

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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28th July 2019 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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My dear brothers and sisters,

The main themes of today's Scripture readings are the power of intercessory prayer, the Our Father as the ideal prayer, and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer with trusting faith and boldness. In short, the readings teach us what to pray and how to pray.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us the model for intercessory prayer provided by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be trying to manipulate God through his skilful bargaining and humble, persistent intercession, God is actually being moved to mercy by the goodness of a few innocent souls.

Today's gospel is about prayer and in it, Jesus encourages his followers to persevere in prayer and not to lose heart. The unanswered request and the door that remains shut are not unusual experiences for people who pray. Indeed we can be left wondering why our prayers are not answered. Is it because we lack faith or worse still because of our sins? At such times we need to remember that Christian prayer is not about magic nor is it an elaborate heavenly lottery. Being baptised means that we share in the dying and rising of Christ, not just once but many times on our way home to the Father. Prayer teaches us about what is really important and, while it does not always take away our pain, through it we can come to understand a little better how and where God is at work in our lives.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 28 th July	5.30pm	Anne Gaffney R.I.P	
	9.00am	Fr Louis McRaye R.I.P	
	11.00am	People of the Parish	
	7.00pm	Reception + Evening Prayer for Fr Louis McRaye R.I.P	
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Monday 29 th	9.15am	(8.55am Rosary + Mass	
	6.00pm	Vigil for Carmel Carroll R.I.P	
Tuesday 30 th	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Carmel Carroll R.I.P	
Wednesday 31 st	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Kathleen Mannion
Thursday 1 st	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Jim Butler R.I.P
Friday 2 nd	10.00am	Norah Tuite R.I.P	
Saturday 3 rd	9.00am	Joyce MacLeod R.I.P + Exposition	Confessions: 11.00am – 11.30am

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 4 th August	5.30pm	Helen Fineran R.I.P
	9.00am	Michael Joyce R.I.P
	11.00am	People of the Parish

IN MEMORIAM - FR LOUIS McRAYE R.I.P: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Louis McRae R.I.P who died on 7th July. May he rest in peace. Fr Louis's funeral will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral on **Monday 29th July at Midday**. There will be a reception into church for him here at Our Lady of the Wayside Parish, with the celebration of Evening Prayer on **Sunday 28th July at 7.00pm**. Fr Louis's body will remain in church overnight and will then be transferred to the Cathedral the following morning at 10.00am. Following the evening service in church, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome.

IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Carmel Carroll R.I.P and Ciro Lanza R.I.P who died recently. May they rest in peace.

FRIDAY MASS: Over the past few months, the attendance at Friday evening Mass at 7.30pm has dropped considerably. Fewer and fewer parishioners seem to be coming to that Mass. Therefore, as of August, Friday masses will now be celebrated at the new time of 10.00am and no longer at 7.30pm. However, during the season of Lent, Masses will resume at 7.30pm with Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING A CATHOLIC SCHOOL: If you have a child in Year 3 or above and would like them to make their First Holy Communion in May 2020, please make yourself known to Father Gerardo, and collect an application form from the Sacristy. Please return the completed form asap. There will be an opportunity to join Year 3 Our Lady of the Wayside children for a retreat day in September, at Alton Castle.

OLW SCHOOL – PROPOSED MULTI ACADEMY COMPANY. The Trustees of the Archdiocese have requested that all schools under the Diocesan Trust Deed work towards becoming 'academy ready'. This means that the Archdiocese sees the long term future of its schools as forming and being part of a multi academy company with other Catholic schools in the local area. The Governing Bodies of our local Catholic schools have been discussing working together in the future within a Birmingham Archdiocesan academy structure. Such an arrangement is known as a Multi-Academy Company (MAC). It is proposed to convert to academy status in 2020 and form a multi-academy company which will be known as 'Our Lady and All Saints Multi-Academy Company'. As part of the process of application we have committed to full consultation with all stakeholders (including parents and parishioners) in order to take their views into account regarding the changes ahead. Consultation with all stakeholders will be from 16th September 2019 to 14th October 2019. An information leaflet will be available but further information can be found on the Diocesan website with the following link: <https://www.bdes.org.uk/academies.html>. Dates and times for the consultation event at our school will be shared with you in September.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME, COLESHILL: offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting, with Mass said daily by resident priests. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

COLLECTION: 21st July Gift Aid: £355.00 Loose: £ 427.14 Standing Order: £613.00. **TOTAL: £ 1,395.00**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £ 75.91
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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137 R. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Colossians 2: 12-14 He has brought you to life in him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Luke 11. 1-13 Ask, and it will be given to you.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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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