



# Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2024

Why do we come to Mass? How often have you heard people say, 'You don't have to go to church to be a good person,' or 'You don't have to go to church to be a Christian? But is this really true? Our faith cannot be reduced to obeying a simple moral code because if that were the case why would we need to come to Mass. There must, therefore, be more to our faith than just being good. It is this very question that Jesus himself answers in today's Gospel reading when he says, 'I am the bread of life.' Putting it another way our faith is nothing without Christ. Hence, we come to Mass for three main reasons. Firstly, because we need God. Secondly because we need each other and finally because we are sent out into the world to make Christ known. That does, of course, involve being good. So let me finish with a question of my own, 'If you really knew Christ, why would you not want to come to church?' God Bless Deacon Sean

### 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)

### Parish Contact Details.

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Previous week's second collection for **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** raised £588.52. Thank you for your generosity.

**Collections:** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024: Gift Aid: £217.00 Loose: £689.55 Standing Orders: £889.50 Tap n' Go: £10.00 Total: £1806.05



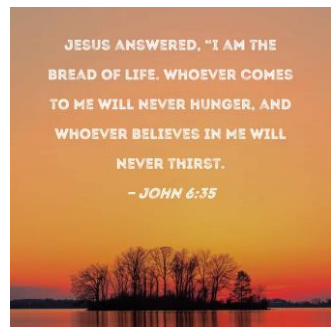
The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mrs Michelle Ashley. She can be contacted at: [sg.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk), or alternatively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

## ***Liturgical Schedule***

<p><b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b> 10.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>Holy hour and Confessions</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Int. Glenys Higgins RIP Int. Canon Gerry Murray – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination</p>
<p><b>Sun 4<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am</p>	<p><b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Int. Carol Cutlet RIP</p>
<p><b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>No Mass</b></p>
<p><b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am 9.30am</p>	<p><b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Breda Campbell RIP</p>
<p><b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am 9.30am 6.00pm</p>	<p><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Noel McGrath RIP Reception into Church of Margaret Brown RIP</p>
<p><b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b> 11.00am</p>	<p><b>Memorial of St Dominic</b> Funeral Mass. Margaret Brown RIP</p>
<p><b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am 9.30am</p>	<p><b>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</b> Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Int. Patrick McTernan RIP – Anniversary Int. Brian Giles RIP</p>
<p><b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Hour and Confessions</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Int. Jane McTernan RIP – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Int. Helen Finneran RIP - Anniversary Int Kevin &amp; Jennifer Macken – Golden Wedding Anniversary Int Carol &amp; Matt Ashcroft – Silver Wedding Anniversary</p>
<p><b>Sun 11<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am</p>	<p><b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Int. John Davis RIP – Anniversary Int Sarah Shaughnessy RIP – Anniversary Int Michael McDaid RIP Anniversary</p>

# Liturgical and Spiritual . . .

**Our Lady's Candle.** This week it is lit for Pauline Hather.



**RIP.** Please remember in your prayers Margaret Brown who has died recently and all who mourn her. Margaret's Funeral Mass will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am and she will be received into Church the evening before at 6.00pm.



Please pray for Noah Stephenson who is being baptised this weekend. We welcome him into the Church.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group:

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



## New Confessional



The church's new Confessional is accessed via the left - hand door of the Sacristy. We have had installed a 'traffic light' system which is operated by Father Andrew within the Confessional. These lights, when illuminated, can be seen inside church to the left of the Sacristy door. When the light is green, please enter. If the Confessional is in use, the light will be red.

## 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 join up with our Parish Music team?

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

...and we are *always* looking for more enthusiastic singers and musicians to swell our ranks!

For more details, please contact Chris on 07544-549000

## 10am Mass during August.

As we are aware every Sunday we are blessed with wonderful music and liturgy. So, our musicians can have a well-earned rest the music at 10am Mass during August may be slightly less or cut down. Many thanks.

## Mass Times

St Augustine's Mass times are:  
Monday 9.30am, Tuesday 10.00am,  
Wednesday 11.30am, Thursday 10.00am, Friday 10.00am and 6.30pm.

St George and Teresa 10.00am Daily.

Please check their websites for any changes to Mass times.



## Pastoral and Social Outreach . . .

**SVP.** The SVP offers confidential practical support for anyone in need. Please email [svpshirley@gmail.com](mailto:svpshirley@gmail.com). Next meeting Tuesday August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm in St. Aiden's Chapel

**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.

### **Canon Gerry Murray**

This weekend, Fr. Gerry celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his priestly ordination.

There will be a celebration in his present parish in Rugby, in September.

As you know, Fr. Gerry spent 23 years here as parish priest and it will be fitting to send him a gift from the Wayside.

If you would like to make a financial contribution, please drop cash or cheque into the parish office.

If you wish to send him a card his address is  
17 Lime Tree Avenue, Bilton, Rugby, CV22  
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**Donations Update - Deacon Sean would like to thank parishioners for supporting any of his book writing projects. Profits generated from sales have now exceeded £9,000 with donations being made to CAFOD, The Father O'Mahony Memorial Trust, Father Hudson's Care, the Parish SVP group and Our Lady of the Wayside School. Most of the books will continue to be available from Amazon. Many thanks for all your continued help, encouragement and support. God Bless, Deacon Sean.**

**Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Primary School, Shirley, B90 4AY** currently have Reception school places available for September 2024 intake. Please contact the school on 0121 744 6852 to arrange a tour or visit - <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Schools-and-learning/School-admissions>

### **Lectionary**



With the introduction of the new lectionary at the beginning of Advent, we are hoping to purchase some of the new addition of 'The People's Missal' books for parishioners to buy from our piety stall. These should be available in the Autumn.

### **Refreshments after Sunday Mass**



Our volunteers who serve us refreshments after Sunday Masses will be taking a well-earned break from this week until the beginning of September.

### **Parish Youth Group:**

Our Parish Youth Group has finished for this academic year and will return in September.

If you would like more details about our parish youth group, please contact Ray McNally on 07827 894446 or email [ray@extendaline.com](mailto:ray@extendaline.com).

