

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **A FAIRTRADE PARISH**

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**10<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

## **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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*My dear brothers and sisters,*

*As Christians we are not individuals but members of the Body of Christ that is the Church. The readings of today tell us of God's command of spiritual responsibility and accountability that each one of us have towards our neighbours. It speaks of our responsibility of correcting our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in error. This obligation always existed in the Catholic Church, from the early days of the Christian community right up to the present time. They challenge us to care for our brothers and sisters and protect them in their physical and spiritual needs.*

*Today in the Church Jesus places on us the painful obligation of fraternal love in the watchful love we show towards others. To approach this painful duty of fraternal correction, it entails many qualities: courage, compassion, patience, gentleness, humility, sincerity, reverence, a desire to preserve the other's good name, prudence, delicacy, tact, mutual dialogue, true listening and mercy. The readings tell us that we will be held responsible for the silence and our unwillingness to speak. We are scandalized and even annoyed when our leaders in the church or community do not speak. But Jesus tells us today that we have to speak for him and rectify the wrong in the society and the community. We are there not merely to criticize, but to help positively to build bridges and rectify the wrong. This week, let us take some time to reflect on our responsibility towards God. Let us reflect on how we will account to God for the actions of those around us, be it our parents, our brothers or sisters, our children, our relatives, our neighbours, our colleagues, our peers, all of those whose life we touch.*

## **MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

### **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Mary McManus R.I.P Cecilia Wadsworth People of the Parish	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>No Confessions Today</b>

### **TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR: A**

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Caroline Dawn Jenkinson R.I.P Helen Mc Mahon R.I.P
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**SUPPLY PRIEST:** We welcome Fr. Timothy Ford who will be with us to celebrate Mass over the next two weekends.

**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 **14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October**. He will be celebrating the weekend masses and I am sure he would like to be able to meet with people.

**TABOR HOUSE, ST. ANNE'S, DIGBETH:** A new night shelter project for homeless people in Birmingham in being set up by the Diocese and Father Hudson's. The opening is on September 28<sup>th</sup> but 10 more volunteers are desperately needed to help cover night shifts. If you can help please email Mairead on [MaireadShaw@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:MaireadShaw@fatherhudsons.org.uk) or phone Christy on 07464 928691.

In order to raise some funds for this important work a one day bike ride (or walk) is taking place on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Cannock Chase. A poster is in the porch with information or you can email [michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk](mailto:michael@stjohnrctamworth.org.uk). The ride is called 'Chase the Cake'.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017. However, further details are available on the school website – [www.ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk](http://www.ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk) (news and events) or telephone/written requests can be made on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> September. Tel: 0121 744 6852 or email: [office@sol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@sol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk), placing 'Site Manager' in the subject box. Closing date: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 4.00pm. Interviews: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017. All appointments are subject to Criminal Records clearance and safeguard checking.

**FATHER HUDSON'S CARE:** On 23-24<sup>th</sup> September the second collection will be for Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old. Please give generously to this worthy cause.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS:** These will be taking place at Barnes Close, Bromsgrove (Non Residential) 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> 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.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or contact Phil and Rita Jackson on 0121 244 7762.

**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, VERNON ROAD, EDGBASON, B16 9SL.** An Open Evening for Secondary Transfers 2018 will be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 from 6pm-9pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6pm and then again at 7.30pm. Year 6 and Year 5 girls and their parents are welcome.

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

**PIETY STALL/CARDS:** There will be a selection of handmade cards for sale on the Piety Stall (profits to the Church). Also (sorry for mentioning this but some items do sell out quickly) there is a Christmas catalogue on the stall if you wish to order any Christmas items.

**COLLECTION:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017. Gift Aid: £477.55; Loose: £433.09; Standing Order: £628.00. **TOTAL:** £1538.64. Father O'Mahony Trust: £125.88.

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### **TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9. If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps.94: 1-2, 6-9. **R: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Romans 13:8-10. Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

Communion Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.