

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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16<sup>th</sup> February 2020

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My dear brothers and sisters,

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour. When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

## MASSES DURING THE WEEK

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy	
	9.00am	People of the Parish	
	11.00am	Philip and Minnie Lynch	
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am The Rosary)	<b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Jack Callaghan R.I.P
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	(8.55am The Rosary)	Martin Smith R.I.P
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 10.30am	(8.55am Morning Prayer) Funeral Service for Herbert Broome R.I.P	Patrick Joseph Duffy R.I.P
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Mary Sheridan R.I.P	
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am 12.00pm	People of the Parish + Exposition Wedding Service for Aaron Courtney and Hannah Price	<b>Confessions Today 11.00am-11.30am</b>

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

<b>(Vigil Mass)</b> Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	5.30pm	John Smyth R.I.P
	9.00am	Bette and Kevin Geoghegan R.I.P
	11.00am	Joseph Cronin R.I.P

**IN MEMORIAM:** Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Herbert Broome R.I.P. and Glennys Higgins who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**WEDDING:** Please pray for Aaron Courtney and Hannah Price who are due to be married on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We ask God to bless them in the years ahead as they embark upon married life.

**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.

**NEW GLAZING TO CHURCH ROOF and 14 months of leaks:** The new glazing on the church roof was completed around December 2018 with the final of six payments being made in that month. However, we have kept back a retention fee of £3,800 as well as having the guarantee. Just as well. As you know, the new glazing has been leaking ever since. The leaks have been reported on a frequent basis and various remedies have been tried, some helping a little but the leaks have kept coming. On Thursday 6th February, Ryan, our building surveyor, managed to have a meeting on the roof with Nick from KJW, the main contractor, and representatives of the glazing company which had actually designed, manufactured and installed the new glazing frames and glass. After much resistance and some very robust talk, the glaziers finally removed the flashing above the area that had the most leaks and found that many of the seals that should have been installed had been left out! Thankfully, the glaziers immediately admitted responsibility. They then promised that they would return within two weeks to make sure that all the seals were in place across the whole of the glazing. Progress! We now have hope that the drips will come to an end....

**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).

**ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS:** Are looking to appoint a Religious Education Co-ordinator, Main scale/UPS + TLR 2. An application pack can be downloaded from their website, [www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk). Please return your completed application form and one side of A4 stating your suitability for the post. Application deadline: Monday 2 March at noon. Interview: Wednesday 4 March.

**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:** 9<sup>th</sup> February – Gift Aid: £278.40. Loose: £416.85. Standing Order: £613.00. **TOTAL: £1,308.25**

Father O'Mahony Trust: £51.25.

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### **TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading Book of Ecclesiasticus 15: 16-20. He never commanded anyone to be godless.

**Responsorial Psalm: 118. They are happy who follow God's law!**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Corinthians 2: 6-10. God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!**

The Gospel according Matthew 5: 17-37. You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### **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.'