



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ORDINARY
TIME

A poor widow
came and put in two small coins,
the equivalent of a penny.
(Mark 12:42)

The story of the widow's mite is a reminder to us that it's not what we give that's important, but how and why we give. Do we seek recognition for our donations or do we make them in recognition of what has first been given to us?



WIDOWS

There are two widows in today's readings. In the first reading a widow and Elijah, the in the gospel a widow and Jesus. Widows and orphans had lost the ones who provided for them and often could not provide for themselves. Scripture emphasises that they must be looked after just as God looks after us.



The widow and Elijah

During a drought this widow risks dying herself if she offers hospitality to Elijah who is an enemy of her god and king. Elijah also takes a risk by trusting God promise that a destitute person in a hostile kingdom will provide for him.

ORDINARY TIME There are just two Sundays left, the second of which is the

- **Solemnity of Christ the King**
This is also *National Youth Sunday*.
- **Season of Advent**
Sunday 29th November.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



All those who died in the two world wars of the last century and in the conflicts since will be remembered in our prayers during our Masses this weekend.

In OLMC before the 11.15am Sunday Mass we will observe two minutes silence at 11am.

FAITH IN FOCUS: GIVING

At Sunday lunch the family were moaning about what had happened at church. The priest's sermon was rubbish, the choir out of tune and the church cold. Then the youngest child silenced everyone by saying, "Still, it wasn't bad for only £1."

The episode about the widow's mite teaches us a lot about giving. First of all there's the question of what we give. Obviously the amount is not the most important aspect of giving because it's relative. The widow put two coins worth a penny into the collection whereas the richer people dwarfed her contribution by the size of their donations. But presumably we should expect richer people to provide more revenue. Clearly, the amount given may bear no relationship to the wealth of the person. And Jesus pointed out to his disciples that in fact the widow had given much more than all the others.

Secondly, there's the business of how we give. When we see some sort of appeal for helping children or providing food and drink to people struck by famine, how do we react? Do we begrudgingly put our hands in our pockets and cough up as little as we can without seeming miserly? When envelopes drop through our doors asking for money for charity, what do we feel like? God loves a cheerful giver, according to St Paul, but sometimes we give begrudgingly. The widow could have kept one of her two coins but she gave willingly. And she gave everything she had.

Thirdly, there's the issue of why we give. Some people give things to churches and then have a plaque made to let everyone know that they are the donor. Such recognition has already been rewarded. But there's another sort of recognition: reverse recognition. We can give out of recognition of what we ourselves have been given. We give because we are conscious of being blessed by God in so many ways and our giving-back is just a token of our gratitude. God gave his only Son and his only Son gave his life for us.

So giving implies a what, a how and a why. And by willing giving her all, the widow got all three of them right.

Liverpool South Ministry Team (LSMT)

After the changes in our Pastoral Area since 2012 parishes have been trying to work more collaboratively in common areas of ministry. This has led to the setting up of a team of people to co-ordinate the many and varied ministries which already exist in our Pastoral Area of Liverpool South, hence the title.

It is recognised that parishioners have a much greater part to play in all areas of ministry, even some which used to be done just by priests. Some parishes with more resources can support those where the resources are less plentiful. Roland Berndt will explain this more fully at the end of our Masses this weekend.

Archdiocesan Finances

The annual financial report for the last financial year, 2014, explains how much has been received in the diocese and how much has been spent. Copies of the report are available at the back of church.



With You Always

Next session for the children and parents of St Patrick's, St Finbar and other schools this **Wednesday 11th November at St Patrick's church** at 6pm. (Holy Family next week).

Olivewood Carves

Thank you to those who have paid for the carvings. If you have not done so please do so this weekend so that we can send the money to those who sold it.

John Southworth

Embrace Liverpool — Cathedral 21st November 2015

A Catholic Youth Conference. Embrace Catholic Youth Conferences are organised by a team of young Catholic volunteers passionate about spreading the Gospel to fellow young people to show that the Church is alive and cares for them!



ASYLUM LINK

As you can imagine life is increasingly difficult for Asylum Seekers with the imminent massive cut in financial support to approximately £30 per week. Consequently pressure on the resources of Asylum Link Merseyside are increasing exponentially.

Asylum Link Merseyside: **Winter Musical Extravaganza.**
Saturday 14th November 7pm at St Anne's RC Church, Overbury Street, L7 3HJ. Tickets £5 from Illa 0151 709 1713 or info@asylumlink.org.uk or on door.

Please Pray For....

The lately dead: Mary Lewis, Michael O'Brien.

The sick: Claire Kearney, Ann Menagh, Mair Beck, Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Jim Dyson, Tony Jones, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Williams, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Nancy Abernethy, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Paula Lacey, Denise King, John Dunning, Tommy Huyton, Emily Rolands, Joan Higgins, Angela Kent, Helena Green, David Majoury, Donald Smith, John & Frances Hutchinson, Freya Matheson, Pius Laizer, Gerard Murphy, Maria Jones, Richard Clarke, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, Gerty Tomley, Margaret Chung, David Stevenson, Thomas & John Paul Conroy, Keith Holden, Kathleen Crownly, Joanne Fairbrother, Eileen Edwards, Erin Caulfield, Lisa Ginley, Lillian O'Connor, Owen Hall, Anne Brannigan, Thelma Mainwaring, Cheryl and Lenny Hart, Sheila Chapman, Elaine Gorry, Justin French, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, Betty Billingsley, John Hodson, Terry Macklin, Muriel Minshull, Madison Frances Cave, Peter Bengler, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks, Teresa Koo, Holly and Lucy Brown.

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Monday Funeral Service
- Wednesday Funeral Service

Sunday 8th November

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Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Karl Lee	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	L & E (Jun) Marnell	OLMC

Monday 9th November

9am		OLMC
12noon	Funeral Service: Mary Lewis	St Patrick

Tuesday 10th November

7pm	June Heaney	OLMC
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Wednesday 11th November

10am	David Campbell	St Patrick
12pm	Funeral Service: Michael O'Brien	St Patrick

Thursday 12th November

10am	May Westhead	St Patrick
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Friday 13th November

10am	Joe, Eileen & Michael Hyland	OLMC
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Sat 5pm	Sp Int (Op)	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Mary Robinson	St Patrick
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Evening Service: Thursday 7pm

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament OLMC

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 4th November was no 59
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £206.59 Loose £268.34 Total £474.93
Sp Collection LAMP £121.17

St Patrick

Envelopes £0 Loose £139.57
Sp Collection LAMP £48.76

Many Thanks