

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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My dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, recalling the visit of the wise men. The magi were blessed. They were given the guidance of a star. In the darkness of this world we have all been given help on our journey to God; the beauty of nature, the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, the faith of others and our own faith. For a moment let us thank God for giving us stars to lead us to him.

When the wise men arrived in Jerusalem, it seems they no longer had the guidance of the star, otherwise they would not have had to ask Herod for advice. Sometimes we too feel as if we're in the dark, like the magi. Sometimes what or whom we relied on is not there any more. Sometimes we see only darkness around us. But we know that you are there, Jesus, and that eternal life awaits us even if sometimes in this world there is no star for us. Lord, in our moments of darkness without a star, help us not to give up but to keep searching, hoping and praying because that would be the best way forward. Let us pray now for strength to remain steadfast when there is no guiding star.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

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(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 7 th	9.00am	Mary Hutcheson R.I.P.	
January	11.00am	Desmond Lennon R.I.P.	
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Monday 8 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 9 th		No Mass	
Wednesday 10 th		No Mass	
Thursday 11 th		No Mass	
Friday 12 th		No Mass	
Saturday 13 th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service	No Confessions Today

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Michael Feehan
Sunday 14 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
January	11.00am	Martin Hurst R.I.P

SUPPLY PRIEST: We welcome Fr Timothy Ford who will be here in the parish to celebrate the Masses over the next two weekends.

FATHER O'MAHONY TRUST: The AGM of the Memorial Trust will be held in the Church Hall after the 11.00am Mass on 21st January. All welcome to come along and hear about the work we do.

SOLIHULL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: A concert will be held in Church on Sunday, 4th February at 16.00. 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.

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

3rd WYTHALL RAINBOWS: There are spaces for girls 5-7 years at Wythall Village Hall (the Institute), Alcester Road, on Friday evenings 5.15-6.15pm (term time only). Contact Mandy Newton 079727 38090 or see Beth Loader after Mass, or pop along.

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, 20th March at United Reform Church Hall, Faulkner Road, Hobs Moat. Time 2.00pm-3.15pm approximately – with free tea and biscuits.

COLLECTION: 31st December 2017. Gift Aid: £379.70; Loose: £554.84; Standing Order: £625.00

TOTAL: £1559.54.

Father O'Mahony Trust: £446.00

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6. Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13. **R: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6. It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Matthew 2: 1-12. We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

Communion Antiphon: The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

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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