

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel, the second of our five Sundays on the sixth chapter of John, takes place the day after Jesus had fed the five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. Some people sought the Lord out, not because they wanted to hear His teaching, but only because they could get some more free food. Jesus used their desire to eat to raise their need to an infinitely higher level. He told them that they seek food that perishes, but that he could give them food that never perishes. They spoke about the manna that God provided in the days of the Exodus, and Jesus told them about the bread the Father gives that is greater than manna.

We have to eat. If we don't eat, we'll starve to death. We have to eat to maintain our physical lives. We have to eat to maintain our spiritual lives. Jesus himself is the food we need. He is the Bread of Life. We need Him. We need our union with the Lord. We need to let Him guide our ways. We are restless in life. We hunger for more than this life can offer. He gives us what we need. He gives us God. He is God. He gives us the Eucharist. We need to receive communion. The Eucharist is not just one of the many pious practices of our faith. It is the heart of our faith. The Eucharist is our union with Jesus offering Himself to the Father for us. We need the Eucharist as our spiritual food. The Eucharist is the very Body of Christ.

### MASSES DURING THE WEEK

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	5.30pm	Tom and Mary Harrison R.I.P	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Jim Patterson R.I.P	
August	11.00am	People of the Parish	
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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>	<b>No Confessions Today</b>

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b>	5.30pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Annie Ferrao R.I.P	
August	11.00am	Maureen Easton; Thomas and Bridget	

**DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING:** Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

**JOB VACANCY:** Maryvale Institute wishes to appoint an Administrative Assistant for reception and front office duties and general administrative support for the Institute's activities. Duties will include photocopying and printing, filing and record-keeping and responsibility for sales and stock keeping for the Institute's small bookshop. You should have at least a year's administrative experience in an office environment, with good communication skills in oral and written English and be able to work independently and accurately. An ability to use word processing, database and spreadsheet programmes is essential. Experience of minute-taking would be an advantage. A detailed job description and application form are available on Maryvale's website [www.maryvale.ac.uk](http://www.maryvale.ac.uk) or contact: Mrs Rita Bannister, Academic Registrar, Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9AG. 0121 360 8118. [registry@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:registry@maryvale.ac.uk). Applications should be received by Friday 10th August 2018. Interviews will be held during the week commencing 13th August.

**JOB VACANCY:** Vocations Promotion Outreach Fieldworker (2 roles – Central Northern and South Central) Archdiocese of Birmingham Vocations Office. Full-time (35 hours per week)/Permanent £25,000 p.a. For any informal discussion about this role, please contact Fr. Michael Dolman, Vocations Director on 0121 321 5142. Please contact Human Resources at the Archdiocese for a copy of the job description/person specification for this role – email: [gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org). Application for this role is via your CV with a covering letter, detailing why you are interested in this position and how your skills and experience match those required for it. Closing date for receipt of applications: noon – Friday 31st August 2018 Interview date: Week commencing 17th September 2018

**UN DAY FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE:** Please write/pray as requested for nine torture victims on the coloured information sheets available at the entrances to the church. **THEY NEED OUR HELP, PLEASE!** There are three victims on each of the three coloured sheets. Remember that Our Lord was a victim of torture. Thank you.

**ST CHAD'S SANCTUARY:** The Sanctuary has produced a Newsletter entitled '**THE SUNRISE**', which is available at the back of church priced £1. This will help towards printing costs. It's a collection of short pieces written by those studying English and also edited and compiled by students, reflecting on life in the UK, countries of origin and goings on at the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary is desperately short of men's shoes (especially trainers) and clothes for children aged 3 years and upwards - good quality, clean items will be gratefully received. Can we appeal to your generosity for your help please? Items can be brought to church and Helena will ensure that they will be transported from church to the Sanctuary. Thank you.

**ROSARY RALLY: Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> August** commencing with concelebrated Mass at 2.00pm at Mount St. Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire, to pray for world peace and young people. Break for picnics, refreshments, resuming at 4.00pm. It is advisable to bring a folding chair or stool. The Abbey is on Oaks Road near Coalville (LE67 5UL) – 5 miles from Jct. 23 of the M1 and off the A512 in direction of Ashby.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** A programme of instruction for children not attending Catholic primary schools will begin in September. Candidates must be in Year 3 or above. Application forms are available from the Sacristy. Completed forms can be returned to Fr Gerardo. Thank you.

**COLLECTION:** 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Gift Aid: £.341.00. Loose: £404.21. Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1,370.21**  
Fr. O'Mahony Trust: £49.79.

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15. I will rain down bread for you from the heavens.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 77. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24. Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

**Gospel Acclamation: R: Alleluia, alleluia! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to John 6: 24-35. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.