

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B

My dear brothers and sisters,

*Marriage! The readings today speak to us about the creation of man and woman and their union with one another in marriage. Today it is so difficult to speak about marriage because our culture is against the Christian idea of marriage. We have to be able to speak clearly and yet not condemn anyone. The first reading today is from the Book of Genesis and speaks of the creation of woman. It is important to hear this teaching as it was meant and not to listen to it only with the interpretations of our time. The author wants us to know that men and women come from the same creation, that there is a close relationship between men and women and that God creates both man and woman. For Jesus, marriage is clearly a gift from God. Marriage is between a man and a woman. Marriage is also about having children. Marriage is a celebration of creation and of God's love. In much of our modern culture, people no longer believe in God. People believe that marriage is just any two people making a commitment to one another. Many today do not want to have children in a marriage because it complicates the marriage. Finally, marriage is seen as something only on the human level and is not seen as a sacrament.*

*We Catholics have an enormous evangelization to do in our modern world. Even simply to state the truth about how our Holy Scriptures and our Catholic tradition see marriage is highly offensive to many people. Our challenge is first to live the teachings of Jesus and the Church and then to speak fearlessly about God's plan for marriage and children.*

### MASSES DURING THE WEEK

#### TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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| <b>(Vigil Mass)</b><br>Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup><br>October | 5.30pm<br>9.00am<br>11.00am | People of the Parish<br>Harris Family Intentions<br>Theresa Mc Govern and Lily Burke R.I.P |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>                                   |                             | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>                                  |                             | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>                               |                             | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>                                |                             | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>                                  |                             | <b>No Mass</b>   |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>                                | 9.00am                      | John Campbell + Exposition <b>Confessions: 11.00am -11.30am</b>                            |

#### TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

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| <b>(Vigil Mass)</b><br>Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup><br>October | 5.30pm<br>9.00am<br>11.00am | Margaret Doyle R.I.P<br>People of the Parish<br>John Curtis R.I.P |
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**IN MEMORIAM:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Chris Edwards R.I.P who died recently. May he rest in peace.

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY:** Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October was CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. We are invited by CAFOD to share generously with the poor in the abundance that God has given us. A collection for CAFOD will be taken this weekend.

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PRE-SCHOOL:** On Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, Father Gerardo will be blessing our new Pre-School natural garden after 9.00am Mass. You are all very welcome to join us for the blessing and for refreshments afterwards. You will be able to have a tour around our natural garden and see this new amazing outdoor space which offers our Pre-School children the opportunity to interact with their natural environment all year round. We have a small number of places available for this Pre-School year and we are now accepting applications for 2019/20. Opening hours are 9.15am-12.15pm. For further details, to arrange a visit or an application form, please contact Pre-School (07474 743744) weekdays 9.00am-12.30pm or alternatively, visit our website at [www.OLOWpreschool.com](http://www.OLOWpreschool.com) or email us at [ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com)

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE SCHOOL INSPECTION:** In early July, our parish school was inspected by the Archdiocese of Birmingham, this is known as a Section 48 inspection. During a Section 48 inspection, inspectors make judgements regarding the Catholic life of the school, the teaching of Religious Education and the quality of the school's collective worship. We are delighted to report that Our Lady of the Wayside School was judged to be outstanding (highest grading) in all three aspects, a great achievement for the school and for our parish. A copy of the report is available at the back of church.

**ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS:** St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Road, Edgbaston, B16 9SL will be holding their 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday, 18th October 2018 from 6:45pm-9:15pm. All current Year 11 aged girls and their parents are welcome to attend.

**JOB VACANCY IN SCHOOL:** - lunchtime supervisor - teacher to cover a maternity leave (commencing December) for 2 or 3 days a week. Contact school office for further details - 0121 744 6852.

**ACCOUNTANT REQUIRED:** Are you a member of an accounting professional body who would like to volunteer to audit the Pre-school accounts? Please call Annette McHale, Finance Officer, Our Lady of the Wayside Pre-school on 07473 776006. [Ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:Ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com) The Pre-school is a registered charity.

**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 ASAP. Thank you.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** A Catechetical Course of Instruction in the Faith will begin on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm** for those who are interested in becoming full members of the Church by receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The course is open to everyone, even Catholics who may wish to learn and deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith. Please speak to Fr Gerardo if you are interested and would like to participate.

**PHONES:** The presbytery has recently changed its phone system. The answering machine on the old one would not allow long messages to be left and would cut out without the caller knowing – leading to embarrassing situations at times. So we now have a Panasonic KX-TGD324 set of 4 phones in excellent working condition – apart from the answering machine which only accepts short (30-60 seconds) messages. All we ask is a donation to the Father O'Mahony Trust and it is yours. Please see Fr. Gerardo if interested.

**COLLECTION:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Gift Aid: £289.00. Loose: £477.98; Standing Order: £625.00. **TOTAL: £1391.98**

Fr. O'Mahony Trust: £55.00

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24. They become one body.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 127. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11. The one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock.

**Gospel Acclamation: R: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Mark 10: 2-16. What God has united, man must not divide.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**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.*

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