

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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11th February 2018

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

My dear brothers and sisters,

There is always a strange tension when we gather as God's people. On the one hand, we become conscious of our unity in the Christ: people who are sisters and brothers in baptism. The way we speak at the liturgy reminds us of this. On the other hand, we recall in prayer the brokenness of humanity: people who are sick, people who are warring with one another, people who are suffering because of the actions of fellow humans. Today we remind ourselves that Jesus entered into this suffering world bringing healing and peace, and that he has called us to carry on this work of reconciling people to one another and to the Father.

Put bluntly, if we want to gather here as sisters and brothers – and that is the condition of taking part in the Eucharist – then we have to be individuals who bring healing and forgiveness to those we encounter. Jesus encountered the man with the skin complaint, touched him and brought healing. We encounter others and touch their lives; that encounter should be one that promotes peace and trust between people. The odds are that each of us gathered here will encounter a person during the coming week who is our equivalent of the socially isolated sick person: someone on the margins of society, reviled, suspected, suffering. When that person encounters us will she or he encounter more of the same or will it be more like encountering Jesus himself? The greatest miracle of change may be in how we react in that encounter.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

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(Vigil Mass) Sunday 11 th February	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Deceased members of Wallace, O'Donnell and Mc Kinney Families People of the Parish Daniel Joseph McGeoghan	
Monday 12 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 13 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Angie Morris
Ash Wednesday 14 th	9.15am 11.15am 7.30pm	Liturgy of the Word with Blessing + Imposition of Ashes (with OLW School) (with OLW School) Caji Fernandes R.I.P Mr and Mrs Connelly – Johnson Association	
Thursday 15 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	In Thanksgiving to St Jude
Friday 16 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross People of the Parish	
Saturday 17 th	9.00am	Terry Hearn and Joy Yates R.I.P	Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 18 th February	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	John Hirons R.I.P Charles Jones Joseph Cronin R.I.P
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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.

SECOND COLLECTION: A second collection will be taken this weekend in support of the charity LIFE which is based here in the Archdiocese. The charity provides support for women, men and their families, as an alternative for seeking an abortion. It offers Counselling, housing, practical and emotional support too. Please help as best you can. Fr Gerardo extends his apologies as the collection should have been taken last weekend.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY: A reminder that the Season of Lent will be upon us shortly with the celebration of Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on **Wednesday 14th February. Mass Times: 11.15am & 7.30pm.**

This is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. These are the norms that govern Fasting and Abstinence: Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Every person between the age of 18 and 59 (your 59th birthday begins your 60th year) must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

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 21st 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 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.

RITE OF ELECTION: The Rite of Election will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 18th February 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: Friday 23rd February is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Envelopes will be distributed next weekend.

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

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.

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

COLLECTION: 4th February 2018. Gift Aid: £370.00 Loose: £558.69; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1553.69**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £134.25

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46. The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 31: 1-2, 5, 11. **R: You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Corinthians 10: 31-11:1. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. R: Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Mark 1: 40-45. The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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.