



Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church

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FIFTH & SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

28TH APRIL & 5TH MAY 2024

Dear Parishioners, during the month of May we will be celebrating First Holy Communion for the children and young people of the parish. This year, alongside the children at OLW Primary School, we have also prepared over 30 candidates through the various catechetical groups in the parish. This is a very healthy sign of growth, and our prayers are with all of the first communion families at this time. In the Gospel reading this weekend we listen to the Parable of the Vine, and we are reminded of how we are called to be close to God the Father. We are very much the branches, but if we are cut off, we can do nothing. The parable asks us to abide in the Father. This means we must try and spend some time each day in prayer, asking God to guide and sustain us throughout our daily lives. One of the ways we can do that is simply visit our Church and spend some time in prayer or come along to daily Mass. As we reflect on this important parable let us ask Almighty God to continue to guide us in all we do. God bless, Fr Andrew.

Church Opening Times:

The church is open for private prayer from dawn to dusk.

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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Last week's *second collection* for Clergy Training Fund raised £624.20. Thank you for your generosity.

Collection: 21st April 2024: Gift Aid: £200.00 Loose: £603.81 Standing Orders: £889.00 Tap n' Go: £45.00 Total: £1737.81

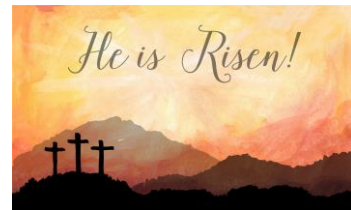


The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Michelle Ashley. She can be contacted at: sg.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk, or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding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

Liturgical Schedule

<p>Sat 27th 9.15am 9.30am 10.00am – 11.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>Easter Feria Morning prayer Int. Anne Regan RIP Holy Hour with Confessions</p> <p>Vigil Mass – Fifth Sunday of Easter Int. Thomas Kelly - Anniversary and Greta Kelly - Month's Mind Int. Annie Slattery - Anniversary Int. Marie Kearns and Kevin Kearns – Anniversary</p>
<p>Sun 28th 10.00am</p>	<p>Fifth Sunday of Easter Int. Rupert Bentley RIP Int. Tony Fox – Anniversary</p>
<p>Mon 29th</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tues 30th 9.30am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Int. Peter Yeung RIP and Stephen K K Lo RIP</p>
<p>Wed 1st May 9.00am 9.30am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Thomas McNulty</p>
<p>Thurs 2nd 9.00am 9.30am</p>	<p>Memorial of St Athanasius Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Arthur Collins RIP</p>
<p>Fri 3rd 9.00am 9.30am</p>	<p>Feast of Ss Philip and James Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Kate Moen RIP</p>
<p>Sat 4th 10.00am</p> <p>12.00pm</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>First Holy Communion Mass Int. Mary Glynn First Holy Communion Mass Int. Mary McCaughey (No Confessions)</p> <p>Vigil Mass – Sixth Sunday of Easter Int. Glenys Higgins RIP Int. Martin Gallagher - Anniversary</p>
<p>Sun 5th 10.00am</p>	<p>Sixth Sunday of Easter Int. Helen Angela Davis RIP Int. Sean Browne - Anniversary</p>
<p>Mon 6th</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tues 7th 9.30am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Int. Christine Murray RIP and family</p>
<p>Wed 8th 1.00pm 7.00pm</p>	<p>Funeral - Jane McGahey RIP Vigil Mass – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Int. Daly family</p>
<p>Thurs 9th 9.30am 11.00am</p>	<p>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord – Holyday of Obligation Int. John and Joseph Kilroe Funeral Mass - Eileen McGuinness RIP</p>
<p>Fri 10th 9.00am 9.30am</p>	<p>Easter Feria Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Phil Hall RIP</p>
<p>Sat 11th 10.00am</p> <p>12.00pm</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>First Holy Communion Mass Int. Billy Long RIP and Maureen Brazier RIP First Holy Communion Mass Int. Fr Christy Fitzpatrick (No Confessions)</p> <p>Vigil Mass – Seventh Sunday of Easter Int. John and Joan Flynn</p>
<p>Sun 12th 10.00am</p>	<p>Seventh Sunday of Easter Int. Michael and Peggy Towey RIP - Birthday Anniversary</p>

Liturgical and Spiritual . . .



