

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR B**

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*My dear brothers and sisters,*

*On Ash Wednesday we began the season of Lent which is our preparation for the Easter celebration of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time in imitation of Jesus spending forty days in the desert. Jesus fasted in the desert, and overcame the devil's temptations. Jesus never sinned but in the desert he was tempted, and during these forty days of Lent we remember Jesus in the desert as we try to overcome temptation in our lives and to overcome sinfulness. Lent is an invitation to us to take the courageous step of "going into the desert" and not hiding from what lies hidden deep within us. Lent is a time to put our souls before a mirror and see ourselves as we really are.*

*Lent is an invitation to allow our sin and darkness and wounds come to the surface so that we can deal with them and allow them to be healed by the grace of Jesus. During these forty days of Lent, we do not hide from our sinfulness or prevent God speaking to us or healing us during this Lent. The word "Lent" is an old English word which means "springtime." May this Lent really be a new springtime in the lives of each of us. Through prayer, through fasting from food accompanied by forgiving others and not bearing grudges, and through donating from our surplus to help the poor, may we like Jesus in the desert for forty days overcome temptation and thus be well prepared to celebrate Easter.*

## **MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B**

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	John Hirons R.I.P Charles Jones Joseph Cronin R.I.P	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	John Palmer
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.15am 6.00pm	(8.55am Morning Prayer) Vigil for Mary Khan R.I.P	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.30am	Requiem Mass for Mary Khan R.I.P	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross Mary Chiles	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	John Carney R.I.P	<b>Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am</b>

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B**

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	John Smyth R.I.P People of the Parish Victoria Dawes
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**IN MEMORIAM:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Khan R.I.P and Lily Lynch who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**RITE OF ELECTION:** The Rite of Election will take place at St Chad's Cathedral today at 3pm. Please pray for Margaret Satchwell and her children Olivia and Lewis, Anita Delaney and Lisa Morris who will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil this year. The candidates are currently attending a Journey of Faith programme with Fr Gerardo.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** This coming Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Envelopes will be distributed this Sunday and a second collection will be taken next weekend.

**LENT WALK WITH ME:** The Lent booklets are available at the back of the Church priced £1 each. Calendars are also available.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings in Lent at 7.00pm. Please do come along to this wonderful meditation.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION DURING LENT:** There will be a series of Scripture Reflections on the Sunday readings throughout Lent which will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This will commence on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Everyone welcome.

**ON-LINE 3 MINUTE DAILY RETREAT:** The Jesuit Fathers provide an excellent resource for prayer and meditation. If you go on-line to: [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com) you will see that it provides a three minute daily retreat. This is an excellent way of doing something extra by way of prayer for the season of Lent. Just follow the instructions when accessing the reflection. The meditations provided are accompanied by scripture references and gentle background music.

**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.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE:** The Justice and Peace Group will meet **Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.45pm in the Parish Hall. All welcome to come and hear about the work the Group action on behalf of the Parish.

**JOB VACANCY:** Our Lady of Lourdes School are looking to appoint an Office Administrator, 17 hours per week. Please see school website for further details – [ourladyoflourdesprimary.com](http://ourladyoflourdesprimary.com)

**SOLIHULL HALF MARATHON:** Solihull Multiple Sclerosis Society have been chosen as their nominated charity and are appealing for people to take part in the Half Marathon on 8<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like to be part of a team of runners get your free fundraising pack by contacting either [mssolihullfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:mssolihullfundraising@gmail.com) or ring 07941 416303.

**OLW LADIES NIGHT:** Gossip and friendship, Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm-10.30pm OLOW School. Tickets £5 to include entrance and a glass of bubbly with glass charm. Tickets on sale after half term. Shops for crafts, Craven and White jewellery, personalised gifts. Donations for a nearly new dress and smart sale. Shoes, bags, mini mommies and little men rails too. Bring your old chick books and go home with new. Licenced bar and Indian food. Hair up do-ed, eyebrows threaded, make up tutorials, live music and The Body Shop.

**COLLECTION:** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Gift Aid: £320.40; Loose: £459.01; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1404.41**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £41.49.

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15. God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 24: 4-9. **R: Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

Second Reading: St. Peter 3: 18-22. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. R: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

The Gospel according to Mark 1: 12-15 Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

Communion Antiphon: One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**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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