

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church

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Dear Parishioners, "Father, I find it hard to pray". This is something people say to me often. I also find it hard to pray at times. Prayer isn't always something that can come easily to any of us. I think it is important that when we feel like this we go back to the pattern of all prayer, the Our Father. The Our Father is, as the Roman Missal tells us, the prayer that Christ commands us to pray and is the only prayer that Jesus teaches to his disciples. It is also commonly known as the family prayer and unites not only our own families but the whole Christian family as well. This weekend as we once again hear how Jesus teaches the disciples to pray remind ourselves of the importance of the Our Father and use it to form our own life of prayer. God bless, Fr Andrew.

MASSES DURING THE WEEK 24th JULY 2022

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

Vigil Mass (Sat)	5.30pm	Gillian and Paddy Brennan – 55 th Wedding anniversary
Sunday 24 th	10.00am	Margaret Paterson – Private Int.

Margaret Stevens

Monday, 25th No Mass

Tuesday 26th 9.30am June Bellaby RIP Wednesday 27th 9.30am Jim Field RIP

Thursday 28th 9.30am Robert Hand RIP

Friday 29th 9.30am Brendan McGarrity RIP

Saturday 30th 10.00am Ann Cooney RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Vigil Mass (Sat) 5.30pm James Smyth RIP - Anniversary Sunday 31st 10.00am People of the Parish

Our Church is open for private prayer from morning Mass until dusk.

Confessions. Saturdays: 10.30am -11.15am and after 5.30pm Mass.

This week's Our Lady's Candle is lit for Alfred Dodd

RIP. Please remember in your prayers Dean Merry who died recently and all who mourn him. Dean's Funeral Mass will be on Friday 12th August 2022 at 12.30pm.

Tea and Coffee after Sunday Mass. With the addition of a new kitchen in the St Aiden's Chapel it is now time for us to offer refreshments after Sunday Mass. A suggestion could be that families and friends take this on and form a rota. We have a few volunteers come forward, but still require more. If you are willing to help with this important social part of Parish life, please contact the office.

Tuesday Morning Mass. Will be at 9.30am instead of 10am for the duration of the summer holidays.

Appeals and Collections. Each year the Parish has several requests for "pulpit appeals" which often come with a request for a collection. Fr Andrew has now delegated the decision on these requests to the Parish Finance Committee, so the decision is made in a consultative and co-responsible way.

Barnardo's Report. This report was commissioned by the Archbishop and he has asked for the report to be made available to parishioners. It is on the Diocesan Website Review into Archdiocese Safeguarding Published | Birmingham Diocesan Trust (birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

OLW Social Action. A follow up meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th August at 7pm in St Aidan's Chapel.

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule. Begins this weekend:- 5.30pm Saturday evening Mass as usual and 10.00am Mass Sunday Morning.

Children's Liturgy - Thank you so much to all those who have enabled Children's Liturgy to run for a few weeks recently and thank you to the wider Parish for the support and prayers. Children's Liturgy will return Sunday 11th September with the aim to run every Sunday during term time. It's not too late to get involved with Children's Liturgy! If you would like to be involved or have any questions, please contact Anna Perfect (annaperfect13@gmail.com).

Annual Pilgrimage. The annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, *Shrine of the English Martyrs*, is on Sunday 4th September 2022. We will have use of the school minibus and will depart at 1pm. There are 5 places left. (Further transport can be arranged if we exceed 16 people). Please see posters on the noticeboards for more information. If you wish to come along, please complete the form located at the back of the church.

St Vincent de Paul Society. Your donations (esp. cereals, tinned meats, tinned soups, pasta, tea, coffee) for the food bank are very welcome. For a full list of what is needed, please see parish website. Our next meeting is at 7.00pm on Thursday 4th August in the parish hall or ring John Nolan on 07400 399000. New members always welcome.

Book Update - Deacon Sean would like to thank all members of the parish for supporting his latest book project - *'Words of Life - The Parables of Jesus for People Today.'* The book has now sold well in excess of 600 copies and raised £1,715.34 for CAFOD. Since 2019 total book sales have now reached 2,121 with £5,264.12 being donated to charity. The new book continues to be available from Amazon, Waterstones and WH Smith's or directly from Deacon Sean.

Collections: 17th July. Gift Aid: £163.00 Loose: £524.91 Standing Order: £774.88. Total: £1462.79

TODAY'S MASS:

First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32. I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak.

Responsorial Psalm: On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Second Reading: St.Paul to the Colossians 2: 12-14. He has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Luke 11: 1-13. Ask, and it will be given to you.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.