Our Lady's Candle. This week is lit for Patrick & Ellen Marjorie Byrne.



RIP. Please remember in your prayers Jane McGahey, Eileen McGuinness and Arthur Saich who have died recently and all who mourn them. Jane's Funeral will be on Wednesday 8th May at 1.00pm and Eileen's Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 9th May at 11.00am. Arthur's Funeral will be on Tuesday 21st May at 12.00pm.



Please pray for Rosie Hanlon who is being baptised this weekend and Violet McLarnon who is being baptised next weekend. We welcome them into our parish family.



Please pray for our children and young people of the parish as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

Parish Advisory Council Meeting

If you are interested in being part of this venture, please come along to St Aidan's Chapel on Thursday 2nd May at 7.00pm.



Confirmation classes have now restarted.

The next session will be on Monday 29th April at 5.00pm in St Aidan's Chapel.



(For those who wish to learn more about the Catholic faith).
The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8th May at 7.00pm in St Aidan's Chapel.**
Contact John: johnfnolan@gmail.com



Hong Konger Journey in Faith:
Next meeting 7.00pm on Tuesday 14th May, in St Aidan's Chapel.
Email: John.Nolan.johnfnolan@gmail.com

Congratulations to Mgr Tim Menezes and Canon Richard Walker on their appointments as Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese.

Music at The Wayside

Do you love singing?
Do you play an instrument to a reasonable standard?
Do you want to serve the Lord in music?

If you answered 'Yes!' to any of those questions, then why not come along for an hour or so on Wednesday evenings at 7.45pm?
That's when our Parish musicians and singers meet every week.

We are a friendly bunch who prayerfully try to prepare the music for upcoming Masses - but we also have fun socially too!

...and we are always looking for people to come and join us.

For more details, contact Chris on 07544 - 549000



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



Pastoral and Social Outreach . . .

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

SVP Food Bank. We now have storage in the parish for the food bank, however we need to build up our stock, so we would like :- cereals, tinned beans, spaghetti hoops, tinned tomatoes, tinned meats, tea, coffee, pasta sauces, washing up liquid, toilet rolls. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD

A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please

see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including an online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Our Lady of the Wayside is looking for a minimum of eight women, who are currently unemployed and wishing to find employment, to pilot a new six week Own My Life Employability course. Using interactive resources, this course will meet for 90 minutes weekly, for six weeks, to address the specific employability needs that women face. If you, or any women you know, might be interested, please email tberenshtain@gmail.com or call Tanya on 07977 209 569.

SVP appeal for advisors in benefits

The SVP are looking for anyone who could advise the individuals and families we support with regards to claiming benefits. Many of these find the process of claiming benefits a difficult one, and we are not sure if they are getting all the support they are entitled to.

You will not be asked to join the SVP or attend our meetings, but to be available on an occasional basis, when and as help is needed. If you are interested, please contact John Nolan on johnfpnolan@gmail.com

Parish Youth Group Cake Sale



To raise funds towards sending two of our parish youth group member to Lourdes.

Their next sale will be on *Sunday 5th May* and cake donations will be much appreciated.

Click on the link below to see more about our Parish Youth Group.

<https://ourladyofthewaysidechurchshirley.co.uk/olow-youth-group/>

MASS OFFERINGS

Intention (s) _____

Number of Masses _____ Date _____

Any special date (if applicable) _____

Any special place _____

When completing a Mass Offering Envelope please indicate if it is an **Intention**. Or if the person is deceased; by writing **RIP** after their name.

Father Andrew will try his best to celebrate Anniversary Masses on requested dates, but if there are Masses already booked, another date around the time of an anniversary can be arranged.



Shirley Columbus Scout Explorers



After Mass this weekend chocolate gifts and jars of marmalade at £2.50 per jar will be on sale in the Narthex. All money raised will go towards Shirley Columbus Scout Explorers Australian Jamboree Fund.

Clear out for CAFOD – Livesimply

Many thanks to those of you who joined in this event. We raised £143 for CAFOD. Keep your eye on the newsletter for the next one!

Church Cleaning

Thursday 2nd May, at 10.00am.

All are welcome.

