

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024

Readers:	Sat 18	6.30pm	Phil Ogden
	Sun 19	8.30am	Mass: Christina Morris
	Sun 19	10.00am	Mass: Chris Banks, Margaret Hamm
Eucharistic Ministers:	Sat 18	6.30pm	Mass: © Jane Cugnet, Bernadette Collins, Jos Murphy
	Sun 19	8.30 am	Mass: © Barry Canning, Yvonne Alexander, Barbara Chodkiewicz
	Sun 19	10.00am	Mass: © Janina Kalinowska, Maureen Banks, David Sole
Flowers:	Sat 18		Yvonne Alexander
Counters:	Sun 19		Vanessa & Daryl Wilkins
Bulletin:	Sat 18		Christina Morris
Photocopying:	Sat 18		Catherine Buxton
Tea & Coffee:	Sun 19		Sue Kirk

### 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.

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

### TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH

If you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, you can now get it delivered direct to your home every week POST FREE (IT'S QUICK AND IT'S SIMPLE) just go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call us on 0161 820 5722 and we will arrange delivery for you.

### 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](mailto:ourladysthugh@sky.com) or given to Father Pat. Thank you.

*The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, Reg. Charity No: 234216*

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf. Ps 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

**First Reading** 1:15-17, 20-26

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102:1-2.11-12, 19-20

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R. The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

- 1 My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and Never forget all his blessings. (R)
- 2 For has the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. ®
- 3 The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. (R)

**Second Reading** 4:11-16

From the first letter of St John

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**Communion Antiphon** Jn 17:22

Father, I pray that there may be one As we also are one, alleluia.

Second Collection this week is for  
CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

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**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> MAY - SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B**

**World Communications Day**

Sat 11	EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am	
	<b>MASS 6.30pm</b>	People of the Parish
Sun 12	<b>MASS 8.30am</b>	Special Intention
	<b>MASS 10.00am</b>	Geraldine Farrelly RIP
Mon 13	<b>MASS 9.30AM</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>St. Mathias, Apostle</b>	
Tue 14	<b>MASS 6.00pm</b>	Special Intention
Wed 15	NO MASS	
Thurs 16	<b>MASS 6.00pm</b>	Special Intention
Fri 17	<b>MASS 9.30am</b>	Special Intention
Sat 18	EXPOSITION 10.00am - 11.00am	
	<b>MASS 6.30pm</b>	Margaret Mary Beaton RIP
Sun 19	<b>MASS 8.30am</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>MASS 10.00am</b>	Margery Pickin RIP

### 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](mailto:sg.olash.witney@rcaob.org.uk)

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that His disciples belong to the world no more than He belongs to the world. Yet, He also says that He is not removing them from the world. In fact, He will be sending them into the world to proclaim His Word. It is by following his teachings and by giving witness to them that should give meaning to their lives. These teachings are based on loving one another, compassion and forgiveness. The values of the world, greed, power and the need to be popular must not be the motivating force in our lives. Yet, the need to be accepted by the world can all too easily be stronger than loyalty to Christ. However, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can show that true joy and peace can come only from being ourselves. We can only be ourselves when we let the Lord shape us by following Him, not by trying to be what we think those around us want us to be. God bless. Fr Pat

## PRAYER FOR THE PREPARATION OF MASS

God our Father you call us to gather together for this Sunday Mass. Help us to draw strength from the Holy Scriptures and from the Holy Eucharist, so that we deepen our love for you. May we be enlivened by the Holy Spirit to mirror the words and actions of your Son Jesus Christ and become more clearly your instruments of mercy to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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*

## 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.

## MESSAGE FROM THE FLOWER TEAM

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

## SYMBOLON: The Catholic Faith Explained.

Every Catholic deserves to know their story. Here is an invitation to join in as a parish family for a stunning video series that presents the BIG picture of the Catholic Faith. Starting on 23rd May 2024, we will undertake a journey, that will help us to explore what it means to be Catholic and to grow in our Faith. Further details to follow... **WATCH THIS SPACE...**

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 APRIL 2024

Congratulations to the winners!

Cheques will be available for collection from the sacristy.

Please consider joining this club as we really need new members to keep this group going.

**MISSIO Our Lady & St Hugh raised £825.93 in 2023 through the Red Boxes, including individuals giving directly to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. On behalf of Missio, I would like to thank everyone for their support and generosity, Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to have a red box. If you wanted to pay directly to Mill Hill Missionaries, details can be found in the leaflets in the porch.**

**Witney Foodbank always needs our help.** They currently have shortages of tinned meat, cereal, tinned vegetables, coffee, peanut butter, tinned meat pies, shampoo and conditioner. The food bank are really struggling to meet the demands of all the local people needing support. You can donate at church in the boxes in the porch or these collection points :-

Waitrose, The Woolgate Centre	07:30- 20:00	Green marked cage after Check-out.
Sainsbury's Superstore, Witan Way	07:00- 23:00	Marked basket after Check-out.
Co-operative Food, High Street	07:00 – 22:00	Marked basket near Check-out.
All four Tesco Express, Witney	07.00 – 23.00	Marked basket near Check-out.
Cottsway, Station Lane Avenue Two,	10:00 – 14:00	Marked trolley in back car park.