

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Gospel of John lays bare how Jesus living among us showed us mercy and forgiveness. Jesus shows His loving kindness to the woman caught in adultery. The mercy of God does not condone sin, but rather compassionately recognizes repentance and grants forgiveness. By saying to the woman, 'Don't sin anymore', Jesus is tempering justice with mercy. The woman has certainly sinned and there is the recognition of this fact; nonetheless, she has received mercy from Jesus. The experience of Christ's love provides an opportunity to move forward in a renewed life of holiness. Why should we think that He would not show us the same loving kindness? We can accept His invitation to believe, to move forward, and to walk the path as His followers. Especially at this time of Lent. No matter how much we may stumble and fall, He is always there, inviting us to be with Him, renewing us, urging us to begin again.

Our Christian life is about meeting Jesus every day and knowing that His love for us is ever new. Life in Christ gives us strength to overcome difficulties that come into our lives. This Lententide is not about being perfect. Rather, it is about learning to follow the Lord Jesus as best we can, always relying on His love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Let us ask during this Lent: Lord Jesus, renew us with your love.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 7 th April	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Patrick Forkin Ken Parker and Rosa Iuliano R.I.P People of the Parish	
Monday 8 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 9 th	10.30am	(with OLW School)	Lamb and Nugent Family Intentions
Wednesday 10 th		No Mass	
Thursday 11 th		No Mass	
Friday 12 th	9.15am 7.00pm 7.30pm	Rosary: DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE Stations of the Cross Teresa McGovern and Lily Burke R.I.P	
Saturday 13 th	9.00am	Tommie & Mary Flannery (50 th W. Ann.) + Exp. Confessions: 11.00am -11.30am	

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 14 th April	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Tony Gilleran R.I.P People of the Parish Ann Nora Finnegan
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PENANCE SERVICE: This will be held here in church on **Tuesday 16th April at 7.00pm**. We welcome parishioners from St Augustine's Church in Solihull and priests from the Deanery who will be assisting with confessions that evening. Everyone welcome.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE - 12 April 2019: The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) has highlighted the importance of prayer and suggested to Pope Francis that the worldwide Catholic Church should join together in a day of prayer. The Holy Father has welcomed this initiative. In the Cycle of Prayer for England and Wales, this day is marked every year on the Friday of the fifth week of Lent. On Friday 12 April the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is encouraging the Catholic community to take part in a day of prayer for survivors of sexual abuse. There will be an opportunity to pray the Rosary together and offer prayers on Friday morning at 9.15am in church. Please do come along to this.

SOLIHULL WELCOME: During Lent, we are encouraged to be generous with almsgiving towards the poor. Solihull Welcome would be grateful if parishioners would kindly donate the following items, which can be left at the back of church. Any tinned vegetables & fruit, dried pasta & rice, tinned tuna & vegetable oil. Also washing powder- which can be decanted into smaller amounts! Thank you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday evening in Lent at 7.00pm. Please do come along to this wonderful meditation.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION TIMES:

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7.30pm followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm.

GOOD FRIDAY: 10.30am Walk of Witness Solemn Liturgy of the Passion: 3.00pm Stations of the Cross: 7.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY: Confessions from 11.00am-12.00pm; The Easter Vigil: 8.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY: 9.00am and 11.00am Mass

Ministers of Communion, Servers, Readers, Volunteers for Washing of Feet and Wardens are asked to sign in the sacristy to help on:
HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND THE EASTER VIGIL.

Easter Vigil and Sunday

Vigil Readers for Mass – 20th April

Sunday Readers – 21st April

Ministers of Communion –

Servers –

Wardens –

Ministers of Communion are asked to attend the Holy Thursday Ceremony to be re-commissioned

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: Please pray for the following Candidates from the Parish who are due to receive the Sacraments of Initiation during Eastertide: Rachel Thompson; Michelle Hemphill, Katie Biddle Rawbone; Matt Kendrick. Rachel, Michelle and Katie will receive the Sacraments on **Sunday 5th May during 11.00am Mass**. We ask God to bless and guide them as they make this important step in their journey of faith.

EASTER GREETING CAMPAIGN: There are 2 lists, in different colours, of Prisoners of Conscience, who are in desperately in need of your help, to give them hope and encouragement and to let them know that someone cares and that they are not forgotten. Do send to as many as you can, remembering that Our Lord was once a PoC.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES:- Thank you if you have already collected your box of envelopes for the new tax year. If you haven't yet, your box can be collected from the Sacristy. If your circumstances have changed in the last year (home address or no longer paying tax), let us know so that we can update the records. If you wish to start making offertories using the envelope scheme, or change your standing order, or have any other questions, please contact the Parish Office by phone or email.

WEB SITE VOLUNTEER NEEDED: to look after and develop the parish website. If interested please email the parish office.

COLLECTION: 31st March 2019. Gift Aid: £349.20. Loose: £500.06. Standing Order: £595. TOTAL: £1444.26

Father O'Mahony Trust: £95.10.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Isaiah 43: 16-21. See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Philippians 3: 8-14. Reproducing the pattern of his death, I have accepted the loss of everything for Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Seek good and not evil so that you may live, and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you. **Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

The Gospel according to John 8: 1-11. If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.

Communion Antiphon: Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

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. (repeat)