

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHIRLEY

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22nd January 2017

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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My brothers and sisters in the Lord,

The first reading describes the region of Galilee as a place of darkness and foretells that the people of this region will see a great light. Capernaum was located on the "way of the sea", a commercial route far away from the purity of the observance of the Jewish Law. There would have been a lot of ambivalence and paganism in this cosmopolitan atmosphere. Jesus could have begun his mission in a much "holier" place. He could have called his first disciples while they were praying in the Synagogue. But he chose to begin in this confused and uncertain situation. The message of this Gospel is that Jesus comes looking for us no matter how distant we are from him. He calls us where we are now, in the tangled mess of our lives, and invites us to a new way of living.

His appearance in Galilee is only the beginning of a mission in which Jesus will enter into the most profound darkness of humanity. Jesus will descend into the death of man and take him by the hand and call him forth. Do not look at your own bad situation and wonder if you are worthy of being called or not! Look at the one who is calling you, right now, today! Do not look at your own capacities, but look at his power! He is the one who knows how to transform the darkness of our lives into the light of life.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 22 nd January	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Stan Harris R.I.P. Michael McMahon R.I.P.	
Monday 23 rd	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 24 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Jim Conway
Wednesday 25 th	9.15am 6.00pm	(8.55am Morning Prayer) Vigil for Jane Goodman R.I.P	Martin Kenny
Thursday 26 th	12.00pm	Requiem Mass for Jane Goodman R.I.P.	
Friday 27 th	7.30pm	Margaret Mulick	
Saturday 28 th	9.00am	Marylyn White	Confessions 11.00am – 11.30pm

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 29 th January	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish ‘Confirmation Enrolment Mass’ Frances Clarke Margaret Kelly
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IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Goodman, Sheila Reidy and Sidney Dixon who have all died recently. May they rest in peace.

FATHER O'MAHONY TRUST: The A.G.M. for the Fr. O'Mahony Trust will be held in the Parish Hall after the 11.00am Mass on Sunday, 22nd January 2017. All are welcome to attend to find out more about the work done on your behalf by the Trust.

RECONCILIATION – THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US. Shirley Churches Together. Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2017. Shirley Baptist Church, Sunday, 22nd January at 6.30 pm.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMAN (20s and 30s). Theme: Discerning God's Call. Dates: 27th-29th January 2017. Location: New Cross, London. This weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input from the FCJ sisters on different aspects of vowed life, and time for prayer, reflection and discussion with other young women who are also considering a vocation to religious life. It's an opportunity to live community life for a weekend and meet some sisters. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit the website www.fcjsisters.org.

'NO PLACE LIKE HOME': Exploring Palestinian realities after 50 years of occupation. Saturday 28th January, 11am-1pm, St Francis Hall, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT, followed by a bring-and-share lunch at 1pm. The Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre is a pioneering Palestinian human rights organisation and CAFOD partner, providing pro-bono legal aid and services to some of the poorest and most marginalised people and communities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. JLAC's Director Mr Issam Aruri and EU Project Coordinator Ms Shu'la Abdelhadi will talk about the realities of life under occupation.

CAR PARKING AT REAR OF CHURCH: There are two rows of parking spaces at the rear of the Church. It would certainly help those who find walking difficult if both rows are used and especially the disabled spaces. Blocking access to the inner row does lead to problems for some parishioners. Thank you for your understanding.

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE: We now have one person who has volunteered to help with the audits needed for fire, disability, Health & Safety etc. If anyone else would like to help it would be very much appreciated. Please email the Parish Office. Thank you.

ST. PAUL'S BOOKSHOP – VACANCY: There is a vacancy at the bookshop by St. Chad's Cathedral. It is a part time job (2/3 days per week, with the possibility of becoming a full time position in future) requiring someone with an outgoing attitude who is happy to work in the shop as well as willing and prepared to promote St Pauls' relationship with the Catholic Schools and Churches of the city and of the Archdiocese. Salary is negotiable, depending on skills and experience. If interested please contact Lorenzo Torri, Bookshop Manager, St Pauls by St Chad's Cathedral 0121 236 6336.

SALE OF HANDMADE CARDS: A cheque for £62.70 has been received from the sale of cards made by Francine Gemmell. Thank you to Francine for her hard work and generosity.

COLLECTION: 15th January 2017. Gift Aid: £439.00. Loose: £470.57. Standing Order: £656. **TOTAL: £1565.57.**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £85.00

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading. Isaiah 8:23-9 In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light.

Responsorial Psalm 26. **The Lord is my light and my help.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:1-3. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23. He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

Communion Antiphon: Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Dismissal for Children's Liturgy of the Word:

Lord, send your blessing down, down upon your children, that they may hear your word, hear your word with gladness.

Lord, send your blessing down, down upon your people, that we may hear your word, hear your word with gladness.