

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Dear Parishioners,

On most Sundays during the Easter season in Cycle A, our Gospel is taken from the Gospel of John. This week's Gospel, however, is taken from the Gospel of Luke. As in last week's Gospel, today's Gospel shows us how the first community of disciples came to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In these stories we gain insight into how the community of the Church came to be formed.

We can imagine the feelings of the two disciples in today's reading. They are leaving their community in Jerusalem. Their friend Jesus has been crucified. Their hope is gone. They are trying to make sense of what has occurred, so that they can put the experience behind them. Jesus himself approaches the two men, but they take him for a stranger. Jesus asks them what they are discussing. He invites them to share their experience and interpretation of the events surrounding his crucifixion and death. When the two disciples have done so, Jesus offers his own interpretation of his crucifixion and resurrection, citing Jewish Scripture. In that encounter we find the model for our Liturgy of the Word—what we do each time we gather as a community for the Eucharist. We reflect upon our life experiences and interpret them in light of Scripture. We gather together to break open the Word of God.

In the next part of the story, we find a model for our Liturgy of the Eucharist. The disciples invite the stranger (Jesus) to stay with them. During the meal in which they share in the breaking of the bread, the disciples' eyes are opened; they recognize the stranger as Jesus. In the Eucharist too we share in the breaking of the bread and discover Jesus in our midst. Just as the disciples returned to Jerusalem to recount their experience to the other disciples, we too are sent from our Eucharistic gathering. Our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist compels us to share the story with others. With love and prayers, *Fr Gerardo: X*

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	Gloria Symmons R.I.P
Sunday 26 th	9.00am	People of the Parish
April	11.00am	Deceased Flannery Family Intentions

Monday 27 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Deceased Wilson, Convey, Scanlon, Mulhern fam.
Tuesday 28 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Nellie and Pat Vesey R.I.P
Wednesday 29 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Thomas Nolan R.I.P
Thursday 30 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Joan Lindy
Friday 1 st	10.00am	Philomena Stephens	
Saturday 2 nd	9.00am	Brigeeen and Michael Buckley	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

(Vigil Mass)	5.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd	9.00am	Phylis McDonald R.I.P
May	11.00am	Giuliano Balsamo R.I.P

IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the souls of Alice Arlington R.I.P, Brian Grant R.I.P, Kevin Painting R.I.P, and Robert Hand R.I.P who died recently. May they rest in peace.

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has appointed Canon David Evans and Canon Stephen Wright as new Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. We wish them many congratulations and keep them both in our prayers at this time. Their Episcopal Ordinations will take place in the summer.

CHURCH CLOSURE: It is with great sadness, that due to the current pandemic, the church of **Our Lady of the Wayside must remain closed throughout the day** and will not be open at any time even for private prayer. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

SUNDAY REFLECTIONS: Over the next few weeks, Fr Gerardo and Deacon Sean will be offering a reflection/homily on the Sunday readings. These can be found on the parish website. Deacon Sean's Easter reflection is also now available on the Archdiocese of Birmingham Website.

CORONAVIRUS -Helping the self-isolating: This is a difficult time for many of our parishioners and neighbours. It's our responsibility to make sure they are looked after and supported. If you need to self-isolate and would like Fr Gerardo to keep in touch with you via phone or if you need any practical help and support, please let Fr Gerardo know by emailing the parish office olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk or telephoning the presbytery on 0121 744 1967. This is a time when we need to be extra vigilant and also show our care for those who are vulnerable, elderly or in need. Let's do what we can to stay healthy and whilst avoiding unnecessary social contact, look after each. Thank you for your consideration and kindness at this time.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH: There have been a few enquires about continuing to financially support the church at this time. Obviously, those with standing orders are not affected, but for anyone else, if you wish to set up a standing order then here is the link to the relevant diocesan webpage: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/FAQS/category/finance-resources> You will then need to contact the parish for the bank details. Thank you for your continued support.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP: We appreciate many of our parishioners may be struggling financially at this time and we pray they are getting the support they need. Indeed, many people in our parishes are stepping in to help where it is needed, and their efforts are to be commended. However, we are receiving numerous enquiries from parishioners who would like to continue giving during this period when we cannot attend our parishes in person. Ideally this would be via standing order, however we know this won't suit everybody so we are also able to offer a new online giving facility. Donations can be made to specific parishes, the diocese centrally or other areas such as the Clergy Training Fund - all of whom will be most grateful for your support. Thank you for your donation. If you would like to make a donation, please go to the diocesan website and the Donate button is visible at the top right of the home page.

BIBLE ALIVE: Alive Publishing are offering a free print copy of the Easter edition of their magazine Bible Alive. To take advantage of this offer please go to their website: <https://shop.alivepublishing.co.uk/subscription/freeTrial>

COLLECTION: 26th April – Gift Aid £. Loose: £ Standing Order: £613.00.
Father O'Mahony Trust:

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 It was impossible for him to be held in the power of Hades.

Responsorial Psalm 15. **R 'Show us, Lord, the path of life.**

Second Reading: A reading from the First Letter of St Peter 1:17-21 Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely, Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!** Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.' **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Luke 24: 13-35 They recognised him in the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognised the lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.