

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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9<sup>th</sup> February 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters,

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

## MASSES DURING THE WEEK

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Ben & Lily Lynch R.I.P People of the Parish Daniel Mc Geoghan R.I.P	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 6.00pm	(8.55am The Rosary) Vigil for Barbara Nolan R.I.P	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Barbara Nolan R.I.P	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	(with OLW School)	John Mara R.I.P
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Carol Hartnett R.I.P.	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 12.00pm	David Hawkins + Exposition Wedding Service for Joe Cassidy and Grace Richards	<b>Confessions Today 11.00am-11.30am</b>

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm 9.00am 11.00am	Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy People of the Parish Philip and Minnie Lynch
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**IN MEMORIAM:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Nolan R.I.P. who died recently. May she rest in peace.

**FATHER O'MAHONY TRUST:** The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Parish Centre after the 11.00am Mass on **Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. Please come to hear how your donations have been distributed over the past year. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**WEDDING:** Please pray for Joe Cassidy and Grace Richards who are due to be married on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February. We ask God to bless them in the years ahead as they embark upon married life.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** It is with increasing frequency that there is a shortage of Eucharistic Ministers for the Sunday Masses which necessitates the Sacristans having to find replacements at the last minute. If you are unable to fulfil your commitment please endeavour to find another Minister to take your place. This will make life a lot easier for the Sacristans. **Revised lists of 2020 rota are available in the sacristy this weekend – 8/9<sup>th</sup> February. Please collect a copy and sign the list. Thank you.**

**LOOKING FOR A WAY BACK INTO WORK OR A CHANGE OF CAREER:** Are you looking for a way back into work after a career break or a change of career? We have vacancies for a Pre-School Assistant - Emergency Cover in our busy, friendly Pre-School. We require Emergency Cover on an adhoc basis to cover staff absence and often with minimal notice. The role offers a great opportunity to gain experience, improve your confidence and learn a whole new range of skills. The post will be subject to a 3 month probationary period. Our Pre-School is open during term times, Monday - Friday 9.15am - 12.15pm. You must have good communication skills and be willing to undertake some additional training. A knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage, Pre-School settings and early childhood development are desirable, but not essential; we will provide on the job training. For an informal discussion, application form & job description or visit to see if this is the role for you, contact us by email [ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com) or alternatively speak to Ann Marie Brady, Manager on 07474 743744. This post is subject to a satisfactory DBS check and satisfactory references. Closing date for applications is **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020**. This post involves working with children and is therefore exempt from the provisions of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. Our Lady of the Wayside PreSchool has a responsibility for and a commitment to, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and requires all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

**WINE TASTING:** A tutored wine tasting of Aldi wines will be held on **Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm** in the School Hall. Tickets will cost £10 and be on sale in the Sacristy. All proceeds will go towards the Church Building Fund.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE MORNING:** **Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February** in the Scout Hut after 9.00 and 11.00 Masses. Cakes and books for sale. Come and enjoy Fair Trade tea/coffee and biscuits.

**OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE PRE-SCHOOL:** The closing date for applications for the Pre-School year September 2020-July 2021 is **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020**. We can offer your child a safe and secure environment to play and learn. Our highly trained staff ensure that a wide range of activities including arts and crafts, messy play and role-play are undertaken daily. With our fantastic secure outdoor play area, half undercover fresh air and exercise can be enjoyed in all weather. We have a wonderful new natural garden which inspires imaginative play. You are welcome to come and visit. All children between the ages of 2½- 4 years welcome. Our Pre-School opening hours are 9.15am-12.15pm. For further details, to arrange a visit or an application form please contact Pre-School (07474 743744) weekdays 9.00am-12.30pm or alternatively, visit our website at [www.OLOWpreschool.com](http://www.OLOWpreschool.com) or email us at [ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com).

**DISCOVER YOUR ANCESTORS:** A friendly group of volunteers are ready to help people to trace their ancestors i.e. English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh. Weekly meetings on Tuesday afternoons 1-3pm except on the second Tuesday for Irish from 10.00-12.00. For further information contact Tracey, Heritage Section, Upstairs, Solihull Library 0121 704 6934.

**COLLECTION:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Gift Aid: £.475.50 Loose: £512.58. Standing Order: £613.00.  
**TOTAL: £1,601.08 Father O'Mahony Trust: £53.71.**

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10. Then will your light shine like the dawn.

**Responsorial Psalm 111. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Corinthians 2: 1-5. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus as the crucified Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**

The Gospel according Matthew 5: 13-16. You are the light of the world.

Communion Antiphon: Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

**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.'