

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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13th AUGUST 2017

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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My dear brothers and sisters,

In the first reading, Elijah meets God; whose presence is indicated by a “tiny whispering sound”or as a “gentle breeze” ... which is also translated as “the sound of sheer silence”.... And then, in the Gospel, Jesus is encountered taming the wild, raging, stormy waters..... God is gentle and also profound, and is more powerful than ANY storms, dramas or “clamours” in life.... God is quiet and also authoritative, (not needing to “out-yell” contrary voices). His quiet but profound TRUTH will prevail over even the biggest, loudest and scariest of situations. And so, whether it be storms or silence... / dramatic or ordinary... the message is the same... God is present and active amongst us and with us.... and the signs are there... if we search and listen with the “eyes and ears” of faith.

We can be drawn to look for and discover God in “the dramatic” and in extraordinary moments.... But we can sometimes miss the presence, action and voice of God in the ordinary, the quiet, the everyday moments. In a world filled with noise, clamour and busyness, it is even more vital than ever that we listen for the voice of God in the silence, and in times of reflection and prayer.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Oliver McGovern
Sunday 13 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
August	11.00am	Maureen Easton R.I.P.

Monday 14 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
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Tuesday 15 th	<u>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u>		
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	11.00am	Kazimierz and Alksander Szczepanik R.I.P
	7.00pm	Tony Dillane R.I.P

Wednesday 16 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Pat and Marion Mullen
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Thursday 17 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Michael Keoney R.I.P
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Friday 18 th	7.30pm	John Cosgrave R.I.P
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Saturday 19 th	9.00am	Doug Lowe R.I.P
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Confessions: 11.00am – 11.30am

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR: A

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Ben Lynch R.I.P
Sunday 20 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
August	11.00am	Edward Ratnaraja R.I.P

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a Holy Day of obligation. There will be two masses here on the day: 11.00am and 7pm.

THANK YOU FROM FR GERARDO: Thank you to everyone for your kindness to me and my mum over the past few weeks. I am very grateful for the prayers and Masses offered for my dad at this time. May God bless you all.

CAR PARKING AT REAR OF CHURCH: Please avoid parking in the outer disabled parking space, if no car occupies the front space (nearest to the lawn). When this does occur, two spaces are then taken up unnecessarily. Thank you

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018: Classes for children in Year 3 and upwards, who attend **non catholic schools** and who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2018, will be starting in September. It will be necessary to register asap. Please contact Fr Gerardo or Terry Faure on 0121 705 1850. Thank you.

DEANERY AND PARISH VISITATIONS: A series of visitations to the Deanery and parishes will be underway this coming autumn. Bishop Robert Byrne C.O., will be visiting the parish on the weekend of the **14th and 15th October**. He will be celebrating the weekend masses and I am sure he would like to be able to meet with people.

SCHOOL SITE MANAGER: Our Lady of the Wayside. Part time – term time only, 17.5 hours per week. Salary: Band D, ranging from £20,138-£28,485 (pro-rata) – starting point dependent on experience. Please note that the school office will be closed until Monday 4th September 2017. However, further details are available on the school website – www.ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk (news and events) or telephone/written requests can be made on or after the 4th September. Tel: 0121 744 6852 or email: office@sol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk, placing ‘Site Manager’ in the subject box. Closing date: Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 4.00pm. Interviews: Thursday 21st September 2017. All appointments are subject to Criminal Records clearance and safeguard checking.

ACADEMIC OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR: St Mary’s College, Oscott wishes to appoint an Academic Office Administrator, with experience of administration, preferably in an educational context, and with very good IT skills. This role combines office based administrative responsibilities with support and assistance to the teaching staff and seminarians. Further details available at <http://www.oscott.net>

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS: These will be taking place at Barnes Close, Bromsgrove (Non Residential) 9th-10th September 2017 and at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24th-26th November 2017. They are enrichment weekends for normal, ordinary marriages (NOT counselling). ME weekends have proved time and time again to be of immense value to couples however long they have been married. All discussions are private to the participating couples; there is no group work. For further information go to www.wvme.org.uk or contact Phil and Rita Jackson on 0121 244 7762.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: Celebrate the centenary of Fatima this November with fellow pilgrims from the diocese. Departing 26th November, spend 4 nights in a 4* hotel on a half board basis. Flights from Birmingham. To find out more visit aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima or call 0800 689 4792.

31st ROSARY RALLY: Our Lady’s Rosary Group, Holy Cross Church, Whitwick at Mount St. Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire. You are warmly invited to join in the 31st Rosary Rally to pray for world peace and young people on Sunday, 27th August 2017 commencing with concelebrated Mass at 2.00pm. Principal Celebrant The Abbot, the Rt. Rev. Dom Erik Varden, o.c.s.o. Break for picnics, refreshments etc. Resuming at 4.00pm. Solemn crowning of the statue of Our Lady and Act of Consecration, Rosary procession with statue of Our Lady, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Blessing of the Sick, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is advisable to bring a folding chair or stool. Mount St. Bernard Abbey is situated on the Oaks Road near Coalville (LE67 5UL). About 5 miles from Junction 23 of the M1 and off the A512 in the direction of Ashby – signposted from Shepshed.

COLLECTION: 6th August 2017. Gift Aid: £385.10; Loose: £461.27 Standing Order: £ 628.00. **TOTAL:** £1474.37

Father O’Mahony Trust: £191.00

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TODAY’S MASS:

First Reading: Book of Kings 19: 9, 11-13. Stand on the mountain before the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84: 9-14. . **R: Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Romans 9: 1-5. I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Matthew 14: 22-33. Tell me to come to you across the water.

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.