

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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A FAIRTRADE PARISH

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28th November 2021

Dear Parishioners, this weekend we celebrate the first Sunday of the Season of Advent. Advent is one of the most beautiful seasons in the Church's year. We reflect on the first coming of Christ and prepare our hearts and minds for his second coming. The readings at Mass throughout this holy season invite us to prepare ourselves for Jesus' birth and his entry into human history. The Gospel on Christmas morning reminds us; 'the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.' As we journey through Advent let us try to make every effort to enter into this beautiful season, maybe by attending an extra Mass or availing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation so as to make Advent a time of personal growth and holiness. God bless, Fr Andrew.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Sunday 28 th	5.30pm (Sat)	David and Kay Bloomfield Int Ben and Lily Lynch RIP Anniversary
	9.00am	People of the Parish
	11.00am	Susan Franklin RIP. Birthday Memorial.
Monday 29 th	No Mass	
Tuesday 30 th	10.00am	Jamie and Bernadette Freeman - Int
Wednesday 1 st	9.30am	Christopher McGillion - Int
Thursday 2 nd	9.30am	Ann Cheal RIP and Michael Cheal
	11.00am	Funeral Mass for Gerard Underwood RIP
Friday 3 rd	9.30am	Robert Family - Thanksgiving
Saturday 4 th		
Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Eleanor Mayhew RIP

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

Sunday 5 th	9.00am	Kenneth J Parker RIP
	11.00am	People of the Parish

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 Rosaleen O'Donnell

Baptisms: Please pray for Elsie-Rose Olive, Olivia Quinlan, Savannah Galbraith, Tilley Doyle, Jessica Prentice and Cian Reilly who are to be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into the life of the Church.

Walk with Me. The Advent 'Walk with Me' prayer books and calendars are available in the Narthex and at the back of Church. They are a gift to you but if you wish to donate you are most welcome to do so.

Sr Priscilla from Our Lady of Lourdes will be joining us at Mass next weekend and selling raffle tickets to help support the homeless both here and in Nigeria. We extend a warm welcome to her.

Anointing of the Sick. On **Sunday 19th December at 2.30pm** there will be a short service with the Anointing of the Sick here at OLW. This is a service for those who may suffer from physical ailments and for anyone who considers themselves to be the 'walking wounded'. Fr Dominic Kavanagh will join us and give the homily. There will be a cup of tea and coffee in the hall afterwards.

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 is a Christmas tree in the Narthex with gift labels on. You just 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.

Shirley Churches Together. Will be holding 'Community Christmas Carols' event at 3.30pm on **Sunday 12th 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 **15th December** and Christmas music practice on **Wednesday, 22nd December**.

Marmalade Sale in the Narthex after all masses this weekend. £2 per jar, if possible please have the correct change, or pay using the contactless device in the Narthex. All proceeds are for the organ fund.

Birmingham Festival Choral Society Christmas Concert. Here at OLW on **Sunday 5th December** at 4.30pm. Tickets are £10 and under 18's are free. Tickets can be bought here; 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. **28th November** –Wythall, Yardley

Missio Red Boxes. Your emptied boxes will be available for re-collection from this weekend **27th 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 17th December**. Please contact the school on 0121 744 6852 or office@ol-wayside.solihull.sch.uk

Collections:

21st November 2021: Gift Aid: £233.00 Loose: £585.59 Standing Order: £777.88 Total: £1596.47.

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Jeremiah 3 14-16. I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David.

Responsorial Psalm: **To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Second Reading: St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3: 12-4.2. May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, alleluia!** Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. **Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36. Your liberation is near at hand.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

