

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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4th February 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

My dear brothers and sisters,

The first reading is tough to hear and we admire Job. We talk of 'the patience of Job'. Job is the example and the hero of depression. He just had it bad. All had gone wrong and he felt no good, no hope, no meaning. His family collapsed, his wealth disappeared and he cursed the day he was born. He went through all of the depressions people have, but somehow kept that glimmer of light alive. He never totally lost God, and God never lost him. If we read more of the Book of Job, we discover that it doesn't try to resolve the question of human suffering either. Rather it ends by bringing us face to face with the very mystery of God. With Job, we're invited to turn ourselves over to God, and to trust in God's infinite wisdom and care for us.

The Gospel personalizes that invitation. Mark depicts Jesus embarked on a journey that again and again brings him face to face with evil: manifested in the sin and suffering, sickness and death Jesus encounters in the world. Each time, he proves himself master over evil, the one who brings God's forgiveness, the healer of human suffering. Eventually, he conquers death itself on the Cross.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 4 th	9.00am	Martin Smith R.I.P	
February	11.00am	Pamela Fabrizio R.I.P	
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Monday 5 th		No Mass	
Tuesday 6 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eileen Foley R.I.P
Wednesday 7 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	John Fitzgerald R.I.P
Thursday 8 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Joe Gavin
Friday 9 th	7.30pm	Thelma Wood R.I.P	
Saturday 10 th	9.00am	Liam Evans R.I.P	Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Deceased members of Wallace, O'Donnell and Mc Kinney Families
Sunday 11 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
February	11.00am	Daniel Joseph McGeoghan

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

SOLIHULL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: A concert will be held in Church this afternoon on **Sunday, 4th 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 2nd March at 10.30am**, at the Bridge in Shirley. Everyone welcome.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: This will be celebrated on **Wednesday 27th 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Come and hear Noel's story: 'From UK abortion worker to pro-life activist' and Clare McCullough, founder of The Good Counsel Network. '40 Days for Life' Kick-off event on Sunday, 11th February, 2.00pm, Upper Cloister Room, Birmingham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE. All welcome. For further information contact Isabel: 0777 3501721.

PANCAKE LUNCH: Friends of the Holy Land FHL invite all parishioners to the annual pancake lunch to be held this year on Tuesday, 13th February, between 11.00am and 2.00pm. The event will take place in the lounge at Olton Friary, St. Bernard's Road, and a suggested donation of £2 per head is requested, with all proceeds going to Christians in the Holy Land via FHL. Any queries please contact Steve and Jenny Roper on 0121 705 1737.

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PRE-SCHOOL: The closing date for applications for the Pre-School year September 2018-July 2019 is Wednesday, 28th 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 or email us at 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, 20th March** at United Reform Church Hall, Faulkner Road, Hobs Moat. Time 2.00pm-3.15pm approximately – with free tea and biscuits.

COLLECTION: 28th January 2018. Gift Aid: £413.80; Loose: £513.96; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1552.76**
Father O'Mahony Trust: £108.49.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Job 7: 1-4, 6-7. Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 146: 1-6. **R: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23. I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Mark 1: 29-39. He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

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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