

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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1st SEPTEMBER 2019 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters,

The Church is called to be the place where there are no divisions, labels, prejudices and stereotypes. While God calls us to serve in different ways in the Church, the Church is to be the earthly reflection of heaven we heard in our second reading.

When we reflect on who we are, we realise that our concern is not to be about externals here now, or as the person in the parable seeking the best place, but rather how we may best live here and now the spiritual reality of who we really are, “firstborn enrolled in heaven,” citizens of heaven, knowing that what God has prepared for us has not been seen or heard or even entered the human heart but we were chosen before the foundation of the world and we have been purchased by the blood of Jesus. If we constantly bear this dignity in mind what a difference it would make to our lives.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 1st September	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Fr. Louis McRaye R.I.P. William Looney R.I.P.	
Monday 2 nd	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 3 rd		No Mass	
Wednesday 4 th		No Mass	
Thursday 5 th		No Mass	
Friday 6 th		No Mass	
Saturday 7 th	9.00am	Pauline O'Donnell + Exposition	Confessions 11.00am-11.30am

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

(Vigil Mass) Sunday 8 th September	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Mary McManus People of the Parish Mary Hall R.I.P.
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IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Michael Patrick Greene R.I.P. and Annie Mary Sheridan R.I.P. who died recently. May they rest in peace.

COLUMBAN FATHERS MISSION APPEAL: There will be a Columban Missionary Appeal this weekend and we welcome Fr John Collins SSC to the parish representing the Columban Fathers who will be speaking at the Masses.

SEASON OF CREATION: This Sunday, 1st September, is the World Day of Prayer for Creation, which begins the Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October). To assist you with celebrating the season, the Columban Missionaries provide a page of resources on their website – <https://columbans.co.uk/season-of-creation-2019>. Also, search for 'Amazonia' on the website for a series of articles on the forthcoming Synod on Amazonia in October.

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST: Francis Madden is raising money for Teenage Cancer Trust by taking part in a 24 hour sponsored bike ride from London to Paris as part of a larger fund raising program. All together it is hoped to raise one million pounds to help provide a pioneering hospital ward and team of community nurses. All funds raised go to the project and Francis' personal target of £1,000 is enough to provide 33 hours of nursing care from a specialist Teenage Cancer Trust nurse. There is a link for online donations and Francis will be at the back of church next week with the more traditional sponsorship forms. (web link <https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/francismadden>)

JUSTICE AND PEACE: The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 10th September, at 7.45pm** in the Parish Hall.

BAPTISED AND SENT: OUR CALL TO BE MISSIONARY DISCIPLES: Saturday 12th October, 10am to 5pm, at St. Peter's RC School, Solihull B91 3NZ This is the 2019 Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, which is celebrating the Extraordinary Missionary Month, declared by Pope Francis for this October, by inviting you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting in to action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation. Join the Columban Missionaries and people from across the Archdiocese to explore our call to be missionary disciples. Bring your own lunch. No charge, donations welcome. Register on-line at http://bit.ly/JandP_Assembly2019. Queries to Stephen Awre. Email: events@columbans.co.uk Tel: 01564 772 096.

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: In order to assist the Sacristans to ensure there are sufficient numbers of Eucharistic Ministers at every Mass, could each Minister – on their allotted day - please endeavour to arrive and sign the book about ten minutes before Mass begins. Thank you.

COLLECTION: 25th August 2019 – Gift Aid: £321.200. Loose: £364.56. Standing Order: £613.00. **TOTAL: £1298.76**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £24.45.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 19-21, 30-31. Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 67. In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24. You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Luke 14: 1, 7-14. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.

Communion Antiphon: How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.