OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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14th January 2018

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B

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My dear brothers and sisters,

Clearly today the Lord tells us: I call you! I am calling you! I have called you! The first reading is from the First Book of Samuel and speaks of the call of Samuel. Samuel at first thinks that it is Eli calling him. Eli finally understands that there is someone greater than he who is calling Samuel. Then Eli gives good advice. We are challenged this Sunday first to recognize that He, the Lord Jesus, is calling us personally. Then we are challenged to share that call with others. This is what evangelization is about: telling others the story of our own calling and bring them to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Christian vocation is ultimately based on SERVICE to God and humanity. When Andrew and the other disciple followed our Lord they were not going for an endless funfair or just to see where he lives. They rather entered into a life-time mission to serve. Our baptism is the first and most significant call by God to us. It calls us from death into life, from darkness into light. By virtue of our baptism our Christian life is inaugurated as well as our membership as Christians and children of God.

We launch into The Ordinary time of the year with the firm attention to the fact that we are called by God first as his beloved sons and daughters. We are also called to know Him, to love and to serve Him. We are further called to live the life of Holiness which entails wholeness in all ramifications. Finally we are called to be finally with God at the end of our lives on earth. May God give us the grace to continue to answer whenever He calls us.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

<u>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B</u>

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 14 th January	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Michael Feehan People of the Parish Martin Hurst R.I.P
Monday 15 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer) Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 16 th		No Mass
Wednesday 17 th	7.15pm	No Mass Vigil for Michael Kiely R.I.P.
Thursday 18 th	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Michael Kiely R.I.P.
Friday 19 th		No Mass
Saturday 20 th	9.00am	Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
(Vigil Mass) Sunday 21 st January	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Leonard Simcox R.I.P John Farrelly

IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Kiely R.I.P. who died recently. May he rest in peace.

FATHER O'MAHONY TRUST: The AGM of the Memorial Trust will be held in the Church Hall after the 11.00am Mass on **21**st **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**, **4**th **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 <u>laurajovicich@fatherhudsons.org.uk</u>

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: 7th January 2017 Gift Aid: £331.70; Loose: £443.07; Standing Order: £625.00

TOTAL: £1399.77

Father O'Mahony Trust: £128.49.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Samuel 3:3-10, 19. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20. Your bodies are members making up the body of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: R: Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. R: Alleluia!

The Gospel according to John 1: 35-42. They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.

Communion Antiphon: You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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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