

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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19th May 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

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| (Vigil) Sunday 19 th May | 5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am | Billy Long & Maureen Brazier R.I.P Juliana Talukder R.I.P Mary Hall R.I.P | |
| Monday 20 th | 9.15am | (8.55am Morning Prayer) | Eucharistic Service |
| Tuesday 21 st | 9.15am | (8.55am Morning Prayer) | Ida Banno R.I.P |
| Wednesday 22 nd | 9.15am | (8.55am Morning Prayer) | Margaret Moran |
| Thursday 23 rd | 9.15am | (8.55am Morning Prayer) | Jim Butler R.I.P |
| Friday 24 th | 7.30pm | Norman Hart R.I.P | |
| Saturday 25 th | 9.00am | Norah Tighe R.I.P + Exposition | Confessions 11.00am -11.30am |

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C

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| (Vigil) Sunday 26 th May | 5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am | Mary Cheal R.I.P People of the Parish Teresa McGovern |
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SECOND COLLECTION: Thank you for last week's second collection for Clergy Training Fund which raised a total of £631.78.

PARISH FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT: FRIDAY 7 JUNE. 6.30pm. This will take place at Our Lady of the Wayside School. Bring your own picnic food – there will be a prize for the most imaginative hamper. Bar with table service available on the night. Tickets are priced at £2 per person and are on sale after weekend Masses.

VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY at St George & St Teresa, Dorridge: Due to the forthcoming retirement of the current post-holder, there is a vacancy for a paid part-time (10-12 hours/week) parish secretary. General administrative skills including computer skills and telephone/person skills are required. If interested please contact Fr Rob Taylerson on 01564 772098 or parish_priest@catholicchurch.dorridge.uk

MISSIO RED BOXES: Would parishioners who subscribe to the Mission 'Red Boxes', in aid of the Mill Hill Missionaries' work for the Church in developing countries, please bring their filled boxes to Church on the weekend of 11/12th May so that the boxes can be emptied and the contents counted. Please note your contributions for 2017/2018 amounted to £1,980.20. Well done and thank you all. Let's see if we can beat that total for 2018/19! Shirley and Peter Hanlon.

'PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK- 10th September 2019: Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14th September 2019. £599.00 pp sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, from Manchester or Liverpool, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment/ guided tours included. WCHR rooms on request. Single room supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

OLOW PRE-SCHOOL: We are holding our Open Afternoon on **Tuesday, 21st May 2019 1.00pm – 2.30pm.** and 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 which you may have. Our wonderful outside facilities will be open for you to see too. We have very limited availability remaining for September 2019 – July 2020 for Pre-School and Nursery age children. If you would like to contact us before our Open Afternoon, please call on 07474 743744 or email us at ourladyofthewaysideschool@gmail.com. You can also visit our website www.OLOWPreschool.com

TAKING STOCK: There is a description of our Church under a national database of all Catholic Churches. Please go to: taking-stock.org.uk and choose the Birmingham Diocese, then search for Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

ST BRENDAN'S GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM: We are looking to recruit girls and boys aged 5-7 and girls aged between 10 and 14 to join the youth teams. There will be an Open Evening on Thursday 23rd May at Old Yardleians RFC., Tilehouse Lane, Shirley, B90 1PW between 6.15 and 7.30pm. All are welcome to come along. For more details please contact Tara on 07739 or Paula on 07716 853401.

TAIZE SERVICE: There will be a Taize service at St. Mary's, Wythall, on Sunday 19th May at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

FRIDAY CLUB: We will meet on **Friday, 31st May**, in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm. Please pass on the message to your friends, all will be welcome.

COLLECTION: 12th May 2019. Gift Aid: £270.50 . Loose: £667.84 Standing Order: £624.00. TOTAL: £1562.34.

Father O'Mahony Trust: £26.04.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27. They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second Reading: Book of the Apocalypse 21: 1-5. God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you.' Alleluia!

The Gospel according to John 13: 31-35. I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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)