

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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11th August 2019

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters,

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass)
Sunday 11th
August

5.30pm People of the Parish
9.00am Michael McDaid R.I.P
11.00am Lily Burke R.I.P

Monday 12th

No Mass

Tuesday 13th

9.15am (8.55am Morning Prayer) Eileen Danaher R.I.P

Wednesday 14th

No Mass

Thursday 15th

11.00am **SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
Kazimierz and Aleksander Szczepanik R.I.P

Friday 16th

No Mass

Saturday 17th

9.00am **Eucharistic Service** **No Confessions Today**

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass)
Sunday 18th
August

5.30pm People of the Parish
9.00am Margaret Campbell R.I.P
11.00am Martin Gallagher R.I.P

SUPPLY PRIEST: We welcome Fr Raymond Corbett to the parish over the next couple of weekends who will be covering the Sunday Masses.

ST CHAD'S SANCTUARY: 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.

NEWMAN CERTIFICATE IN CATHOLIC STUDIES: Applications are invited for the NCCS during the first two weeks of September 2019. This course will be of interest to anybody interested in developing their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith. The certificate is based on attendance only and there is no need to submit written assignments. Participants for this course will attend classes alongside those studying for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. Please note that the Newman Certificate in Catholic Studies is not an alternative/equivalent to CCRS. Full details of costs, dates, application forms, can be found at www.newman.ac.uk or by emailing Eamonn Elliott at e.w.elliott@newman.ac.uk.

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: 4th August 2019 – Gift Aid: £247.63 Loose: £424.84. Standing Order: £613.00. **TOTAL: £1,285.47.**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £29.75.
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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9. By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32. Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19. Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Luke 32-48. You too must stand ready.

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.