

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

My dear brothers and sisters,

A dominant aspect of Jesus' work in proclaiming the good news of the kingdom in Mark is his role as a teacher and this is particularly evident in the early chapters. Here we see his teaching making a deep impression on his hearers and they respond with wonder and astonishment. In this teaching Jesus was, no doubt, speaking of God's will for the world in terms that were easily understood by his hearers. Added to this, his action of exorcising demons can be understood as a way of indicating the triumph of good over evil and showing that now is the time to respond with faith to God's action in the world. The prevalence of exorcisms in the gospels is not to be taken as suggesting there was more demonic possession then than now. It is more likely that these accounts reflect ancient views around a range of illnesses that are more easily diagnosed nowadays.

In this age of information technology and instant access to information and entertainment, we probably appreciate more than ever the worth of a really good teacher. It is an aspect of Jesus' ministry that can easily be lost sight of, and that is a pity because it is more important that we understand his message than that we believe he was a miracle worker. As disciples we are challenged to continue to grow in understanding, to sit at the feet of Jesus the teacher and to take steps to make our own the wonderful good news of the kingdom. By being properly informed, we are less likely to be led astray by the whole range of 'false prophets' who today compete for our allegiance.

### MASSES DURING THE WEEK

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	5.30pm	Mary Cheal R.I.P	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	People of the Parish	
January	11.00am	Tony Dillane R.I.P	
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Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Terry Keans R.I.P
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Michael McMahon
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eileen Murphy R.I.P
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Pat Barr	
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Sheila Dempsey + Exposition	<b>Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am</b>

#### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Martin Smith R.I.P
February	11.00am	Pamela Fabrizio R.I.P

**SOLIHULL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** A concert will be held in Church on **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February** at 4.00pm. The programme will include music by Holst, Bizet, Luigini, Johann Strauss II and Johann Strauss I. Tickets are normally £13 but are only £5 per person for our congregation and are available in the sacristy.

**WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** This will take place on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 10.30am**, at the Bridge in Shirley. Everyone welcome.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** This will be celebrated on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm** and the parish will be welcoming Bishop Robert. Fr Gerardo has decided, that for those children who do not attend a catholic school, a course of preparation will be held **every two years** here in the parish. If there are children who are currently in Year 6 in non catholic schools, then they will be able to make their Confirmation in 2019 when they are in Year 7 and a catechetical course of instruction will begin early next year. Thank you.

**ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL – DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER:** The School is seeking to appoint a new Deputy Head Teacher from September 2018. Applications should be addressed to the Chair of Governors and sent via the Clerk to the Governors: [clerk@stpeters.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@stpeters.solihull.sch.uk) Closing Date: 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Noon.

**MEDJUGRJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES:** 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle Service from £279 per person. Book any flight – any time a guaranteed airport shuttle service will be provided. Call Jackie on 0203 239 8662 for further information. E mail: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com) [Jacke@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:Jacke@med-irishcentre.com)

**TABOR HOUSE:** Birmingham's only permanent night shelter is looking for volunteers. Could you help as a Hospitality Volunteer, Shift Leader or volunteer Mentor? If interested, please contact Mairead Shaw 07387 418318 or Laura Jovicich 07387418319 or email [laurajovicich@fatherhudsons.org.uk](mailto:laurajovicich@fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PRE-SCHOOL:** The closing date for applications for the Pre-School year September 2018-July 2019 is Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018. We are currently accepting applications for 2018/19 and 2019/20 for both Pre-school aged children and for OLOW Nursery wraparound. We can offer your child a safe and secure environment to play and learn. Our highly trained staff ensure that a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, messy play and role-play are undertaken daily. With our fantastic secure outdoor play area, half undercover fresh air and exercise can be enjoyed in all weather. Gardening is very important to us and we won a Bronze Award in the Solihull Schools in Bloom 2014 competition and Silver awards in 2015 and 2016. All children between the ages of 2½-4 years welcome. Pre-School opening hours are 9.15am-12.15pm. Our Nursery wraparound sessions for OLOW afternoon nursery operate between 9.15am-12.30pm. For further details, to arrange a visit or an application form please contact Pre-school (07474 743744) weekdays 9.00am-12.30pm or alternatively, visit our website at [www.OLOWpreschool.com](http://www.OLOWpreschool.com) or email us at [ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com)

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY SING-SONG:** Olton/Widney U3A are trying to recruit new members and are holding an 'Open Day' singing session with an Irish theme for St. Patrick's Day. The group is officially called 'Singing for Pleasure'; there are no auditions, no need to read music, no ability to sing either. Just enjoy singing and have a heap of fun. Anyone interested is invited to come along as a guest and will be most welcome to join in with the singing or just be part of the audience. The date is **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** at United Reform Church Hall, Faulkner Road, Hobs Moat. Time 2.00pm-3.15pm approximately – with free tea and biscuits.

**COLLECTION:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018. Gift Aid: £368.30; Loose: £396.64; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1389.94**  
Father O'Mahony Trust: £70.66.

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20. I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

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 Corinthians 7: 32-35. An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Mark 1: 21-28. He taught them with authority.

Communion Antiphon: Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

**Dismissal of the Children**

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.

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