

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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My dear brothers and sisters,

Anyone who has gone to the trouble of organising a party for family and friends will appreciate the work that is involved. Organising invitations, and providing food, drink and entertainment requires much thought. Considerable effort goes into the event. However, it is all worthwhile when a good time is enjoyed by the guests and they depart expressing their contentment and pleasure. Even if one or two guests fail to turn up, we can shrug our shoulders and marvel at their bad manners because everyone else had a good time. But imagine if nobody turned up! Think of the disappointment, the embarrassment and the feelings of frustration. Dark thoughts would cross our mind and, no doubt, we would delete these friends from our address book and want nothing more to do with them.

Jesus, who was an excellent teacher, used precisely this scenario to teach his listeners about the Church. The parable of the marriage feast is about the fate that awaits those who either reject his Church or who refuse to use the Church properly to live in God's grace and to prepare for judgement. The king in the parable represents God, who invites certain chosen people to the wedding feast. Not only did those invited make excuses and fail to attend but, when they were given a second chance and the king sent other servants to repeat the invitation, those servants were physically assaulted and even murdered. So it is with the Church. People often reject the Church and persecute the followers of Christ.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 15 th October	5.30pm	Ken Parker R.I.P	
	9.00am	Stan Harris R.I.P	
	11.00am	Margaret Doyle R.I.P	
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Monday 16 th	No Mass		
Tuesday 17 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Julia Gerndt
Wednesday 18 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Martin Connolly R.I.P
Thursday 19 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Tom and Mary Smith
Friday 20 th	7.30pm	Rose Morris R.I.P	
Saturday 21 st	9.00am	Margaret Kelly	Confessions: 11.00am -11.30am

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR: A

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 22 nd October	5.30pm	Nicola Mumford R.I.P
	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Olive Mary Dunne R.I.P

IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat McGowan and Mary Kentish who died recently. May they rest in peace.

PARISH VISITATION: We extend a very warm welcome to Bishop Robert Byrne C.O., who is visiting the parish this weekend. Bishop Robert would also like to meet people from different groups within the parish and so there will be a meeting in Church for everyone who would like to attend on Sunday 15th October following the 11.00am Mass. All are welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you for the generous and kind response given to CAFOD'S Harvest Fast day which raised a total of £1052.03.

OLOW 200 CLUB: It is time to renew your membership of the 200 Club for the coming year or to join the 200 Club if you are not already a member. Please pick up a leaflet today and return the reply slip to the school or Presbytery.

OLOW SCHOOL: An open morning for prospective parents is due to take place on **Tuesday, 17th October 2017** between 9.30am and 11.30am. This is an informal drop-in session and parents can visit at any point during this time period. If you wish to attend our Open Morning please contact the school office on 0121 744 6852 to reserve your place.

FRIDAY CLUB: The next meeting will be on **Friday, 27th October** at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre.

TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE: Sunday, 22nd October 7.30-8.30pm, St Mary's Wythall (Coppice Primary School, Shawhurst Lane, B47 5JN). All are welcome for this ecumenical service of peace, light and song. More information: Graham 07747 036785 or Michelle 0121 246 5482.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: This will be taking place at the Ibis Hotel, Rugby (Residential) **24th-26th November 2017**. It is an enrichment weekend 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 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.

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: 8th October 2017. Gift Aid: £481.70; Loose: £606.05; Standing Order: £ 625.00. **TOTAL:** £1712.75

Father O'Mahony Trust: £64.05.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10. The Lord will prepare a banquet, and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

Responsorial Psalm: 22 **R: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.**

Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Matthew 22: 1-14. Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.