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THIRD & FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

21ST & 28TH JANUARY 2024

Dear Parishioners, I do not normally write anything personal in the newsletter but this time I thought I would make an exception and now I need to explain why. This year 2024 marks the twentieth anniversary of my ordination to the permanent diaconate. I was, in fact, ordained here by Bishop Philip Pargeter on May 23rd, 2004. To mark the occasion, I have written my final book in the series on scripture called, 'A Cup of Cold Water – Finding Christ in the Sunday Gospels of Lent and Easter,' and dedicated it to the people, parish and school of Our Lady of the Wayside. All profits from sales are being donated to our school to help children in need of financial support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of the parish for all the support and encouragement you have given to me over the years. I only hope that in some small way my service to the parish has reflected something of Our Lord's unconditional love for you all. God Bless. Deacon Sean.

Church Opening Times:

The church is open for private prayer from dawn to 3.30pm

Parish Office Opening Times: Tel: 0121 744 1967

9.00am to 4.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday. (Juliet)

9.00am to 4.00pm Tuesday. (Sue)

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Collection: 14th January 2024: Gift Aid: £207.10 Loose: £602.62 Standing Orders: £809.00 Total: £1618.72

Second Collection on the weekend of 27/28 January is for Racial Justice. Focusing on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Michelle Ashley. She can be contacted at: sg.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or email: safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk, if you have any concern.



Liturgical Schedule

Sat 20th 10.00am 10.30am	Vigil Mass Int. Paul Quinn RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am Confessions (until 11.15am)
Sat 20th 5.30pm	Feria of Ordinary Time (Confirmation Induction Mass) Int. Mary & Jim Bowen Int. Tommy Burke RIP - Anniversary
Sun 21st 10.00am	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Int. John Fleming RIP Int. Tom Lynch RIP
Mon 22nd	No Mass
Tues 23rd 10.00am (School Mass)	Feria of Ordinary Time Int. Carol Hartnett RIP
Wed 24th 10.00am	Memorial of St Francis de Sales Funeral Mass – Desmond Keane RIP
Thurs 25th 9.00am 9.30am	Feast of the Conversion of St Paul Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Tom Dowd RIP
Fri 26th 9.00am 9.30am	Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Johnny Carrabin RIP
Sat 27th 10.00am 10.30am Sat 27th 5.30pm	Vigil Mass Int. Luigi Moriani RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am Confessions (until 11.15am) Feria in Ordinary Time Int. Richard & Josie Bellaby – 30 th Wedding Anniversary
Sun 28th 10.00am	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Int. Mary Josephine Khan RIP – Anniversary Int. Martin Towey Int. Michael McMahon RIP – Anniversary
Mon 29th	No Mass
Tue 30th 10.00am (School Mass)	Feria in Ordinary Time Int. Eamon Cheevers RIP
Wed 31st 11.30am 7.00pm	Memorial of St John Bosco Funeral Service – Brian Giles RIP SVP District Council Mass Int. Deirdre Callaghan RIP – Anniversary
Thurs 1st 9.00am 9.30am	Feria in Ordinary Time Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. John Cardoza RIP – Anniversary Int. William Castellino RIP
Fri 2nd 9.00am 9.30am	Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. James, Catherine & Jack Branigan
Sat 3rd 10.00am 10.30am Sat 3rd 5.30pm	Vigil Mass Int. James & Padreigh Wynne Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am Confessions (until 11.15am) Feria in Ordinary Time Int. Glenys Higgins RIP – Anniversary
Sun 4th 10.00am	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Int. The Hunt & Towey Families Int. Sally Jennings-Dalabiras RIP – Anniversary

Liturgical and Spiritual . . .

Our Lady's Candle. This week is lit for Alice Mullen.



RIP. Please remember in your prayers Desmond Keane, Brian Giles and Alice Mullen who have died recently and all who mourn them. Desmond's Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 24th January at 10.00am. Brian's Funeral Service will be on Wednesday 31st January at 11.30am. Alice's Funeral Mass will take place at Olton Friary on Friday 9th February at 10.00am and she will be received into Church the evening before at 6.00pm.



