

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

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(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Bethany Parker	
Sunday 2 nd	9.00am	People of the Parish	
December	11.00am	Theresa McGovern R.I.P	
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Monday 3 rd	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 4 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Kate Moen
Wednesday 5 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Joe and Peig Moran
Thursday 6 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Theresa Burke
Friday 7 th	7.30pm	Mark Callus R.I.P	
Saturday 8 th	9.00am	Eucharistic Service	Confessions 11.00am – 11.30am
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Patrick McManus R.I.P
Sunday 9 th	9.00am	Jim Paterson R.I.P
December	11.00am	People of the Parish

MARMALADE SALE: Christmas marmalade sale - after all masses this weekend. Great tasty gifts for everyone, proceeds to Fr.O'Mahony Trust.

ADVENT 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS: Advent 'Walk with me' booklets **and calendars** are available at the back of the church priced £1.00 each.

ADVENT TALK: Deacon Sean Loone will be giving a talk on the theme of Advent on **Thursday 6th December at 7.00pm** in the Studio Hall of Our Lady of the Wayside School. Everyone welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION: A second collection will be taken next weekend for the Poor Parishes of the Archdiocese.

ADVENT GREETING CARD CAMPAIGN: Please will you help? So many people suffer terrible injustices and persecutions await your card to give them hope and to let them know they are not forgotten. On the display table at the back of church are two lists (pink & yellow sheets), with different people on each list. Please take one or both lists and follow the instructions carefully and **DO NOT** send religious cards except to those indicated, otherwise you will worsen their conditions. Please support this campaign remembering that Our Lord was once a Prisoner of Conscience too.

FAIR TRADE SALE: A large range of Fairly Traded Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale in the Narthex this weekend. Please come along and support Traidcraft by stocking up. We all benefit from our substantial parish discount when buying from the parish stall. Producers in the developing world benefit directly from every gift or food purchase made. Profits made from card sales are shared with CAFOD, Christian Aid and SCIAF.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE: A Service of Reconciliation will be celebrated at St Augustine's Church, Solihull on **Monday 17th December at 7.00pm**. Please do come along to this event. There will be priests from the Deanery who will be present to hear confessions.

PARISH / OLV SCHOOL ADVENT LITURGY: An Advent Liturgy of scripture, prayer, song and reflection will be celebrated here in church, where we welcome the children from Our Lady of the Wayside School who will be participating. This will be on **Wednesday 19th December** at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS: Please note, that this Christmas, there will not be a Mass at Midnight as has been the custom here in previous years. Mass will be celebrated instead at the new time of 9.00pm on Christmas Eve, with carols and readings from 8.30pm. The earlier Mass on Christmas Eve of 6.00pm will remain at the same time. Thank you.

PRE-SCHOOL ASSISTANTS – EMERGENCY COVER We have vacancies for Pre-School Assistants - Emergency Cover in our busy, friendly Pre-School We require Emergency Cover on an ad-hoc basis to cover staff absence and often with minimal notice. The posts will be subject to a 3 month probationary period. Our Pre-School is open during term times, Monday - Friday 9.15am - 12.30pm. You must have good communication skills and be willing to undertake some additional training. A knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage, PreSchool settings and early childhood development are desirable, but not essential; we will provide on the job training. For an informal discussion, application form & job description or visit to see if this is the role for you, contact us by email ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com or alternatively speak to Ann Marie Brady, Manager on 07474 743744. This post is subject to a satisfactory CRB check and satisfactory references. Closing date for applications is Monday 10th December 2018. Our Lady of the Wayside PreSchool has a responsibility for and a commitment to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR - Required for January 2019: The Headteacher and Governors of St. Paul's School for Girls, are seeking to appoint an outstanding full time Pastoral Administrator who will have excellent interpersonal, numeracy and literacy skills, be confident and skilled in using a range of ICT programs and be able to liaise with tact and diplomacy under pressure with parents, carers, students, outside agencies and visitors. Hours: 36.5 plus banked hours. Salary: £19,446 - £20,074 depending on experience. Please complete an application form and one side of A4 on how your skills, abilities and experience match the Pastoral Administrator Post. For further details you can download an application pack from our website www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk Closing date: Friday 14 December 2018 at 12noon. Interview date: Tuesday 18 December 2018. St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, B16 9SL. Tel : 0121 454 0895 email: enquiry@stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk website: www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk

PIETY STALL: A range of Christmas items have arrived for the Piety Stall including Christmas cards. Please do have a browse.

COLLECTION: 25th November 2018. Gift Aid: £279.00. Loose: £371.19. Standing Order: £601.00. TOTAL: £1251.19.
Fr. O'Mahony Trust: £74.05.

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16. I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2. May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Gospel Acclamation: R: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28, 34-36. Your liberation is near at hand.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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.

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