



Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR C 1ST DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parishioners, where has the year gone? This is a question or statement I hear an awful lot. Yet it is very true. This Sunday we once again enter the joyful season of Advent. I have said many times that if I were to have to choose my favourite liturgical season then it would be Advent. We have beautiful scripture readings, and we can join the Diocesan Family by making good use of the Walk with Me Booklets. The Gospel reading today from Luke in many ways helps us to see what Advent is all about. Often, we view Advent as Christmas, and we possibly get too wrapped up in the 'cares of life'. I often think that when people experience the 'post Christmas blues' it is simply because Christmas has come too soon for them and gone all too quickly. This year let us try to enter into Advent and then step into Christmas at the appropriate time. God bless, Fr Andrew.

Church Opening Times:

The church is open for private prayer from dawn to 5.00pm.

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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Thank you to all parishioners at Our Lady of the Wayside for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £389.00. Thank you so much for being there for our global family.

Collections: 24th November 2024: Gift Aid: £217.00 Loose: £435.29 Standing Orders: £853.35 Total: £1505.64

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 Dot Emm. 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.



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Liturgical Schedule

<p>Sat 30th 10.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>(Vigil Mass) First Sunday of Advent Holy hour and Confessions</p> <p>Int. Margaret Clark RIP</p>
<p>Sun 1st Dec 10.00am</p>	<p>First Sunday of Advent Int. Joan & John Curtis RIP</p>
<p>Mon 2nd</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tues 3rd 9.30am</p>	<p>Memorial of St Francis Xavier Int. Brendan McInerney RIP</p>
<p>Wed 4th 9.30am</p>	<p>Advent Feria Int. Lyn Bailey RIP</p>
<p>Thurs 5th 7.00am</p>	<p>Feast of St Birinus Int. John Joseph McLoughlin RIP</p>
<p>Fri 6th 9.30am</p>	<p>Advent Feria Int. Ann Cheal RIP</p>
<p>Sat 7th 10.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>(Vigil Mass) Second Sunday of Advent Holy hour and Confessions</p> <p>Int. Glenys Higgins RIP Int. Noel McGrath RIP</p>
<p>Sun 8th 10.00am</p>	<p>Second Sunday of Advent Int. Patrick McManus – Anniversary Int. Annie Gilleran – Anniversary</p>

Liturgical and Spiritual . . .



RIP. Please remember in your prayers all who have died recently and those who mourn them.

Be on guard,
keep awake.
For you do not
know when the
time will come.
Mark 13:33



Please pray for Tommy Scialdone and Ka Hang Lam who are being baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our Church family.

Our Lady's Candle. This week it is lit for Kevin Finn.



Journey in Faith (RCIA) at Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley.

For both those wishing to become Catholic as well as existing Catholics who wish to learn more about the riches of their faith. There are usually two sessions a month, each lasting from 7.00pm to 8.15pm, all on **Wednesdays** in the **Parish Hall**.

Any enquiries, please contact John Nolan on 07400 399000 or johnfpnolan@gmail.com.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th December 2024

The Resurrection. Centring Prayer. St Teresa of Avila & St John of the Cross.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group:

Meets every Monday evening
at 6:45pm in the Parish Hall.

(Please note change of venue)



Sacramental Programme

*First Reconciliation
First Holy Communion
Confirmation*



At the start of next year, we will begin our sacramental programme for children who attend non-Catholic schools.

Start date will be confirmed in the next few weeks.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Music at The Wayside

The musicians and singers at OLV love their role in assisting the people of God at Mass - but **you** could be part of it.

The team's work involves preparing the musical elements of the Liturgy, prayerfully rehearsing and musically leading it every week - but we have fun together too. Just this year alone we have visited local eateries from pubs to Italian, Indian and Chinese.

You only need a willingness to serve parishioners through music - we don't require any special 'expertise'.

Just speak to one of the team or call Chris on 07544-549000 for more information



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 . . .

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

SVP Food Bank. The food bank is very low on coffee, cereal, washing powder, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, tinned fruit, rice pudding, evaporated milk and kitchen rolls. In preparation for Christmas any items for a Christmas hamper. Thank you for your generosity.

MARMALADE SALE



The marmalade sale in aid of *The Fr O'Mahony Memorial Trust* last weekend raised an amazing £307.50, including some generous donations. Contactless payments are yet to be confirmed. Thank you all very much! Maggy.

Clear out for CAFOD Sunday 1st December

Please bring your unwanted items, especially anything Christmassy, to the Parish Hall before 10am Mass this Sunday and then join us after Mass for a tea or coffee and to pick up a bargain! All proceeds to CAFOD

Recycling: Tub2Pub is back for 2024!

Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to church before the end of the year (or take them directly to any Greene King Pub from 1st January – 11th February 2024) to be recycled. All proceeds from the recycled plastic tubs are donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Christmas Carol Concert.

As part of Shirley Churches together we are having our annual Christmas Carol concert this year outside Asda in Shirley at 3.30 Saturday 14th Dec. It will be run as previous years with a selection of well-known carols. All welcome.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 5th December, at 10.00am.

All are welcome.



Youth Group

Our youth group is in need of board games/chess sets, snakes and ladders etc. If you are able to donate any of these, please bring them along to church.

Many thanks.

Ray McNally on 07827894446 or email ray@extendaline.com.



Blessing of Graves - at 2.00pm

Robin Hood: Sunday 1st December
Wythall: Sunday 8th December

OLW Pre-Christmas Lunch:

Sunday 15th December 2024 at The Regency Hotel, Stratford Road, Shirley, B90 4BE. Arrival time 12.30pm. Lunch will be served at 1.00pm in the Four Ashes Suite, followed by Christmas entertainment.

Please complete your reservation request using forms at the back of church by

Monday 9th December.

SVP Advent 'Giving Tree'.

The 'Giving Tree' will appear by magic in the narthex for the start of the advent season beginning from the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 30th November. As on previous occasions all you are asked to do is:

1. Take a tag.
 2. Buy a present for the child whose age and gender is on the tag. (maximum spend £10)
 3. Attach the tag to the wrapped present and place under the 'Giving Tree' no later than the 10am Mass on Sunday 15th December (Third Sunday of Advent)
- Any presents donated prior to that date will be stored securely in the sacristy. The presents will be taken after the Sunday 15th 10am Mass to then be distributed to families in Birmingham whose needs are greater than ours at this time. May we thank you in advance for your ongoing kindness and generosity, the parish SVP group.

Free Gaudete Sunday Afternoon Concert Performance Sunday 15th December 3.30-5.15pm.

Our Lady of the Wayside School Choir and
Solihull /Harborne Got2Sing Choir.

You are warmly invited to come along to enjoy listening to both choirs singing here in our parish church on Sunday 15th December for a performance of a wide range of popular festive music. This is a free concert with the option afterwards to make donations to help raise funds for Albaraca Nursery School in The Gambia.

Festive refreshments will also be served with an opportunity to learn more about the life of the school from some of our trustees. What a great way to spend an hour or so on Gaudete Sunday afternoon!

At Our Lady of the Wayside we operate a 24x7 livestream service:

<https://www.youtube.com/@OurLadyoftheWayside>.



There is signage in the church to show the areas that can be seen. For more information, please visit our website <https://ourladyofthewaysidechurchshirley.co.uk/>.