



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Newsletter

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

I am the gate
of the sheepfold.....
Anyone who enters through me
will be safe.

John 10.....

In the rough and tumble of daily life, whether at home or at our place of work, how do we make out the voice of the Shepherd calling us? Where are our signposts that point us in positive directions? Do we have a sheepfold whose value we recognise or do we wander all over the place? And do we have a place or a person to go to, where we know we will be safe?

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The theme of the fourth Sunday in the Easter Season is always Christ the **Good Shepherd**. Year A has a slightly different angle on it, focussing on the image of Christ as the **gate** of the sheepfold, signifying security, safety and refuge.

It ends with the memorable truth that Jesus has to come that we have life

'and have it to the full'.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The 4th Sunday of Easter is traditionally the day when we pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. There are prayer cards available at the back of church encouraging all of us to pray for vocations.

The Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life flows from the broader culture of vocation, and is when the universal Church asks the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest as priests and religious.

It is also the beginning of the collection for the...

Priests' Training Fund: There are envelopes at the back of church in which tax payers may wish to put their offering and thus to enable the diocese to reclaim tax on their donation. The collection will be open until the feast of Pentecost.

Ordinations

This year there is one ordination to the priesthood: Michael Barrett, who is a former teacher, and has been studying at the Beda College in Rome for several years. He will be ordained in June.

Vocations Sunday

FAITH IN FOCUS: KEEP ON THE GRASS

Peter was not known for being a shrinking violet. Time and time again we see him jumping in with both feet, saying the wrong thing or reacting without thinking things through. He doesn't seem to have changed much after Christ's death, for today we catch a glimpse of him in action preaching to the crowd. And he comes out with all guns firing. You backed a loser, he says, by killing Jesus of Nazareth. You killed him but God raised him up and made him Lord of all things. So now you're at odds with God. Naturally, the crowd were cut to the quick and wanted to know how to make amends. Peter tells them to repent and turn their lives over to Jesus.

In many parishes throughout the world there are people who have only been Christians for the last three weeks. They were baptised or received into the Church at Easter. During this fifty-day period until Pentecost we look each Sunday at some of the consequences of being a Christian.

We tease out just some of implications of turning our lives over to Jesus and we try to enter the mystery of our faith more deeply.

And so we reflect that Jesus is the gate of the sheepfold and the shepherd of the flock. Those who are new Christians can be very good teachers of those who have been around for a while. This is because they teach us about enthusiasm for faith. They can rekindle in us the old fire that we once had but which may have dimmed a little over the years.

New Christians are in no doubt that if you want to find your way into the sheepfold (if you want to be in place where life makes sense), then Jesus is the way in. To seek God with all our hearts, to live according to his teaching, to follow the shepherd to springs of water and fresh pasture...this is why people become Christians. Easter is a time for remembering old truths, and we're left in no doubt why people take the plunge of baptism for Christ's sake.

It's because the grass is always greener on God's side.

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First Holy Communion

Since last September nearly 50 children have been preparing for their first Eucharist. Next Sunday will be the first of the Masses at which the children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Similar Masses will be celebrated in St Patrick's and OLMC until the 4th June, 4 Sundays in all. There are no first Communion celebrations at the Saturday 5pm Mass.



OLMC Church Repairs

The work on the essential repairs to the Church will start tomorrow, Monday 8th May. A [schedule of the work](#) is on the notice board at the back of OLMC church which should finish on 18th August.

Most of the scaffolding will be outside the church. After they have worked on the south side (the main entrance) there will be internal scaffolding in order to plaster the inside wall (where there have been considerable falls of plaster in recent years).

The main body of the work will consist of improving the guttering system. The heavy downpours which we often get (in these days of climate change/global warming) means that, often, the gutters cannot cope with the volume of water which overflows into the fabric of the church. The stains on the ceilings and walls are plainly visible in the body of the church.

The exact cost is now known— £230,000. (This is without VAT but, as OLMC is a listed building, the VAT can be reclaimed.)

Priests' Training Fund

The annual collection

for the fund takes place this weekend, the 4th Sunday of Easter. The fund will be open from then until Pentecost Sunday.

Vocations Sunday



May—Month of Mary

During this month which is traditionally one of devotion to Our Lady we will have, for the remaining Thursdays, services in which we will sing all the traditional hymns to Our Lady which many of you will remember from your childhood. If you have any favourites, no matter how obscure, we will incorporate them (as long as we can find the words and the music!). Send in your requests!

SVP Collection

Because of the Priests' Training Fund, the monthly collection will be next weekend.

Exchange and Mart (!)

There is a computer desk in the presbytery which is surplus to requirements. If anyone would like it please contact me. It could be partially dismantled to fit in a car.

John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Requiem on Tuesday replaces the 7pm Mass.
- Requiem on Wednesday replaces the 10am Mass.
- The usual 10am Mass on Friday is a requiem.

Sunday 7th May

FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Karl Lee	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Kathleen Lennard	OLMC

Monday 8th May

9am	May Ramsey	OLMC
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Tuesday 9th May

10.30	Requiem: Maureen Hamblin	St Patrick
7pm	NO MASS	

Wednesday 10th May

10am	NO MASS	St Patrick
2pm	Requiem: Vera Edwards	OLMC

Thursday 11th May

10am	Benedicta Palmer	St Patrick
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Friday 12th May

10am	Requiem: Paddy Quinn	OLMC
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Sunday 14th May

FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

Sat 5pm	John Pettit	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Maurice Mulvey	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday at OLMC 4-4.30pm

Thursday Evening Service 7pm

Service to Honour Mary, Mother of the Lord.

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday No 40

Collections

Many thanks

Mount Carmel

Sat Loose £113.25 Envelopes £109.40
Sun Loose £100.08 Envelopes £59.00
Total £381.73

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £129.40 Total £129.40

Please Pray For.... Those who have died: Maureen Hamblin, Vera Edwards, Paddy Quinn.

The sick: Joe McNicholas, Michael McNicholas, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Pat & Brian Smedley, Bernadette Morgan, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, Jackie Heath-Anderson, Ted Cunningham, Anne Deuchar, Charlotte Rice, Irene Finneran, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Claire Kearney, Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Tony Jones, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Paula Lacey, Denise King, John Dunning, Tommy Huyton, Emily Rolands, Angela Kent, David Majoury, Donald Smith, Pius Laizer, Maria Jones, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, 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, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, John Hodson, Terry Macklin, Muriel Minshull, Peter Bengler, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks, Teresa Koo, Holly and Lucy Brown.