

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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My dear brothers and sisters,

In Chapter 12 of Luke's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples and the crowd on how to be ready for the coming judgment. Jesus tells the crowd a parable. A rich man's lands have yielded more crops than expected. His response is not to consider how he might share all the extra food with others but to wonder how he can possibly store it all. He has what he thinks is a brilliant idea: to tear down his present barns and build larger ones. Then he will have many things stored up for years of eating, drinking, and making merry. "You fool" is God's response to this man because that very night his life will be taken away. To whom will everything belong then, God asks. The rich man's world is small, just him and his possessions, and now he learns that he is to lose his life. What good are his possessions now? Jesus states the moral of the story. This is how it will be for everyone who stores up treasure for himself or herself but is not rich in what matters to God.

Centuries later St. Gregory the Great taught that when we care for the needs of the poor, we are giving them what is theirs, not ours. We are not just performing works of mercy; we are paying a debt of justice. Life does not consist in possessions but in sharing what we possess with others. The goods of the earth have been given to everyone.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 4 th August	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Helen Fineran R.I.P Michael Joyce R.I.P People of the Parish	
Monday 5 th		No Mass	
Tuesday 6 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Andrew McCarron R.I.P
Wednesday 7 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Tom and Mary Harrison R.I.P
Thursday 8 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Philomena Stephens
Friday 9 th	10.00am	Funeral Service for Ciro Lanza R.I.P	
Saturday 10 th	9.00am	Eileen Danaher R.I.P + Exposition	Confessions: 11.00am – 11.30am

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 11 th August	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Michael McDaid R.I.P Lily Burke R.I.P
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FR LOUIS McRAYE R.I.P: Thank you to everyone who had a part to play in making the Service of Prayer for Fr Louis last Sunday evening such a beautiful and prayerful occasion. It was wonderful to see so many people here in church and also at his Requiem the following day at St Chad's Cathedral. It was evident that Fr Louis had touched so many lives throughout the course of his priestly ministry. We thank God for this and for his ministry in our parish here in Shirley over the years. Special thanks to members of the choir, the sacristans and the volunteers who served refreshments in the Parish Hall following the Service. We gave Fr Louis a wonderful send-off and I am sure he would be very happy with the farewell that we gave him. May he now rest in peace, as he takes his place at the Heavenly banquet in the company of all the angels and saints.

IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ciro Lanza R.I.P** who died recently. May he rest in peace.

ST CHAD'S SANCTUARY: Thank you very much indeed for the wonderful response to the 'tomato appeal' last month. 250 tins were collected over the two weekends which enabled much needed food bags to be filled and distributed. This weekend we are appealing once more to your generosity. The Sanctuary's summer programme of children's activities for asylum seeking and recently settled refugees who cannot afford outings themselves has been so popular this year that larger venues have had to be found at short notice. OLV school has very kindly agreed to host an event on the school site here on 15th August. We are expecting to receive around 70 visitors from many different countries of origin. We will need help to fund the transport from central Birmingham, with setting up the field, preparing food for lunch, serving ice creams, supervising games and clearing up afterwards. If you can help in any way please let Helena know - mobile number 07708 328183 or by email to helena.madden@btinternet.com. Thank you in advance for your support.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - SAFEGUARDING: There will be a short meeting in the Parish Hall on **Sunday 8th September** following the 11.00am Mass for all those who involved with the Sunday Children's Liturgy. New Safeguarding rules have now come into force from the Archdiocese and all those who volunteer with the Children's Liturgy are now required to have a DBS check. It will be important for you to attend the meeting if you volunteer for the Children's Liturgy. The Parish Safeguarding representative who is Mrs Michelle Ashley will be present at the meeting and will explain the procedure involved and the necessary documentation that will require completing, in order for the DBS to be issued. Thank you.

COLUMBAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL: There will be a Columban Missionary Appeal on the weekend of 31st August/1st September. We welcome Fr John Collins SSC to the parish representing the Columban Fathers who will be speaking at the Masses.

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.

STRAWBERRY TEA: Jo and Kit Morton would like to thank all the parishioners who supported this event and the magnificent sum of £1050 was raised for Friends of the Holy Land. This money has been forwarded to the Head Office in Kenilworth and will be used to help our fellow Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.

COLLECTION: 28th July –

Gift Aid: £302.00 Loose: £402.04 Standing Order: £613.00. **TOTAL: £ 1317.00**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £45.30.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2:21-23. What does man gain from all his toil?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 94. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: St. Paul to the St. Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11. You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

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

The Gospel according to Luke 12: 13-21. This hoard of yours, whose will it be?

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.