

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

Dear Parishioners, "Father, when will Mass go back to normal?" This is a question I am asked frequently at the moment and although there has been no clear instruction, I thought I would use the opportunity for a moment's reflection. I personally feel that returning to what we had before the lockdown of March 2020 will be a gradual process. There will be a return to some things that we may not feel 100% comfortable with such as social distancing in the benches being reduced or offering one another the sign of peace with a handshake. Sooner or later these things will happen, and we should be thinking and praying about it. Singing will return, booking systems will be a thing of the past, hand sanitiser will be replaced with holy water in the stoops at the church entrance. Over the next few months parish life will return to some semblance of normality. However, it will be a gradual process that takes time and patience. We ask God to guide us in the weeks and months ahead. God bless, Fr Andrew.

## **MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

### **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B**

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm (Sat) 9.00am 11.00am	Cathal Furey Anniversary RIP Ellen and Pat Brogan John and Joan Flynn
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	Eamon Bonham RIP and Harry Coulter RIP
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am	D'ced Members of Farrell Family and Eileen Foster RIP
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	5.00pm	Reception. Margaret Byrnes RIP
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 12 noon	Santos Borya Fernandes RIP Requiem Mass. Margaret Byrnes RIP
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	Gerard Greene and Family and Jim Paterson RIP
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	5.30pm	Fr Emmanuel's Int (Exam Success)

**Confessions. 11.00am-11.30am on Saturday mornings and after 5.30pm Mass on Saturday evening.**

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### **PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B.**

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	Anselma Bruce People of the Parish
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**SVP.** Mr Bob Service from the local district St Vincent de Paul Society will be coming to give an appeal for membership in the hope that we can begin an SVP Society here at OLV. The appeal will be given on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> June. Please do give some thought to joining this group that helps those in need in our local community and provides visits to those who may be lonely or housebound.

**RIP.** Please pray for Margaret Byrnes who has died recently. Margaret's Funeral Rites will be here on 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon with Reception of the Body at 5.00pm the evening before.

**Second collection:** There will be a second collection this weekend for Catholic Communications. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**First Holy Communions.** We pray for and congratulate 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.

**Deacon Sean's last two books, 'Only In the Crucified God' and 'Sharing in the Life of God,'** are now available for a limited time at just £5 each. If you would like one just let Deacon Sean know. So far the profits from both books have raised £2,673.75 for CAFOD and The Father O'Mahony Trust (£1,100). Many thanks for all your help and support so far.

**Remembering the Romania Challenge.** Monica McDaid was recently interviewed on Radio 4. If you missed it and would like to listen to the interview here is the link:-  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00ovgdy>

**Our Lady of the Wayside Pre-School** 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 & 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 2 1/2 - 4 years welcome. Our Pre-School opening hours are 9.15am – 12.15pm. Spaces available for September 2021. For further details or an application form please contact Pre-School (07474 743744) weekdays 9.00am – 12.30pm or alternatively, visit our website at [www.OLWpreschool.com](http://www.OLWpreschool.com) or email us at [ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofthewaysidepreschool@gmail.com)

#### **Collection:**

9<sup>th</sup> May: Gift Aid: £205.00 Loose: £310.10. Standing Order: £757.00. Total: £1,272.10.

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

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1: 15-17, 20-26. We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord has set his sway in heaven.**

Second Reading: St John 4: 11-16. Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!** I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to John 17: 11-19. That they may be one like us!

Communion Antiphon: Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.