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, and 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 its passing. If you would like a 'paragraph eulogy' included in the bulletin, please contact Father Pat.

ROTAS FOR 27th & 28th APRIL 2024

Readers:	Sat 27	6.30pm Philip Ogden
	Sun 28	8.30am Mass: Angela Dryden
	Sun 28	10.00am Mass: Duncan Enright, Michelle Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 27	6.30pm Mass: © Bernadette Collins, Jane Cugnet, Sue Collins
	Sun 28	8.30 am Mass: © Jacques Honore, Barbara Chodkiewicz , Barry Caning
	Sun 28	10.00am Mass: © Ally Warren, John Davies, Maureen Banks
Flowers:	Sat 27	Maureen Moran
Counters:	Sun 28	Paulose Kochappu and Philip Ogden
Bulletin:	Sat 27	Mary Barton
Photocopying:	Sat 27	Catherine Buxton
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 28	Celia

Please email any new rotas to: lindajpurple@yahoo.co.uk Many thanks.

REFRESHMENTS

Teas and coffees are served on Sundays **after 10 o'clock Mass.** It is not necessary to pay but if you feel you can this will cover expenses. Any money over goes to the parish SVP.

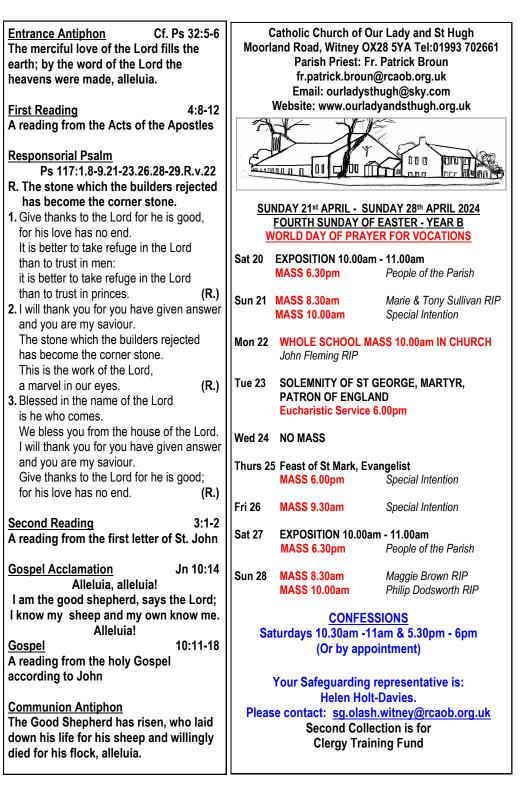
Second Collection <u>next weekend</u> is for Parish Church Maintenance

PLEASE NOTE 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: ourladysthugh@sky.com or given to Father Pat. Thank you.

UPDATED COVID MEASURES 2023

Dear Parishioners, Please sanitise on entering and leaving the church. Please let me know if you have any concerns. email: ourladysthugh@sky.com or telephone 01993 702661. God Bless, Fr Pat



GOSPEL REFLECTION

This Sunday is called Good Shepherd Sunday because we hear Jesus describing Himself as the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. He will do whatever is necessary for the good of His flock. They trust Him completely and recognise His voice when He calls them. We, of course, are the sheep and are called to follow Jesus wherever He leads us. Each of us, however, is called to follow a different path, one that no one else can walk along. It belongs to me alone. That is my vocation. If I try to walk along a different path, in other words try to be somebody I am not called to be, it will ultimately lead to disaster. This can be tempting especially if we meet challenges and disappointments along the way. Yet, Jesus, the Good Shepherd will be there to help us. He will use all our experiences to draw us closer to Him, thus to find our true vocation. That is, to become the person the Lord truly wants us to be. As Psalm 23 says," He guides me along the right path, he is there with his crook and his staff to give me comfort." God Bless. Fr Pat

THANK YOU

First can I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter. Thank you so much for your generous gifts and donations. I do very much appreciate it. A very big thank you to all our groups and individuals in the parish who made the Easter Triduum celebration so special., The Choir and Music group, Flower Team, Altar Servers, Eucharistic ministers, wardens, cleaners, readers, bulletin, welcoming and counting teams. All these teams could do with new volunteers. If you can please consider joining one of them.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Congratulations to our Confirmandi who received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick. On this Vocations Sunday let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them to their true vocation that the Lord has for them.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 should be marked as a year dedicated to prayer. In preparation for the Jubilee, dioceses are invited to promote initiatives to remind people of the centrality of both individual prayer and community prayer. One such resource is a helpful App/Website called Pray-As-You-Go. This app/website offers daily guided prayers through the scriptures as well as personal retreats. Find it here <u>https://pray-as-you-go.org/</u> or in your App Store- just search Pray As You Go

JOIN OUR ALTAR SERVERS TEAM!

We are looking to increase our Servers team and so we appeal especially to those who have recently made their First Holy Communion and the recent Confirmation candidates, all of whom are eligible, but also to anyone who would like to be a part of our Parish life to please come forward. Full training will be given. Please leave contact details in the Sacristy or hand to Fr. Pat and we will contact you with further information. *Parish contact no.* 01993 702661

CAFOD CAKE STALLS

There will be cake and home produce stalls **after Masses this weekend**, **20**th **& 21**st **April**. Please support CAFOD by bringing and buying. Many thanks.

LUNCH CLUB IN MAY

The next Lunch Club will be held on **Tuesday**, **7**th **May from 12.30 to 2.00pm**. £5 for two courses, followed by tea or coffee. All welcome.

CLERGY TRAINING FUND

The Clergy Training Fund supports the work of the Diocesan Vocations Office, led by the Vocations Director – Fr Craig Szmidt– who helps a man discern whether he has a calling to serve God and his people as a priest. It costs approximately £30 000 a year to support each seminarian. This covers seminary fees, living costs, essential study materials, travel and pastoral costs. Most of our income is from the generosity of you, our parishioners, through regular giving as well as one off gifts and legacies, and the annual second collection on Good Shepherd Sunday. There will be Adoration and Prayer for Vocations in July.

BAPTISM

Parents wishing to have their child Baptised are required to attend a course of preparation.

TURN YOUR CONCERN INTO ACTION - ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

The **St Vincent De Paul Society helps tackle poverty in all its forms through practical assistance**. The essence of our work is person to person and telephone contact to reach out to those in need. **More than 6 million adults live in absolute poverty in Britain**. There are many local neighbours who face poverty, loneliness, and isolation. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, recently said 'The SVP provides much needed support to those living in poverty. More members are needed to ensure that this work continues and flourishes. I urge anyone who has time to offer to work with the SVP by becoming a volunteer'. Please contact the parish office at 01993 702661 if you need or know anyone who needs assistance, or if you would like to help.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We would love to welcome more little ones ages 0-7 or pre-first communion. Every week we do songs, prayers, bible lessons and crafts related to the gospel readings. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions please contact Katie Benitez "We are in need of several additional volunteers to help with our activities so we will be able to do more and continue our efforts.

TODDLER TIME

Toddlers is looking for another helper! Come and be a part of something special on a **Tuesday morn**ing 10am -12pm! We could use help in the kitchen with the tea and coffee during the session or with tidying up at the end of the session.

200 CLUB WINNERS IN MARCH, 2024

Congratulations to the winners! Cheques will be available for collection from the sacristy. Please consider joining this club.

MESSAGE FROM THE FLOWER TEAM

A big thank you from the flower team for your generous donations to the recent flower collection. It is very much appreciated. We hope you enjoyed the flower displays last weekend. The Flower Team could do with some more volunteers. Please contact the church office if you feel you could help. 01993 702661. Many thanks.