

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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Dear Parishioners, after the great celebration last weekend of Easter Day, I would like to turn our attention to much more mundane matters and tell you about the new contactless giving machines that we will be introducing here at OLW. As the pandemic has shown us, we are now moving towards a cashless society and several parishes in the Archdiocese have begun to use the Dona machines which we will use here at OLW. The machines are very user friendly. Basically, you are given the option of which collection you want to donate to, how much you wish to donate and then you tap your card and away you go. You will also be able to register for gift aid on the machines should you so wish. To save even more time you can also register your credit/debit card and your gift aid status online. We will give instructions on how to do this in the coming weeks. We also hope to have a few willing volunteers standing by to help you use the devices. I hope over time they will become a useful resource here at the parish, God bless, Fr Andrew

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/DIVINE MERCY – YEAR B

Sunday 11 th	5.30pm (Sat) 9.00am 11.00am	Anne Ashmore RIP Glenys Higgins RIP Ann Nora Finnegan and Kenneth Parker RIP
Monday 12 th	9.15am	James Delany RIP Anniv and Sue Franklin RIP
Tuesday 13 th	9.15 am	Joan Gardener RIP and Catherine Harris RIP
Wednesday 14 th	No Mass	
Thursday 15 th	9.15am	John Wooton RIP and Margaret Campbell RIP
Friday 16 th	10.00am	David Jones RIP and Franklin Family Int
Saturday 17 th Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Tony Gilleran RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER B.

Sunday 18 th	9.00am 11.00am	John Carragher RIP People of the Parish
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Easter Offerings. Thank you for your generosity to myself and Fr Emmanuel. We are very grateful for your kindness to us.

Very Rev Canon Gerry Murray. As a parish we congratulate our former PP Fr Gerry on his appointment as a Canon of St Chads Cathedral Chapter. This appointment is in recognition of his many years of priesthood and his tireless work for Justice and Peace at local, national and international level. Congratulations Canon Gerry!

Baptisms. Please pray for Arthur Bentley and Jack Finnegan who are to be baptised this weekend.

RIP. Please pray for George Elder and David Kendrick who have died recently. George's Funeral Rites will be celebrated here on Monday 19th April. We also remember their loved ones at this time.

Altar Servers. If you have been or are an altar server and would like to begin serving once again you are most welcome to do so. Please come to the Sacristy before Mass as usual. After First Holy Communion we will commence training for new servers.

Easter Greetings Campaign: As usual there are two lists, in different colours, of Prisoners of Conscience who are in great need of your help to give them hope and encouragement and to let them know that someone cares and that they are not forgotten. **Do send to as many as you can but even one can do so much.** Please remember Our Lord was once a Prisoner of Conscience.

Class Teacher required at Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School. We are looking to recruit an enthusiastic and committed professional on a fixed term, full-time contract from 1st September 2021 to the 31st August 2021. Further details are on the school website - [Staff Vacancies | Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School \(ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk\)](http://www.our-lady-of-the-wayside-catholic-primary-school.org.uk) Applications and school visits can be requested via 0121 744 6852.

Missio. In 2020 OLW raised £1056.78 through our Red Boxes and donations. Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Shirley are supporting them. Thanks to all those that in spite of Covid-19 restrictions, managed to respond to the call to send their donations directly to Missio by cheque, credit or debit card or Bank Transfer.

CAFOD: Walk for Water Challenge. I am pleased to tell you that I completed the challenge, walking 10,000 steps a day for 40 days, raising money for, and awareness of, people like Abdella in Ethiopia, who don't have easy access to water for their families and communities. I was very lucky with the weather, not so fortunate with the mud, and discovered some lovely local walks to revisit. Thank you very much to everyone who encouraged and supported me, accompanied me and donated to my Just Giving page. The total raised is almost £2000, way beyond my initial expectations! Thanks, Maggy Jennings.

Piety Stall: There will soon be a display of First Holy Communion cards and gifts. A catalogue will be available in school and if anyone would like to order specific items please phone Mrs Gemmell (0121 744 9041) – catalogue numbers needed.

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TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35. United, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm: **Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.**

Second Reading: Letter of St John. 5:1-6. Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to John 20: 19-31. Eight days later, Jesus came.

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

