



# Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT- YEAR C 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

*Dear Parishioners,  
On the First Sunday of Advent the Bishops of England and Wales changed our lectionary. Although the readings, at Mass, remain the same the translation of the words are different using the English Standard Version of the Bible. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, the latest scholarship and where appropriate be more inclusive. Saint Jerome said, 'Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.' The Second Vatican Council made it clear that, 'Christ is as present in the scriptures as he is in the sacraments.' Whilst Our Lord declared, 'Heaven and Earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.' I wonder what God might be saying to us through His word on this Second Sunday of Advent. Why don't we find out? God Bless, Deacon Sean.*

### 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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This week's second collection is for the *Poor Parishes Fund*. Thank you for your generosity.

**Collections: 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024: Gift Aid: £270.00 Loose: £651.26 Standing Orders: £846.42 Total: £1767.68**  
**Tap n'Go: November: £471.30**

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](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.



**Online donations.** Scan the QR code with your smartphone or use the link to make an online donation <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-the-wayside> or use the machines as you enter the church. Thank you. For more information on donating please see the website or contact the parish office.



# *Liturgical Schedule*

<b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am  5.30pm	<b>(Vigil Mass) Second Sunday of Advent</b> Holy hour and Confessions  Int. Glenys Higgins RIP Int. Noel McGrath RIP
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Int. Patrick McManus – Anniversary Int. Annie Gilleran – Anniversary
<b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Sat 14<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am  5.30pm	<b>(Vigil Mass) Third Sunday of Advent</b> Holy hour and Confessions  Int. Annie Fitzgerald RIP
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Int. Brian Giles - Anniversary

# Liturgical and Spiritual . . .



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



Please pray for Elijah Teik-Lee Tan and Caleb Teik-Hou Tan who are being baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our Church family.

**Our Lady's Candle.** This week it is lit for William Clissitt.



**Blessing of Graves - at 2.00pm**  
Wythall: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Blessing of the Bambinelli



**At our Masses next weekend, Gaudete Sunday, please do bring along the baby Jesus from your cribs so we place him at the centre of our homes this Christmas.**

### Mass arrangements for Christmas at OLW

**Christmas Eve - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am** Blessing of the Crib

**3.00pm** Family Mass

**5.30pm** Family Mass

**8.00pm** Service of Carols, followed by Mass at **8.30pm**

**Christmas Day - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am**

**St Stephen's Day - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00am**

We ask that you encourage family and friends to 'Come Home for Christmas.



### 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](mailto:johnfpnolan@gmail.com).

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.**

# Pastoral and Social Outreach . . .

The SVP offers confidential practical support for anyone in need. If anyone wishes to donate large items, such as furniture, please email [svpshirley@gmail.com](mailto: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 & CAKE SALE

In the Narthex after Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December



To help with fundraising for Explorer Scouts. *Any cakes to sell would be appreciated.*



## Nursery Places

**Applications for nursery for September 2025 need to be submitted straight away as the deadline was the 2<sup>nd</sup> December and reception by January 31st 2025.**

We have had several applications already so please don't miss out on our wonderful EYFS provision at Our Lady of the Wayside. Ofsted May 2024 stated that; "The school is a calm, purpose environment, where pupils get off to a flying start in their education" "From the early years, the school provides daily phonic lessons, staff are well trained to become expert at teaching phonics. Phonic lessons are engaging" The Catholic Inspection took place in September 2024 and the school was graded outstanding. Again the provision in EYFS was highlighted as being a real strength of the school.

## Youth Group

With youth now starting to come from Olton Friary as well as St Augustine's. We have decided to give a communal name to our youth group to be inclusive for All youth from whatever parish they may be in.

We have agreed to name it after the teenager who died at the age of 15 and is known as 'Gods influencer' for his digital talents in spreading the Word! Carlo Acutis is going to be canonized a saint in April 2025.

Our name from here on in.....

**Carlo Acutis youth group.**

Ray McNally on 07827894446 or email [ray@extendaline.com](mailto:ray@extendaline.com).

## Church Cleaning

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at 10.00am.

All are welcome.



## OLW Pre-Christmas Lunch:

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

Free Gaudete Sunday Afternoon Concert Performance  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-5.15pm.

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

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.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. It will be run as previous years with a selection of well-known carols. All welcome.

## Clear out for CAFOD

We made a total last Sunday of £655!!!  
Many thanks to everyone who helped make the event such an amazing success.  
Watch this space for our next event and don't forget to keep bringing in your items for recycling.

## 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.



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/>.