

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

My dear brothers and sisters,

Standing in the glow of the feast of the Ascension, which the Church celebrated this past Thursday, forty days after the resurrection of Christ (Acts 1:3), we gather one more time to mark the final week of Easter before reaching the feast of Pentecost next Sunday. As we approach Pentecost and with it the end of the long Easter season it is worth reflecting one last time on the foundations of the Paschal mystery which has been expressed over these past six weeks, and on what we are to build upon those foundations.

Firstly, we remember that the Easter Triduum stretching from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on the evening of Holy Thursday through the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday is profoundly shaped by rites, words, symbols, and imagery drawn from the Jewish feast of Passover. At a deeper level, Christ's victory on Easter is understood by Christians as being the definitive "Passover" of God's holy people. Our Christian celebration indeed commemorates the time when God's angel "passed over" the homes of the Israelites, with their doorposts and lintels marked by a lamb's blood, but it goes beyond that, and sees in the resurrection of Christ from the dead the perfect "Passover" from death to new life which tramples sin and gives hope to all who believe in Christ.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Billy Long and Maureen Brazier R.I.P
Sunday 13 th	9.00am	Mrs Teresa McGovern R.I.P
May	11.00am	John and Joan Flynn (FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS)

Monday 14 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 15 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	People of the Parish
Wednesday 16 th		No Mass	
Thursday 17 th		No Mass	
Friday 18 th	10.00am	Day of Prayer for Vocations	Private Intention
	7.00pm	Creina Hearn in Thanksgiving	
Saturday 19 th	9.00am	Patricia Shaw + Exposition	Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Sharlene and Rob Brown
Sunday 20 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
May	11.00am	Christine Kenny and Family

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES: Please pray for the children of our School and Parish who will be receiving their First Holy Communion at the 11.00am Sunday Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: A Second Collection will be held next Sunday for Catholic Communications.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Friday 18th May is a School/Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations. Following Mass which will be at 10.00am, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 3.00pm followed by Benediction. We invite parishioners to be present for part of the day, so that there will be people in Church throughout the morning and afternoon. Please sign the sheets at the back of the church with 30min timeslots for volunteers to be present.

CREINA HEARN: There will be a special Mass of thanksgiving for Creina, which will be held here on **Friday 18th May at 7.00pm** followed by a celebration in the School Hall afterwards. Everyone welcome. If you are planning on coming to this event, we would be grateful if parishioners could bring some food for the celebration following the Mass at 7pm. There are lists at the back of the Church of food items that can be brought and then left in the School Hall for 6pm. Please sign the lists as appropriate. Thank you.

PART TIME PAID GARDENING/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORK: Following retirements and end of contracts, the parish now has a need for someone to look after the grounds. This is envisaged to be about 3-4 hours once a fortnight. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the parish office. It would be helpful if work could start as soon as possible.

‘ADOREMUS’ – EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: On 7-9 September, over 10,000 people will gather in Liverpool for a most wonderful and historic event, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress (Adoremus). The Congress is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales to create a special opportunity to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. The central theme of the Congress is to explore the meaning and power of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and to encourage all parishes to offer people the opportunity to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. There are over 200 people from our Archdiocese booked to attend the Eucharistic Congress in September, but it is not too late to be part of this historic event. There are a number of tickets available for the Saturday when the focus will be the meaning and power of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please visit the diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk for the full programme and a booking form for Saturday 8th September.

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PRE-SCHOOL: There are a small number of vacancies remaining for September 2018. Please call or email for an application form or to arrange a visit. Tel. 07474 743744, email: ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com or visit the website: www.OLOWPreschool.com

WANTED – NEW LEADERS FOR CUBS: At the end of this term our main leaders, Laura, Claire and Sarah, will be standing down from running Cubs. We therefore need new cub leaders to take over in September. Our cub pack is very dynamic and enjoys all sorts of adventurous activities such as canoeing, camping, skiing, craft activities, trips etc. Running cubs is exciting, enjoyable and immensely satisfying and is an opportunity for you or friends to take on a voluntary role which can be a valuable addition to your CV when applying for jobs and progressing careers. If you are interested or have friends or work colleagues who might be interested please get in touch with Ian on 0776601145 or email ianswancott@blueyonder.co.uk. Training is provided by the Scout Association and you will get lots of support from Ian and other leaders at 2nd Shirley. We need to secure the future of cubs from September onwards.

LADIES NIGHT: A huge thank you to everyone who turned up to support the Ladies Night. It was lovely to see ladies from the Parish enjoying the evening as well. There were beautiful products on offer, Indian food, a wonderful raffle with amazing prices. The magnificent amount of £900 was raised for the School. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the organisation of the evening.

COLLECTION: 6th May 2018. Gift Aid: £481.50; Loose: £858.99; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1965.49.**

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 20-26. We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

Responsorial Psalm : Ps 102. The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading: St John 4: 11-16. Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation: R: Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!

The Gospel according to John 17: 11-19. That they may be one like us!

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.