

# OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**A FAIRTRADE PARISH**

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**21<sup>ST</sup> November 2021**

*Dear Parishioners, this weekend we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. We often have images in our minds of what kings may look like with crowns, sceptres, long flowing robes and adorned in priceless jewels. However, the kingship of Jesus Christ is a very different kind of kingship. Jesus is the king of the poor, the helpless, the widow and the orphan. As a king, Jesus gives us gifts of love, kindness, mercy, and compassion. His kingly authority is not based on power or greed but on service of God and of our neighbour. This weekend we pray that some of Christ's kingship will be present in us and in our parish community. Today is also National Youth Sunday and we pray for all our young people. We also pray for those young families taking part in our Advent Day next Saturday. If you want to go along there is still time to sign up at the back of Church or on our Facebook page. God bless, Fr Andrew.*

## **MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

### **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST UNIVERSAL KING YEAR B National Youth Sunday**

Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.30pm (Sat) 9.00am 11.00am	Tim Giblin RIP People of the Parish Baby Kieran Freeman RIP
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am	John McGrath RIP
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mary Tolliday RIP
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Osmond Family intentions
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Adriana Wheatley RIP
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	5.30pm	David and Kay Bloomfield

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C**

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	People of the Parish Susan Franklin RIP Birthday Memorial
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**Confessions. 11.00am-11.30am on Saturday mornings and after 5.30pm Mass on Saturday evening.**

**Our Lady Seven Day Candle is lit this week for Ellen and Pat Brogan**

**Baptisms:** Please pray for Freya and Eva Williams who are to be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into the life of the Church.

**Children's Liturgy.** We are holding a Children's Advent Afternoon on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm to 4.30pm to bring together some of our younger families and to attract more volunteers. Please sign up at the back of Church or on the Parish Facebook page.

**SVP Giving Tree.** The SVP are organising a Christmas Giving Tree to provide presents for families who may be struggling this Christmas. The idea is simple. There will be a Christmas tree in the Narthex with gift labels on. You simply take a label and on it will be a certain gift that you buy, wrap and place back under the tree. Before Christmas the presents will be distributed to the families.

**Welcome.** To Nele and Charlotta from the Kenelm Youth Trust who will give a short talk about their work at Mass this weekend.

**Shirley Churches Together.** Will be holding 'Community Christmas Carols' event at 3.30pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December at Parkgate, just outside Asda. Please do come along to join our wider Church family in prayer and song.

**Music Practice.** There will be practices for the 11.00am Masses in Church on **Wednesdays 1st & 8th December** (7.45/8-9pm in church as usual). Why not consider joining our Music Group, either as singers or instrumental players. There will be Advent carols with the older children from OLW on the **15<sup>th</sup> December** and Christmas music practice on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December**.

**Thank you** to all who so generously donated underwear and toiletries for men seeking asylum who are currently being accommodated in Solihull. These acts of kindness showing welcome for the stranger are very much appreciated.

**Marmalade Sale.** Sadly postponed until further notice.

**Birmingham Festival Choral Society Christmas Concert.** Here at OLW on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm. Tickets are £10 and under 18's are free. Tickets can be bought here; [ticketsource.co.uk/bhamfestchoral](https://ticketsource.co.uk/bhamfestchoral)

**Christmas Cribs.** The Christmas catalogue is available on the Piety Stall. Please look if you wish to purchase a crib or anything else but do not take it home with you! Please write your order on the paper provided. Thank you.

**Blessing of Graves.** The blessings will take place as follows at 2.00pm.

21<sup>st</sup> November – Robin Hood, Kings Norton

28<sup>th</sup> November – Wythall, Yardley

**Missio Red Boxes.** Would parishioners who subscribe to the Missio 'Red Boxes' please bring in their filled boxes into Church on the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup> November so the boxes can be emptied, counted and the total Parish contribution forwarded to Missio. Emptied boxes will be available for re-collection from weekend 27<sup>th</sup> November, in the Narthex. Would Red Box holders please take their copy of Mission Today Calendar 2022 available at the back of the Church.

**OLW Mini-Vinnies** would like to help the community of OLW Parish by offering to tidy up gardens of the elderly and housebound of the Parish. This would involve tidying gardens by picking up leaves. The Mini-Vinnies would be accompanied by staff and we would bring with us all the equipment required - we will just need to use the green garden waste bin for the collected leaves. We have arranged our Leaf Picking Project for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact the school on 0121 744 6852 or [office@ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:office@ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk)

#### **Collections:**

14<sup>th</sup> November 2021: Gift Aid: £206.50 Loose: £470.27 Standing Order: £761.00 Total: £1437.77.

The totals raised for the Family Fast Day for CAFOD is £823.80 and £325.57 for APF. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

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

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty.

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.**

Second Reading: Apocalypse 1: 5-8. Ruler of the kings of the earth ... he made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to John 18: 33-37. It is you who say that I am a king.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

