

Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School

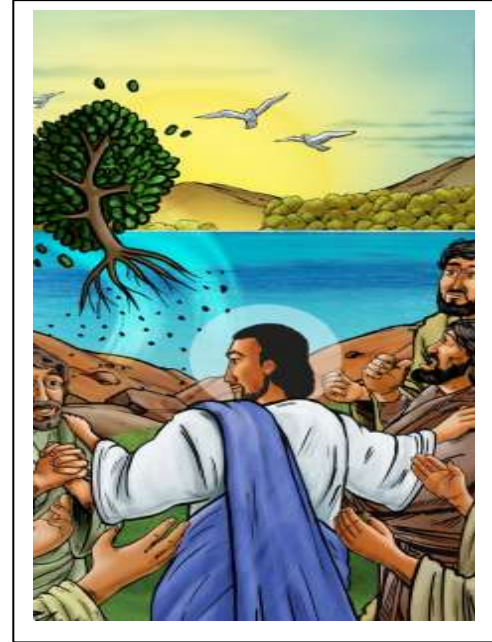


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This Sunday's Gospel

Taken from the Gospel for 2nd October 2022 (Luke 17:5-10):
The Reward of Faith

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately?' Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards?' Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.'"



Gospel Reflection

The two sections of this Gospel reading appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit together. The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but in hanging on by one's finger-tips, through thick and thin, to God's power and will to save. In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power or ability. That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. The value of our work in itself is secondary to our admission of helplessness and our trust in God's to save us. However, not all parables should be taken as allegories. The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward. When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples' feet. We may be unworthy slaves, but Our Lord's action at the Last Supper gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us. How do I best serve God and others? Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

Mass Times at OLW Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday

5.30pm Evening Mass

Sunday Mass

10:00am with Children's Liturgy

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Our Lady and All Saints MAC Mass of Thanksgiving and Formal Launch of the OLAAS Children's Charter

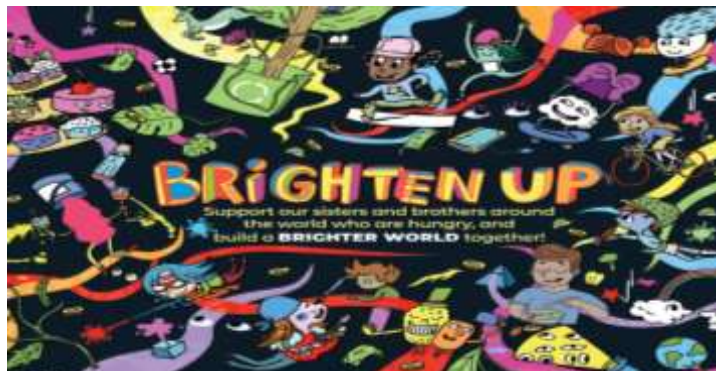
On Wednesday, some children and staff from all schools in Our Lady and All Saints MAC joined to celebrate Mass at Olton Friary. This was a celebration of the first anniversary of the launch of Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Multi Academy and an opportunity to reflect on the past 18 months as a family of 13 schools. The celebrant was Bishop David Evans and guests included the Mayor of Solihull, Ken Meeson and his wife.

Afterwards in the church hall, 26 members of staff from across the MAC schools received long service awards for their roles in school. From Our Lady of the Wayside school, this included Mrs Stiles, Mrs Watts and Mrs Ashcroft. Our thanks to these members of staff for their years of commitment and service to the children of Our lady of the Wayside School.



Cafod Fast Day

On Friday 14th October we are holding our harvest CAFOD Fast Day, a day where we ask children to go without their normal morning snacks donating the money they would have normally spent on their morning snack to CAFOD. This year's theme is 'Brighten Up', so children are allowed to wear something bright on this day rather than their normal school uniform. Envelopes for donations will be sent home next week and will be collected at the school gate on the morning of the 14th October.



One World Liturgy

This year's One World Liturgy will also take place on Friday 14th October, 2,45pm in OLV Church. As in previous years, we will be collecting tins for a charity called Brushstrokes. Can we please ask for food donations on week commencing 10th October. Fresh produce items on Thursday 13th October please. You are all most welcome to join us for our One World Liturgy.

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Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Reception	Red Group 98.4%	Blue Group 88.8%
Year 1	Class 1C 94.4%	Class 1Y 95.5%
Year 2	Class 2F 94.0%	Class 2CS 97.1%
Year 3	Class 3M 96.3%	Class 3TS 98.1%
Year 4	Class 4C 97.5%	Class 4L 100%
Year 5	Class 5E 95.9%	Class 5P 96.1%
Year 6	Class 6O 96.5%	Class 6W 93.7%

Overall attendance for this week is 96.1%. Well done this week to Class 4L with an excellent attendance figure of 100%

Coffee Morning

Earlier this week we held our autumn term Coffee Morning, an opportunity for parents, and family and friends of OLW School, to join together for a cup of coffee, or tea, and a chat. It was lovely that so many parents were able to attend. Our next coffee morning is planned for after Christmas. Thank you to Mrs Lloyd for organising and hosting.



