

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 4th & 5th MAY 2024

Readers:	Sat 4	6.30pm	Duncan Clark
	Sun 5	8.30am	Mass: Peter Bee
	Sun 5	10.00am	Mass: Catherine Wilson, Carlton Rose
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 4	6.30pm	Mass: © Colin Murphy, Vincent Cugnet, Jos Murphy
	Sun 5	8.30 am	Mass: © Christina Morris, Barry Caning, Yvonne Alexander
	Sun 5	10.00am	Mass: © Michelle Rose, Helen Holt-Davies, Margaret Hamm
Flowers:	Sat 4		Denise Williams
Counters:	Sun 5		Mary and William Witt
Bulletin:	Sat 4		Catherine Buxton
Photocopying:	Sat 4		Catherine Buxton
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 5		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 is for
Parish Church Maintenance

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

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.

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 97:1-2
O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading 9:26-31
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 21:26-28.30-32.R.v.26

**R. You, Lord, are my praise
in the great assembly.**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever. (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth, before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn. These things the Lord has done. (R.)

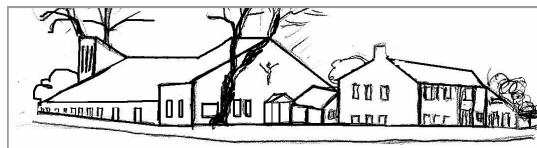
Second Reading 3:18-24
A reading from the first letter of St. John

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4.5
Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia!

Gospel 15:1-8
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 15:1,5
I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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SUNDAY 28th APRIL - SUNDAY 5th MAY 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

Sat 27	EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am	
	MASS 6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sun 28	MASS 8.30am	Maggie Brown RIP
	MASS 10.00am	Philip Dodsworth RIP
Mon 29	Feast of St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin, Doctor of the Church, Patron of Europe	Special Intention
Tue 30	MASS 6.00pm	Maggie Brown RIP
Wed 1	NO MASS	
Thurs 2	Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	MASS 6.00pm Special Intention
Fri 3	Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles	MASS 9.30am Special Intention
Sat 4	Feast of the English Martyrs	EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am MASS 6.30pm People of the Parish
Sun 5	MASS 8.30am	Wilfred Bailey RIP
	MASS 10.00am	Special Intention

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays 10.30am - 11am & 5.30pm - 6pm
(Or by appointment)

Your Safeguarding representative is:
Helen Holt-Davies.
Please contact: sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk
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GOSPEL REFLECTION

It is said that St John Vianney remarked, when everything seemed to be going well, "Have I fallen out with God?" It is as if he were saying that, if we are truly following the Lord, we should expect challenges and difficulties. I feel that this is what the Lord is saying in today's Gospel. If you truly want to abide in Me, you must accept being pruned. A skilled gardener would know how much to prune a branch according to its capacity. Some branches would be capable of producing more fruit than other branches. However, what matters is that each branch achieves its potential. I may at times feel constantly challenged and be facing difficulties and seem to have little to show for it. However, God does not see as I see and He knows of what I am capable of and how much I can grow. It seems to me, sometimes, that how I see things and God sees things are completely contrary to each other. The more He prunes and shapes me, the more He actually trusts me and I am yet to reach my full potential. Trying to see things His way can be very challenging. 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 <https://pray-as-you-go.org/> 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 Parish M.C. David Sole 07552 706862*

LUNCH CLUB IN MAY

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

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

'.....**Yours is the joy of sounding that first note which brings the assembly to its feet, ready to praise God.**'

Could that be YOU? The choir is in need of new members, all voices. It is not essential to read music. Choir practice is **Wednesday evenings 7.30 - 9.00pm** in church and we sing at Mass on the 1st, 3rd (and 5th) Sundays of the month. We would love to see you on Wednesday evening.

BAPTISM

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

St VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

Do you know anyone who is lonely and would like a chat either at home or in a care home, or who is struggling financially and would like help with fuel, food bills or other expenses?

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 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.

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 flowers for Easter and Confirmation. The Flower Team could do with some more volunteers. Please contact the church office if you feel you could help. 01993 702661. Many thanks.

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