



Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Church

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

19TH JANUARY 2025

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Dear Parishioner, 'there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit.' Whenever I reflect on this line from St Paul I often think about the times when I ask people to undertake certain roles in the life of the Parish. Often people respond by saying 'I am not gifted enough for that role Father'. This in many ways saddens me because each and every one of us has gifts and talents that can be used in the service of the Parish and, more importantly for the greater glory of God. The gifts that we have are varied but all of them can be used for a good purpose. This weekend maybe we can think about the individual gifts that have been given to us by the power of the Holy Spirit and try to understand how they can be used for service of neighbour, Parish and Almighty God. God bless, Fr Andrew.

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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 weekend's *second collection* is for **Pax Christi**. Their vision is a world where everyone can live in peace. Your donations will help them provide the opportunities, tools and resources to enable them to meet that challenge. Thank you for your generosity.

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Collections: 12th January 2025. Gift Aid: £261.00 Loose: £362.95. Standing Orders: £846.42 Total £1470.37

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.



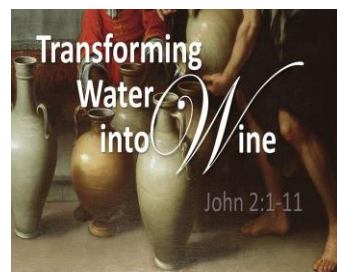
Online donations. Scan the QR code with your smartphone or use the link to make an online donation <https://donate.myдона.com/our-lady-of-the-wayside> or use the machines as you enter the church. Thank you. For more information on donating please see the website or contact the parish office.



Liturgical Schedule

<p>Sat 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>
<p>Mon 20th</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Tues 21st 9.30am</p>	<p>Memorial of St Agnes Int. Anne Davenport RIP</p>
<p>Wed 22nd 9.30am</p>	<p>Feria in Ordinary Time Int. Padruig Fagan RIP</p>
<p>Thurs 23rd</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p>Fri 24th 9.30am</p>	<p>Memorial of St Francis de Sales Int. Dolly Long RIP</p>
<p>Sat 25th 10.00am</p> <p>5.30pm</p>	<p>(Vigil Mass) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Hour & Confessions</p> <p>Int. Mary & Abdullah Khan - Anniversary Int. Terry Pringle RIP</p>
<p>Sun 26th 10.00am</p>	<p>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Int. Jim Cronin – 1st Anniversary Int. Michael McMahon – Anniversary</p>

Liturgical and Spiritual . . .



RIP. Please remember in your prayers Ann Abolins and Margaret Rochfort who have died recently and all who mourn them. Ann's Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 4th February at 12.30pm.



Please pray for Lyra Chatterley, Roxie Chatterley, Lottie-Mae Stothard, Reilly Goodwin and Ivy Goodwin who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome them into our Church family.



Our Lady's Candle. This week it is lit for Barbara Dyson.



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 OLW

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 St Aidan's Chapel.**

Next session 7.00pm Wed 5th Feb in ST AIDAN'S CHAPEL. Topic: The Our Father. Prayer: Scriptural Rosary. Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Chiara Badan.

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

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!

*Confirmation
Class*

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 **St Aidan's Chapel.**

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.

Cheese and Cheese and Wine Night

Please feel free to join us at Thomas Bragg and Sons on Thursday 23rd January at 18:00pm – 20:00pm.



RSVP by Monday 20th January on 0121 744 1428 or thomasbragg.shirley@funeralpartners.co.uk

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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 £649.19.

The Missionary Priests of St Patrick's send thanks for the sum of £466.13 which was raised in lieu of their Appeal.



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.

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.

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.



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.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 23rd January 2025,
at 9.30am. All are welcome.



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/>.