Job Vaccancies in School

We currently have the following Lunchtime Supervisor roles available in school:

2 x 10 hours

1 x 7.5 hours

Please contact the school office for further details. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 18th October.

School Lunches

Please see attachment for lunch menu next week. (Week 2)

Brain Teaser

Last week's brainteaser:

A sundial has the fewest moving parts of any timepiece. Which has the most?

Answer:

An hourglass, with thousands of grains of sand

This week's brainteaser:

What two numbers make a one-digit number when you multiply them but a two-digit number when you add them together?

200 Club

There is still an opportunity to join 200 Club. Attached to this week's newsletter is information regarding the 200 Club. It costs £30 to enter (you can pay for the year or termly) and there is a £100 prize draw every half term. Please do consider entering and perhaps encourage friends and family to buy a number too!

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Parish/School Mass

We delighted to be able to write with details of a new initiative between Our Lady of the Catholic School and Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic Parish. Each month, children and their families from a particular year group will be invited to come together with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish in the celebration of Mass. The children will welcome people to Mass, they will read the Word of God and they will lead the Prayer of the Faithful. The dates for the year are:

- Saturday 8th October Year 4
- Saturday 12th November Year 3 (First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass)
- Saturday 3rd December Year 5
- Saturday 21st January Year 6 (Confirmation Enrolment Mass)
- Saturday 4th March Year 2
- Saturday 10th June Year 1
- Saturday 8th July Reception

Badminton Club

Our Year 6 Badminton Club started this morning. Children play badminton every Friday morning from 8:00am to 8:45am at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School. Our thanks to St Peter's for kindly allowing us to use their sports hall.



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Fundraising Marathon Run

Louise Brown, parent of Pippa in Year 5, is running in this weekend's London Marathon. Mrs Brown is running in support of Our Lady of the Wayside School Association. Please consider making a donation to Louise's Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louise-brown-16>



[Help raise £500 to support Our Lady of the Wayside School Association](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/louise-brown-16)

We're raising money to support Our Lady of the Wayside School Association. Support this JustGiving Crowdfunding Page.

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Here is Louise's story:

In 2019, I was successful in my entry into the ballot for the 2020 London Marathon. After months of training, a global pandemic scuppered my plans and the marathon was sadly cancelled. Having raised £4k for the Mind charity through the extremely generous donations of my supporters, I ran the 26.2 miles around Solihull in the Virtual London Marathon in October 2020 and got the money to the charity where it was so desperately needed. I kept my ballot place for the 2021 London Marathon but then actually caught Covid myself 6 weeks before the event and I wasn't fit enough to run.

So...this is my 3rd and final attempt to run the London Marathon in actual London!! On 2nd October 2022, I once again have the opportunity to complete the 26.2 miles. This time, I am raising money for a cause that is just as close to my heart as that of mental health. As the treasurer of our School Association (also known as PTA in some schools), I saw our fundraising reduce by around £12,000 over 2 years due to the pandemic largely because we couldn't run any events. I had many less pennies and pounds to count sadly! Although we'll never get that money back, I'd like to try and raise a little bit of money now just to make a bit of a difference.

Money raised from our fundraising activity is used to further enrich the lives and learning of our children in ways that aren't always possible through the funding that the (wonderful) school receives from government alone. The money allows us to provide tangible benefits for pupils whilst they are at school often in the form of physical and creative activity - both also close to my heart and so important for our children as they grow up in a world where educational targets are increasingly based on academic aptitude alone.

At a time when money is so tight for so many people, I know that another fundraising request may be a little exasperating. However, any amount that you can give no matter how big or small would be appreciated more than you know. Literally every penny counts and will help to make a difference to the lives of our children following a time when Covid has robbed them of so much. Thank you for your time and see you (finally!) at the finish line!

Best of luck Louise for Sunday, we're all be watching our TVs trying to spot you!

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OLW School Association AGM

Tuesday 4th October 3.30pm

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Annual General Meeting to be held in the school hall

Without your support, the School Association simply won't be able to continue running events such as Christmas and Summer fairs and raising valuable funds for the school.

Money raised by the SA is used to further enrich the lives and learning of our children in ways that would not be possible otherwise.

We really need new members, even if you only have a small amount of time to give. Please come along and find out more.



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Reminders for this week:

Mass

Lower Phase will celebrate Mass with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish on Tuesday 4th October. Mass starts at 10:00am; you are all most welcome.

Y5 Alton Castle Meeting

There will be a short meeting on Thursday 6th October at 3pm in the Studio for parents of children in Y5 who will be going on residential to Alton Castle.