

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**14<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

## **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel text we are presented with today is the opening passage of what we call the Farewell Discourse in the Gospel of John. At the Last Supper the feet of the disciples have been washed, Judas has left the room and Jesus has predicted Peter's denial; at this point Jesus begins a long discourse which extends over four chapters. This Farewell Discourse is a kind of last instruction for his disciples during which Jesus recapitulates his teaching, tries to give them reassurance and prepares them for the dramatic events of the next couple of days. The language used is often very tender and it is clear that Jesus is speaking to them with a heavy heart but with great love.

The opening words today are a good example of this, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.' Jesus doesn't want to cause the disciples any anxiety but he is insistent that they understand just what is about to happen. Most of all he needs to be sure that they fully appreciate the content of his teaching and that they will hold on to it. Reassuring as these words of Jesus are which tell us about life beyond the grave, we should realise that our faith is not simply about coping with death. Our faith is primarily about how to cope with life and all that it brings us. Here we need to focus on the words, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' Jesus is telling us that we need to place our whole selves in his hands right now. He tells us that he is the way. By this we don't just mean that he lays down instructions and guidance on how to live in the world but that what we ought to be doing is imitating him in every aspect of his own life on earth. It is by living our lives like he lived his life that we will attain true fulfilment.

## **MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A**

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Billy Long and Maureen Brazier R.I.P Maria Carpintiero R.I.P John and Joan Flynn	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12.45pm 6.30pm	Requiem Mass for Sutton Webster R.I.P Vigil Mass for Mary Hutcheson R.I.P	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Mary Hutcheson R.I.P	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Brendan Smith R.I.P
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Nancy Callinan R.I.P	
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Jean Patricia Villa R.I.P	<b>CONFESSIONS: 11.00 -11.30am</b>

### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A**

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm 9.00am	People of the Parish Kenneth Parker R.I.P
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May 11.00am John Joyce **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS**  
**IN MEMORIAM:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Sutton Webster R.I.P and Mary Hutcheson R.I.P who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES:** Please pray for the children of our School and Parish who are due to receive their First Holy Communion over the next three Sundays at the 11.00am Mass.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE 25th September - 2nd October 2017:** Arrangements are now complete with flights from Birmingham direct to Naples. There will be a meeting of all taking part in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 7.30pm** where final details will be given and outstanding balances taken. All intending pilgrims will receive full information in advance of the meeting. The two places mentioned in the Bulletin have been filled. However another single place has become available {may be possible to change it to a double}. If interested please contact Paddy Brennan Tel. 0121 744 5346.

**DONATION:** Many thanks for the very generous donation from a parishioner of £12,000 for the works to the spire. It is much appreciated.

**ARE YOU A SUPPORTER OF THE COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES?** To celebrate 100 years of the Columbans in 2018, you are invited to add your name to their Centenary Pilgrim Altar Cloth being created from 14 sections of cloth gathered from the countries where Columbans are active today. In each place, Columban missionaries, ordained and lay, and those who participate in Columban mission as partners, friends and benefactors are adding their names. In this way, the multicultural Columban family will be symbolically brought together for the Centenary year and the Altar Cloth will be used in Eucharistic celebrations throughout 2018. The British cloth section will be available to add your name at St. Columban's, Widney Manor Road B93 9AB from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May (9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.) and Saturday 27th May (9.00 a.m. to 12 noon). No appointment necessary. To enquire call the Mission Office on 01564 772 096, e-mail: [stephenawre@columbans.co.uk](mailto:stephenawre@columbans.co.uk) or visit: [www.columbans.co.uk](http://www.columbans.co.uk)

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN (20s and 30s):** Theme: Discerning God's Call in my life. Dates: 26th - 28th May 2017: Location: Broadstairs, Kent. The 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](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit the website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Could you talk about the work of CAFOD in our school, other local Catholic primary and secondary schools and parish youth groups? CAFOD Birmingham are looking for volunteers in our area to give a short talk or presentation to children and young people to help them learn about the world and to inspire them to take action on poverty with CAFOD. Full training and resources supplied. For further information please contact CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722944 or email [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk).

**PIETY STALL:** Cards and gifts are now available at the Piety Stall for First Holy Communion.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK – LIFEFE17:** 2017 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act. This year's March for Life takes place in Birmingham on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> May. Join Bishop Robert Byrne as we remember the 8.7 million lives lost through abortion in the UK. For more details and full itinerary go to [marchforlife.co.uk](http://marchforlife.co.uk).

**COLLECTION:** 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Gift Aid: £368.00 Loose: £612.31. Standing Order: £ 653.00 **TOTAL:** £1633.31  
Father O'Mahony Trust: £48.80

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7. They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 32: **R: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. **R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to John 14: 1-12. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Communion Antiphon: 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.

**Dismissal of the Children**

May your holy word take root in them. May your holy word bear fruit in them. Plant your word within them so that they may grow. May your holy word take root in us. May your holy word bear fruit in us. Plant your word within us so that we may grow. ©1995, Paul Inwood, OCP Publications