

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2021

Dear Parishioners, this weekend in our second reading and Gospel we get something of a John overload! These readings challenge us in different ways. In the second reading we are reminded of how we are called to live in love through keeping God's commandments. If we keep the commandments, we not only live in God, but he also lives in us. In the Gospel reading we move from "I am the Good Shepherd" to "I am the true vine". I love the choice that this Gospel passage gives us. We can either choose to be attached to God through the vine or we can choose to be cut off but, if we cut ourselves off, we will wither and die. Again, we realise that the invitation is to remain close to Almighty God and to Christ his son. This weekend as we reflect on these very powerful readings let's try our best to live out the commandments so that we will be part of the vine allowing God's word to bear much fruit within us. God bless, Fr Andrew.

### MASSES DURING THE WEEK

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	5.30pm (Sat) 9.00am 11.00am	Annie Lemon RIP Frank Bellaby RIP and Anita Sausi RIP People of the Parish
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.15am	Phillip Jean Baptiste RIP and Brother Han
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 am	Father Stephen and Fr Walsh
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	John O Sullivan RIP and Paul Maguire RIP
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	James Erlam RIP and Ed Debrono RIP
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	5.30pm	Julia Talukder RIP Anniversary

**Confessions 11.00 – 11.30am Saturday morning and after 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday evening**

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#### **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER B.**

Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	Rose Anne Smyth RIP People of the Parish
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**Fr Emmanuel.** Fr Emmanuel has received news from his Bishop that he is to take up his next assignment back home in Nigeria. This is great news for his home diocese of Llorin but sad news for us here at OLW. Fr Emmanuel has been an enormous help to me and the parish in his time here and there will be an opportunity to show our appreciation before he leaves on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August.

**Contactless Payments.** The machines are now up and running in the Narthex and Car Park entrance. Please do give them a try. There is also a link on the parish website for online donations.

**Baptism.** Please pray for George Montgomery who will be baptised at 11am Mass this Sunday.

**RIP.** Please pray for Rose Anne Smyth, Anita Bryant-Diaz and Margaret Byrnes who have died recently. Rose's Funeral Rites will be celebrated here on 7<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon with Reception of the Body at 5.00pm the evening before. Anita's Funeral Rites will be here on 11<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm. Margaret's Funeral Rites will be here on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon with Reception of the Body at 5pm the evening before.

**First Holy Communions.** We pray for our Year 4 children who will receive their First Holy Communion on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**Mass of Induction.** Fr Andrew will be formally inducted as our Parish Priest on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest.

**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.

**SVP.** A few parishioners have asked about the possibility of starting an St Vincent de Paul Conference here in the parish to assist with local need both spiritually and materially. We already have the "Minnie Vinnies" group operating in our school. It would be good to try and link these two groups together. I hope to arrange for someone to come and speak about the work of the society in the next few weeks.

**Piety Stall:** Is back up and running!! There is 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. Payment can be made in the wall box or on the contactless card machine in the Narthex.

**For Sale.** Shoprider Red Scooter with pannier. 13months old with 12month MOT in good condition. £350 contact Lyn Downs 07400524118

**Collection:**

25<sup>th</sup> April: Gift Aid: £150.00. Loose: £294.63. Standing Order: £755.00. Cashless giving: £160.00  
Total: £1359.63.

Father O'Mahony Trust: 22 March – 24 April: £371.53.

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**TODAY'S MASS:**

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9: 26-31. Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Responsorial Psalm: **You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

Second Reading: St John 3: 18-24. His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!** Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to John 15: 1-8. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Communion Antiphon: I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.