

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT- YEAR B

My dear brothers and sisters,

For the next three Sundays the gospel will be taken from John and will set before us the way in which the fourth evangelist understands the mystery of the cross and resurrection. Of all the evangelists, John relies most heavily on symbolism to communicate the meaning of Easter and what it reveals to us about God and the story for today is no exception.

On the face of it what Jesus in cleansing the temple was a rejection of corrupt practices in the temple that distracted from true worship of God. But there is more at stake in his dramatic gesture and this becomes apparent as Jesus responds to the authorities who oppose him. The real issue here is the true worship of God and that will come about through the death and resurrection of Jesus, for as the Word made flesh he is the true temple or dwelling place of God and in him we will come to abide in God's love, which is what true worship is all about.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Special Intention	
Sunday 4 th	9.00am	People of the Parish	
March	11.00am	Adrian Orr (Special Intention)	
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Monday 5 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
	7.00pm	Requiem Mass for Edward Conaty R.I.P	
Tuesday 6 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Gerry Diamond
Wednesday 7 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Laurence Godfrey
Thursday 8 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Brian Taylor R.I.P
Friday 9 th	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	
	7.30pm	David Barrass R.I.P	
Saturday 10 th	9.00am	People of the Parish	Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am

FOURTH 'LAETARE' SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Olive Mary Dunn R.I.P
Sunday 11 th	9.00am	Elaine Miller R.I.P
March	11.00am	Sue Buxton

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

SECOND COLLECTION: A second collection will be taken this weekend for the Cathedral Maintenance Fund. Thank you.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING: This weekend after 9am and 11am Masses Fair Trade coffee, tea, biscuits and cakes for sale plus lots more goodies and an opportunity to find out more about Fair Trade products. Proceeds to Fr. O'Mahony Trust.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you for your generosity last weekend for CAFOD Family Fast Day which raised a total of £1,700.00.

UPDATE ON ROOFING WORKS AND GLAZING WORKS AT OLV CHURCH: The instillation of the main roof glazing over the Altar will commence on Monday 5th March, the instillation programme is two weeks, and the slats and final areas of decoration shall be completed upon completion of the roof light. At which time, on the w/c 19th the scaffolding shall be moved from the front elevation to the rear to allow final decoration and guttering works to be completed. The glazing to the lower roof lights shall also be completed during the w/c 5th March, this includes the flashings around the spire and the sacristy and also the curved (flat) glazing units. It will take the contractor around three days to dismantle the platform within the church and then to clean the area. This means that it will be very close to the Easter period. If all goes to plan, we can achieve Easter, however, as we are all aware we need to prepare for any unforeseen issues and delays which may unfortunately take us into Easter with the scaffolding still inside the church.

ST CHAD'S SANCTUARY: The Sanctuary urgently needs large plastic carrier bags for people seeking asylum and newly settled refugees to carry their clothes home, so if you have any stored away in cupboards that are larger than the normal supermarket size, please bring them in to church and we will ensure they are delivered quickly to those in need. Other items currently in short supply are day-size (rather than large camping size) backpacks, suitcases with wheels and prams/pushchairs suitable for newborn babies. Due to ongoing reorganisation of storage spaces and stock at the Sanctuary no other items are needed at present, thank you. Please contact Helena on 07708 328183 with any queries.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: Please pray for the children of the school and parish who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation over the next two Saturdays.

EASTER CARD CAMPAIGN: There are two lists (different colours) of Prisoners of Conscience and Human Rights Groups who need your help to give them hope and friendship. Please take a list or lists and help as many as you can. The cost of postage is listed.

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.

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 8th April. If you would like to be part of a team of runners get your free fundraising pack by contacting either mssolihullfundraising@gmail.com or ring 07941 416303.

OLW LADIES NIGHT: Gossip and friendship, Saturday, April 28th 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 smarts sale. Shoes, bags, mini mummies 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.

PIETY STALL: Cards and some gifts are available now for Mothers' Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter. To come – Holy Communion followed by Confirmation.

COLLECTION: 25th February 2018. Gift Aid: £326.60; Loose: £497.54; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL:** £1, 448.54

Father O'Mahony Trust: £ 51.68

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17 The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm : 18: **R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

Second Reading: St. Paul's First letter to the Corinthians 1: 22-25 Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation: **R: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! I am the resurrection and the life says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

The Gospel according to John. 2:13-25 Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Communion Antiphon: The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

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.