

## 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. 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 30th & 31st MARCH 2024

Readers:	Sat 30	8.00pm Easter Vigil TBA
	Sun 31	8.30am Mass: Angela Dryden
	Sun 31	10.00am Mass: Michelle Rose, Catherine Wilson
Eucharistic Ministers:	Maundy Thurs 28	8.00 Mass Jacques Honore
	Good Friday 29	3.00 Passion: Janina Kalinowska
	Holy Sat 30	8.00pm Mass: © Carlton Rose, Louise Barr, Rita Aston
Easter	Sun 31	8.30 am Mass: © Christina Morris , Yvonne Alexander, Barry Canning
		10.00am Mass: © John Davies, Ally Warren, Maureen Banks
Flowers:	Sat 30	No flowers during Lent
Counters:	Sun 31	Father Pat
Bulletin:	Sat 30	Jennie Dolphin
Photocopying:	Sat 30	Catherine Buxton
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 31	Yvonne/Sheila

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 for 23/24th March is for Flowers**

**Second Collection for 29th March Good Friday is for Holy Places**

**Second Collection for March 30th/31st is for Fr Pat**

### 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.

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### Entrance Antiphon Cf. Jn 12:1,12-13 Ps 23:9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!  
O Gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.  
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

### First Reading 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 21

#### R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

- All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their head  
he trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend. (R)
- Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I count every one of my bones. (R)
- They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R)
- I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled  
you who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons. (R)

### Second Reading 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

### Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.  
Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death,  
Death on a cross.  
But God raised him high and gave him the name  
which is above all names.  
Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

### Gospel 14:1-15: 47

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

### Communion Antiphon Mt 26:42

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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### SUNDAY 24th MARCH - SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2024

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Day of prayer for Candidates for the Sacraments

Sat 23	<b>Exposition 10.00 — 11.00 am</b> <b>MASS 6.30pm</b> Celebrant's Intention
Sun 24	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>MASS 8.30am</b> People of the Parish <b>MASS 10.00am</b> Maggie Brown RIP
Mon 25	<b>MASS 10.00am</b> Whole School MASS in Church
Tue 26	<b>MASS 6.00pm</b> Tom Mullens RIP
Wed 27	<b>NO MASS</b>
Thurs 28	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY (LAST SUPPER)</b> <b>MASS 7.00pm</b> Special Intention
Fri 29	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>PASSION LITURGY 3.00PM</b> <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7.00pm</b>
Sat 30	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>NO EXPOSITION OR CONFESSIONS</b> <b>EASTER VIGIL FIRST MASS OF EASTER 8.00PM</b> Tian, Tom and Will
Sun 31	<b>EASTER SUNDAY THE RESSURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> <b>MASS 8.30am</b> People of the Parish <b>MASS 10.00am</b> Eric Pickin RIP
<b>MORNING CONFESSIONS 10.30am - 11.00 am</b> <b>EVENING CONFESSIONS - 5.30- 6.00pm</b> <b>or by appointment.</b>	

### SAFEGUARDING

Your Safeguarding representative is: Helen Holt-Davies.  
Please contact: [sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk)

### **REFLECTION**

Up until Jesus enters the Garden of Gethsemane He has, generally, been in control of His life. He has carried out miracles and taught what He wanted to teach, often against strong opposition. Nothing could defeat Him from His mission. Now, however everything changes. He is arrested, scourged, tortured and finally killed. All this is done to Him. He seems no longer to be in control of His life. Yet, we know that is not true. He allowed it to happen to Him. He willingly accepted it. Ironically, He was still in control. In our lives we might go through times, even over a long period, when we seem to be no longer in control of what is happening to us. We feel powerless. Yet, we can accept it and offer it to God willingly, we can with God's help actually regain control. His Father had never abandoned Him, no matter how He might have felt at times. As a result, He was made anew. Let us follow His example, knowing He is with us. *God Bless. Fr Pat*

### **PALM SUNDAY**

**This Sunday is Palm Sunday. Please make your way to the Cemetery Chapel for the blessing of the Palms. We will then process back to church for the 10.00am Mass.**

### **HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

**Inside your bulletin this week is a flyer with Holy Week services times and Confessions.**

### **LENT 2024**

As we continue the holy Season of Lent we prepare for the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ when he delivers God's people from the power of evil. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect on our spiritual lives. Most of us try to do something extra such as giving up something we enjoy, but there are other things we could also do – such as attending Mass or the Stations of the Cross during Lent, being more charitable towards others, especially those we find difficult to get on with, or visiting the sick or elderly.

**Stations of the Cross are at 7pm every Friday during Lent.**

### **LENTEN 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS**

The Lenten 'Walk with me' booklets and calendars are available on the table in the narthex. Please take one of each. If you know of someone who might appreciate a booklet or calendar please take one for them also. A suggested donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover the cost of printing but do not let the cost prevent you from having a copy.

### **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 <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> or in your App Store- just search Pray As You Go.

### **PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024**

Confirmation will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024 this year. Our next workshop is on **14<sup>th</sup> April** at approx 11.15am (after the 10am Mass). Rehearsal will be on 16<sup>th</sup> April 4.30pm. Please bring please bring any information you have found about saints. We will finish the workshop at 12 noon.

Please contact Father Pat.

### **COLLECTION FOR FLOWERS**

This weekend 23/24<sup>th</sup> March there will be a second collection for flowers. Please give as generously as possible to enable the team to decorate the church for Easter. Also we could do with some more volunteers. Please contact the church office if you feel you could help. 01993 702661. Many thanks.

### **EASTER COLLECTIONS**

The collection at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, apart from Gift Aid, will be your personal gift to your Parish Priest Fr Pat for Easter. These are one of two collections Fr Pat can receive during the year, the other being Christmas. Good Friday's second collection is for the Holy Places.

### **BAPTISM**

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

### **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.

### **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*

### **LUNCH CLUB**

The next parish lunch is on **Tuesday 2nd April 12.30pm**. Two courses for £5 Everyone is welcome.

### **WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY**

World Down Syndrome Day is **21<sup>st</sup> March**. The cake sale we had last Sunday raised £80.00, so a big thank you to all who donated. We will have another cake sale to raise awareness and funds for Down Syndrome Oxford **after Sunday 8.30am Mass on 24<sup>th</sup> March**. Easter/greetings cards and knitted toys will also be available.

### **TODDLER TIME**

Toddlers is looking for another helper! Come and be a part of something special on a **Tuesday morning 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.