Please prayer for Quinn O'Neill who is being baptised this weekend. We welcome her into the life of the Church.

Collette Ware RIP. Many of you will remember Collette who was Fr O'Mahony's cousin and housekeeper. Sadly, Collette died last year, and we have only just received word of her passing. A memorial Mass for Collette will be arranged in due course.

Journey in Faith: *(for those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith). Next meeting will be on Wednesday, 24th January 2024, in St Aidan's Meeting Room, at 7.00pm. The topic will be The Mass 1. Contact John: johnfpnolan@gmail.com.*

Catechesis for Older Children.

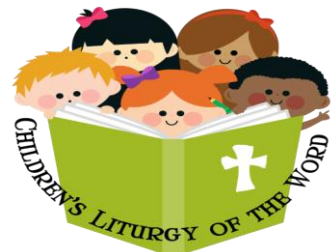


This course will begin on Monday 29th January at 5.00pm in St Aidan's Chapel. The course is aimed at older children/teenagers (Year 5/6 upwards) **who** for whatever reason have not yet received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is not necessary to book a place on the course; just turn up.



Music Group: Practises on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm. All are welcome, so please come and join us.

Divine Mercy
Prayer Group:
Meets every
Monday evening
at 6:45pm in St
Aidan's Chapel.



Children's dismissal song:

BLESSINGS ON YOUR CHILDREN

1. Blessings on your children,
Send blessings on your children,
Blessings on your children,
As we come to hear your Word.

2. Blessings on your people,
Send blessings on your people,
Blessings on your people,
As we come to hear your Word.

Pastoral and Social Outreach . . .

AGM. The Father O'Mahony Memorial Trust will be holding their annual general meeting on Sunday 21st January, in the Parish Hall, after the 10.00am Mass.

SVP. The SVP offers confidential practical support for anyone in need. Please email svpshirley@gmail.com.

Parish St Vincent de Paul Society. The parish SVP is dedicated to helping the local poor who live on our streets, whom we walk past but never notice. We visit and sit with lonely parishioners who just need a kind face and a friendly chat. Our monthly meetings are open to all. These are held in St Aidan's Chapel. The next meeting is at 7.00pm Tuesday 6th February.

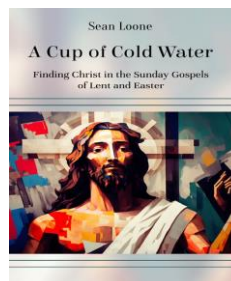
Shirley Churches Together. Wednesday 24th January 7.30pm - *Service of prayer*, for the week of Christian Unity will be held at Shirley Baptist Church.

Parish Youth Group:

Meets Friday evenings in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm to 8.00pm. (Term Time Only) School year 6 and upwards. For more details, please contact Ray McNally on 07827 894446 or email ray@extendaline.com.



Deacon Sean's latest and final book on scripture, '**A Cup of Cold Water – Finding Christ in the Sunday Gospels of Lent and Easter,**' is out now with all profits being donated to the children of our parish school. The price is £7.99, and the book is available to buy in the Narthex, online from Amazon, or you can order a copy directly from Deacon Sean.



Offertories by Standing Order

Huge thanks to the 111 Parishioners who make their Mass offerings by standing order. This saves money by reducing the cost of counting cash and banking charges. If you would like to change to standing order, collect a leaflet from the Church or contact the Parish Office.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 1st February, at 10.00am.

All are welcome.



Our Lady's Candle



The candle burns for 7 days, commencing on a Sunday, and is located in Our Lady's Chapel. If you would like a candle lit for someone, please contact the parish office.

Your donation of £5 will go towards the Parish Building Fund.

Minibus: This service is available for the 10.00am Mass on a Sunday for anyone requiring it. Please contact the Parish Office to book.