



Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

12TH JANUARY 2025

Dear Parishioner, this weekend we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Last week I celebrated Mass in my home Parish of St Anthony of Padua, Saltney. The Church building holds many memories for me. Happy memories of my first communion, confirmation and priestly ordination. Also, the sad but heartening memory of celebrating my mum's requiem Mass. The one sacrament I can't remember of course is my baptism. When I was celebrating Mass there, I happened to notice the font to the side of the sanctuary. I reminded myself that even though I couldn't remember the baptism, the sacrament and the promises made on my behalf have been the gateway to all the sacraments I have received and all the memories that I now cherish. This weekend maybe we can give thanks for the gift of our Baptism, and also be thankful that through this sacrament we have been made partakers in the sacred mysteries that nourish and sustain us throughout our Christian lives. 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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Collections: 22nd December 2024. Gift Aid: £207.00 Loose: £568.40. Standing Orders: £846.42 Total £1621.82

29th December 2024. Gift Aid: £189.00 Loose: £615.52. Standing Orders: £846.42 Total £1650.94

5th January 2025. Gift Aid: £208.09 Loose: £515.15. Standing Orders: £846.42 Total: £1569.66

December 2024. Tap n Go: £280.00 Crib Offerings: £228.

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.



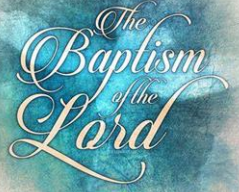
Online donations. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or use the link to make an online donation <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-the-wayside> or use the machines as you enter the church. Thank you. For more information on donating please see the website or contact the parish office.



Liturgical Schedule

<p>Sat 11th 10.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>(Vigil Mass) Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Holy Hour & Confessions</p> <p>Int. Kevin McCormick - Ints. Int. Glenys Higgins RIP</p>
<p>Sun 12th 10.00am</p>	<p>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Int. May Donaghy RIP Int. Gail Andrews RIP</p>
<p>Mon 13th</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tues 14th 9.30am</p>	<p>Feria in Ordinary Time Int. Jim Reaney - Ints. Int. Julia Reaney RIP</p>
<p>Wed 15th 11.00am</p>	<p>Feria in Ordinary Time Funeral Mass - Teresita Windsor RIP</p>
<p>Thurs 16th 9.30am</p>	<p>Feria in Ordinary Time Int. Mary Hall - Ints.</p>
<p>Fri 17th 9.30am</p>	<p>Memorial of St Anthony Int. Joseph Thurai-Rajah - Anniversary</p>
<p>Sat 18th 10.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>(Vigil Mass) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Hour & Confessions</p> <p>Int. John Fleming RIP</p>
<p>Sun 19th 10.00am</p>	<p>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Int. Raphael Lee RIP</p>

Liturgical and Spiritual . . .



RIP. Please remember in your prayers Teresita Windsor and Ann Abolins who have died recently and all who mourn them. Terri's Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 15th January at 11.00am. Ann's Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 4th February at 12.30pm.



Please pray for Tighe Monaghan, Lorcan English-Wilkinson and Grace Healy who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our Church family.



Our Lady's Candle. This week it is lit for Mabel & Kevin McCormick.



Children's Liturgy of the Word Volunteers

We are looking to extend our team of volunteers. If you are able to offer **one or two Sundays per term** (maximum of 6 sessions per year) and would like to be involved, please speak to Anna Perfect (07849529648) or any other member of the current team.

Music at The Wayside

The musicians and singers at OLW 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.

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 it to be confirmed.

Shirley Churches Together for Christian Unity

There is a week of prayer for Christian Unity this January. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from 18-25 January each year and this year Our Lady of The Wayside Church will be hosting a Service of Christian Unity at 6pm on the 19th January. At the beginning of this new year and welcoming the Year of Hope, this is a wonderful opportunity to meet our fellow Christians and pray together. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity to ask God to help Christian Churches seek common ground and appreciation of each other. We remember that we share a common baptism and belief in the Resurrection, which is for us the source of hope and joy, to be shared with all people. Everyone welcome!



In February 2025 we will begin our sacramental programme for children who attend non-Catholic schools in preparation for Confirmation next June.

If you wish for your child to attend the programme, please contact the parish office.



DEVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

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

All are welcome.

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 tinned meats, meat - based meals, tuna, washing up liquid and soap powder. If you have a large or unusual item you wish to donate, please contact us beforehand on the above email so that we can find a suitable beneficiary. Thank you for your generosity.

Gaudete Sunday Afternoon Concert.

Thank you to everyone who supported the recent concert here in church in support of Albaraca Nursery School in The Gambia. It was a fantastic fun event enjoyed by a joyful audience from our school and parish community along with many visitors both locally and (due to the available livestream) much further away. The generous donations received afterwards resulted in £1,200 raised for the school. On behalf of the trustees of the school, thank you.

SVP Advent Giving Tree.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated gifts for the Giving Tree during the season of Advent. Your generosity resulted in TWO HUNDRED presents donated to families in need of support in the Nechells and Stechford areas of Birmingham and families within our own parish. These communities were very grateful for your kindness. Along with the obvious joy brought to the recipient children, these gifts provided such a positive boost to the mental health and wellbeing of parents, knowing that they could provide Christmas presents for their children. On behalf of your parish SVP team, may we share our heartfelt gratitude for your support of this now annual project.

Sunday 19th January, is Peace Sunday, and we would like to invite you to sign greetings cards to Prisoners of Conscience in various parts of the world, to let them know they are not forgotten, and that people are working and praying on their behalf for their release. Cards and brief summaries of their cases will be in the Narthex after 10am mass on 19th.



OLW Reception Class

Application closing date is 15th January 2025.

Please see school website for more details



Our Lady of the Wayside Beavers have places in the colony for children aged 6 and 7. Beavers meet on a Thursday evening from 18.30 till 19.30. For more information contact Ian on 07766011145.

The Father O'Mahony Memorial Trust: The annual AGM of the Trust will be held following 10am Mass on Sunday 26th January, in the church Hall. All are welcome. We are pleased to advise that monies received during the months of November & December 2024 has enabled The Trust to send a donation of £5,000, to CAFOD on behalf of the Hunger Crisis in Sudan. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

Carlo Acutis Youth Group

At Olton Friary 6.30pm till 8.30pm.
Usual Minibus service available.

Junior youth group will be starting at OLOW parish hall on the 17th Jan 6.30pm till 8.00pm.



Recycling: Tub2Pub

Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to church (or take them directly to any Greene King Pub until 11th February) 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/>.