Jesus will come again in glory sometime, we just don't know when. We have to be patient. However, today patience is an attribute that can be really hard to exercise. We are used in our fast-moving world, to get what we want or what we know is coming almost immediately, if not sooner. Even if we have to wait, we still want to know how long we shall be waiting. If we have to wait and we don't know why or for how long we can become fearful, complacent or irritated. This can happen in our spiritual lives. We want certainty and purpose. The Lord says "Stay awake," but for how long? Of course, I could face him any day anyway if I were to die. Nonetheless, if I can see each day as just today, yesterday is over and tomorrow does not yet exist then the day the Lord comes will be today. I don't have to wait. So, stay awake it is only for today. *God Bless. Fr Pat*



WALK WITH ME ADVENT 2026 BOOKLETS



The Walk with Me booklet is used for prayer and scripture journeys, particularly during this season of Advent. It is lovely to use for reflection, allowing us to ponder the scripture reading of the day. The booklet is designed to be simple and accessible, making it suitable for pocket or handbag use. The A4 Children's Calendar is also available for Advent, and is for young people to follow the progress of Advent moving towards Christmas Day. If you are able to contribute £1.50 towards the cost of the booklet or calendar, please do but if you are unable to don't let it prevent you from taking one for your family at this exciting time.



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!



GILLIAN PERKINS R.I.P.

We are devastated to write that our beautiful and precious mum, Gill Perkins, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on **Tuesday 10 November**. Mum was such a special and well-loved lady to so many people.

Please join us on **Monday 14th December at 1:00pm,** to celebrate the life of our mum Gill Perkins. The Funeral Service will be held at Our Lady and Saint Hugh Catholic Church, Witney, followed by a burial at Windrush Cemetery, Oxford Hill, Witney. There is no dress code and flowers are welcomed or, if preferred, a donation to your favourite charity in memory of Gill. All enquiries to: E. Taylor & Son Funeral Directors, 21 Corbett Road, Carterton, Oxon, OX18 3LG. Tel: 01993 842421

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER 20TH DECEMBER AT 6.00PM



It'll soon be time for our annual Get-Together evening here, so please mark **the** date (20th December) and time (6.00pm) on your phones or diaries. This year there will be something special to add to the joy of this time together. There will also be a chance for you to help choose which carols we sing during the evening. And of course refreshments may entice you to come along too. We hope to see you there.

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 are here 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.

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 Gillian Perkins.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 5/6 DECEMBER 2026 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B

READERS: **Sat 05 6.30pm** Brian Viles
Sun 06 8.30am Demi Amusu
Sun 06 10.00am Lucinda Johnson, Catherine Wilson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: **Sat 05 6.30pm** Sue Collins, Vincent Cugnet
Sun 06 8.30am Barbara Chodkiewicz, Akin Amusu
Sun 06 10.00am Maureen Banks, Chris Banks

FLOWERS: **Sat 05** No *flowers due to Advent* **COUNTERS:** **Sun 06** Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins

TEA & COFFEE: **Sun 06** Paddy/Catherine

CHILDREN'S LITURGY *(during 10.00am Mass)* **Sun 06 : Leader:** Caterina **Helper:** Maria

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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