

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome back everyone! Today's reading from Matthew's Gospel comes after a discourse in which Jesus reproaches people who have witnessed his mighty deeds yet still lack belief. In this context, today's Gospel explains the reason for this unbelief and reveals what is necessary for faith. Today's Gospel also continues to enhance our understanding of discipleship as last week's Gospel did. Jesus first prays in thanksgiving to God who has made himself known to Jesus' disciples. He praises God who has made himself known to the "little ones" and not to the wise and learned. As in other recent readings from Matthew's Gospel, a contrast is made here between the unbelieving Pharisees, who are wise and learned, and the faithful disciples, tax collectors, and sinners with whom Jesus keeps company.

The second part of this reading calls to our attention the unity between the Father and the Son. God has made himself known through Jesus, and in knowing Jesus, we come to know the Father. In Jesus' life and in his person, God reveals himself to us. The careful observance of the Mosaic law taught by the Pharisees could be experienced by some as difficult and burdensome. In contrast, Jesus' way of holiness is presented as uncomplicated and even restful. God bless you all. Fr Gerardo. x

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Sunday 5 th July	10.00am	People of the Parish	
Monday 6 th		No Mass	
Tuesday 7 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Fr Louis McRaye R.I.P (1 st Anniversary)
Wednesday 8 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Antony Stark
Thursday 9 th	9.15am	(8.55am Morning Prayer)	Philip Finnegan R.I.P
Friday 10 th	10.00am	Joanna Curran	
Saturday 11 th	9.00am	People of the Parish	

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A

Sunday 12 th July	10.00am	Benjamin Duffy R.I.P	
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SCHEDULED REOPENING OF CHURCH + SUNDAY MASS: SUNDAYS 10.00am

A very warm welcome to everyone today as we re-open our church for the celebration of Mass. Four months have gone by since our last celebration of Sunday Mass, which took place on Sunday 15th March. So much has happened since then, and we remember in our prayers especially today, those who have lost loved ones during that time and those too who have died in our community as a result of Covid 19. Please God, this terrible virus will eventually be subdued and people everywhere can begin to return to some form of normality with their lives.

At present, we hope to progress slowly with only one celebration of Sunday Mass which will be open for parishioners in attending at the new time of **10.00am**. Weekday Masses will continue as before, but without the presence of a congregation. Fr Gerardo is very grateful to members of the 'Reopening Committee' and all those parishioners who have kindly volunteered to clean the church and those who will be acting as Stewards. A great amount of hard work has been undertaken to ensure that our Church is a clean environment for people to come into and stringent procedures are now in place, so that parishioners can rest assured that they will be kept safe. Please remember too, that the Sunday Mass Obligation is still suspended for the time being, and parishioners must not feel compelled in coming to church at this present time.

If you want to be at present at Mass, then it will be necessary to use the online booking system that is in place, as we can only accommodate a limited number of people in Church at any given time, so that we can comply adequately with social distancing measures. It will be important for people to follow the instructions given them at every Mass, especially in regards to seating arrangements and also in the reception of Holy Communion. I am sure you will understand the importance of this.

IN MEMORIAM: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of James Kenneally R.I.P and Janice Scott R.I.P who died recently. May they rest in peace.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: For the time being, the celebration of Confession using the Confessional in the Day Chapel is suspended. Fr Gerardo is happy to hear Confessions in the Presbytery garden (weather permitting). Please contact Fr Gerardo directly at the Presbytery, should you wish to avail yourselves of the Sacrament.

BAPTISMS: There is no information at present from the Bishops' Conference on how Baptisms will be celebrated. As soon as this is made available, details will be announced and made public.

REQUIEM MASSES AND FUNERAL SERVICES: Although these Services can now resume, regrettably, they are still suspended here in Church until further notice. Cleaning the Church adequately for these occasions and after will prove to be difficult. Fr Gerardo will however, celebrate a private Mass for a deceased person on the day of their funeral.

WEDDINGS: There is no information at present from the Bishops' Conference on how Wedding Services or Nuptial Masses will be conducted. As soon as this is made available, details will be announced and made public.

MARMALADE is back! Maggie Jennings has several boxes of marmalade, made in preparation for sale after Easter, and now that the lockdown is easing a little she feels able to offer it to those who are desperate for their morning fix! Please ring her on **0121 744 5916** to arrange a time to collect a jar or 2 from my house. Sorry, no home delivery. Many thanks.

COLLECTION: 28th June – Gift Aid £. Loose: £ Standing Order: £603.00.
Father O'Mahony Trust:

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 See now, your King comes humbly to you.

Responsorial Psalm 144. R. **I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:9,11-13 If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds Of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth; for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Matthew 11:25-30 I am gentle and humble in heart.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the lord is good, blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.