

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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My dear brothers and sisters,

The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, which we call the Eucharist, is not just one of the seven Sacraments. It is the supreme Christian Sacrament and it is presented as such in all the Gospels. Mark makes it clear that Jesus instituted this Sacrament during a Passover meal, which in turn re-enacts the central Exodus event in the history of Israel. For Jesus, this Sacrament interprets his own dying and rising as the definitive Exodus--the supreme act of liberation from bondage--now intended for all people and for all time. This represents for us, therefore, the ultimate liberation from sin and death...and therefore from the bondage of guilt and fear and despair. In this profoundly symbolic action at the Last Supper, Jesus reveals to his disciples the meaning of his imminent death and resurrection. He will not be dying as a misguided idealist, who loses everything at the end and who is believed by some naïve persons to have been somehow victorious. Rather, he is one who freely gives his life for others and whose love leads directly to his resurrection, since God cannot ignore such generous and unselfish love.

When we receive the Eucharist with profound awareness of its true meaning, we experience the reality of God's love for us and, as that experience deepens, we become ever more free to be the kind of loving presence in our world that Jesus calls us to be.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am	P J Loughncy R.I.P	
June	11.00am	Juliana Talukder R.I.P	
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Monday 4 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 5 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Mgr. Mario De Santis R.I.P
Wednesday 6 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Nora Dunne R.I.P
Thursday 7 th	10.30am	(with OLW School + Exposition)	Margaret Mc Dermott
Friday 8 th	7.30pm	Joe Rudden	
Saturday 9 th	9.00am	Pat Fahy R.I.P + Exposition	Confessions: 11.00am-11.30am
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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10 th	9.00am	Tony Sanford R.I.P
June	11.00am	Cahal Moen R.I.P

IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Dorothy Downes R.I.P and Philomena McDaid R.I.P who died recently. May they rest in peace.

PASTORAL LETTER: There is a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop this weekend for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Thursday 7th June is Parish Day of Prayer for Vocations. Following Mass which will be at 10.30am, 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.

FR GERARDO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION: Fr Gerardo will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of Ordination to the Priesthood in July. The anniversary occurs on 25th July, however, this coincides with Fr Gerardo's father's first anniversary of his death. It seems appropriate therefore, to celebrate a few days in advance of the date. There will be a concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving here in the parish on **Friday 20th July at 7.00pm** followed by a celebration in the School Hall. Everyone from the parish is invited to this special event and please God, it will be a happy and joyous occasion. Nearer to the date, it would be kind of parishioners to sign the lists at the back of Church indicating that if they are planning on coming, to bring some food which can be shared afterwards in the School Hall.

WEEKEND SERVERS: Please collect your new rotas – starting in June – from the Sacristy.

MARMALADE SALE: Home made marmalade will be on sale after all Masses over the weekend of 9/10th June. Stock up for summer! Proceeds to Fr. O'Mahony Trust. Many thanks.

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 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. A number of tickets are 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: Open Afternoon on Monday 11th June 2018, 1.00pm-2.30pm, we would like to invite you and your child to come along. We will provide you with the opportunity to see how our Pre-School is set up, meet with members of staff and ask any questions. Our wonderful outside facilities will be open for you to see. We have limited availability remaining for September 2018-July 2019. If you would like to contact us before our Open Afternoon please call on 07474 743744 or email ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com. You can also visit our website www.OLOWPreschool.com.

PIETY STALL: Confirmation cards and gifts are now available. Holy Communion cards and gifts are also available but not on display.

COLLECTION: 27th May 2018. Gift Aid: £299.40 Loose: £336.81; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1261.21.**

Fr. O'Mahony Trust: £56.60.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Exodus 24: 3-8. This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Responsorial Psalm : The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-15. The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions.

Gospel Acclamation: R: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord; anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26. This is my body. This is my blood.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

Dismissal of the Children

Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them, I am there with them, I am there. (sing twice)