



3rd Sunday of Easter

15th April 2018

Newsletter

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.'

Luke 24:35



The quotation above is a reference to the story of two disciples who are walking on the road to Emmaus; they are joined by a stranger whom they recognise as Jesus 'in the breaking of bread'. We read that Gospel last year on the 3rd Sunday of Easter. The Church expects us to have good memories because we continue that story in today's Gospel!

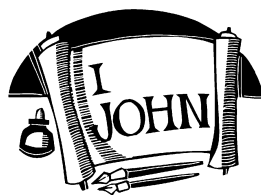
SEASON OF EASTER

1st Readings

In all three Years of the cycle the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles and gives us a description of the life and beliefs of the early church.

2nd Readings

In Year B the second reading every Sunday is from the first letter of St John. The style of the letter and the ideas and phrasing show that it is the same author as the fourth Gospel.



The structure and language of the letter are straightforward yet repetitious. The author uses the contrast between light and darkness, Christians and the world, and truth and error to illustrate the threats and responsibilities of Christian life. John does not give us theological argument but rather intense religious conviction expressed in simple truths.

The letter also stresses the humanity and divinity of Christ as an apostolic teaching and shows the development of the connection between Christian moral conduct and Christian doctrine.

Next Sunday

IT'S YOUR CALL

the theme for the

**World Day of Prayer for
Vocations**

to the priesthood and religious life.



National Office
for Vocation

Helping people hear God's call

There will be a retiring collection for the
Priests' Training Fund.

FAITH IN FOCUS: FISH SPECIALS

What do we know about Jesus after his resurrection? Well, we know at least that he was hungry! Both Luke and John report after-death appearances of Jesus where he wants something to eat. And in two of the stories he ends up eating grilled fish. So he wasn't a vegetarian either!

On one level we can see these two accounts as just simple stories that give us a bit more extra detail than we normally have about Jesus' social habits. But there may be something else going on in the two gospel writers' minds.

How do we meet the risen Jesus today? Clearly the most obvious way is through other people. Through our baptism we are called to become "other Christs". We are called to be Christ to each other and we see the face of Christ in all people who require our care, our concern and our service.

We meet the risen Christ in the liturgy when ministers and congregation gather, for Jesus said that wherever two or three gather in his name he will be present.

We meet him in the words of scripture. Far from being some ancient book of religious formulae the scriptures are the living word of God. When the scriptures are proclaimed in church it is God who speaks.

And while we are ready to say that Christ is present in the sacraments, it has to be the eucharist that takes pride of place for meeting the risen Lord. For it is in eating and drinking the body and blood of Christ that we come closest to him. St Augustine never tired of telling his congregation that they would become what they ate: the Body of Christ, which is also the name we give to the Church.

At what precise moment did the two Emmaus disciples realise that they were in the presence of their risen Lord? It was when he broke the bread for them to eat. What was it that Jesus asked the apostles for in both Luke and John's gospel? Something to eat!

Not surprising really, because when we eat that bread and drink that cup we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection until he comes again.

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Adoremus

Vocations Exhibition There are several fringe events during the weekend of the National Eucharistic Congress in September. One of them is a Vocations Exhibition which will take place in St Patrick's Church. Last week Sister Elaine Penrice, of the National Vocations Office visited St Patrick's to assess the church and how it can best be used for this exhibition.



Adoration, Evening Prayer and Talk at Carmel From Sunday 29th April a series of encouraging stories, personal reflection and practical ideas in preparation for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress 2018. Carmelite Monastery, Allerton, 3.30-5pm.

Gift Aid/Offertory Boxes

New boxes are available at the back of OLMC church. Anyone who pays income tax can Gift Aid their weekly offering and for every £1 you give the Inland Revenue adds 25p. No extra contribution is required. Also, anyone who would does not pay tax can have an offertory box. If you would like one please leave your name and address either, with me or leave it at the presbytery.

OLMC - Repairs to the porch

The work will begin on 23rd April, Monday week, and will take about 4 weeks. Masses and services will not be affected, nor will funerals.

With You Always

Final preparation session for Holy Family and St Patrick this week:

- Holy Family 17th April
- St Patrick, 18th April (Both in school at the usual time)

St Finbar and other schools final session is on 9th May.

- Children receiving their First Holy Communion are asked to stay behind with their parents for a short practice after each of our Sunday Masses.



Cathedral Choir recruiting— Boys and Girls

The Cathedral is inviting **boys in year 2 or 3**, and **girls in year 5** to come along to our *Be a Chorister for a Day* events on Sunday 6 May (boys) and Sunday 24 June (girls). Anyone who enjoys singing and working in a team can find out what is involved in being a chorister in our Cathedral.

Boys Make Noise There is also a new singing group for boys in Year 2 and 3 which takes place on Wednesdays from 5.15-6pm.

For more details for all these days see the posters on the notice boards.

Cathedral—This Sunday



Service of Remembrance on the Anniversary of Hillsborough, this Sunday 15th April 2018, 2.45pm - 3.45pm. A special service to remember the victims of Hillsborough and pray for the families, survivors and all those affected.

John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- No Mass on Monday.
- Funeral Service on Tuesday at 1pm
- Wednesday Mass at 9.45am

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 15th April

Sat 5pm	Joan Walsh	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Peter Bengier	OLMC

Mon 16th April

9am	No Mass	OLMC
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Tue 17th April

1pm	Funeral Service: Bobby Morton	OLMC
7pm	Gillian Gray	OLMC

Wed 18th April

<u>Slightly earlier time</u> 9.45am	Peggy Oates	St Patrick
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Thu 19th April

10am	Monica Peters	St Patrick
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Fri 20th April

10am	Tommy Huyton	OLMC
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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 22nd April

Sat 5pm	Ann & Owen Barrie	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Michael Cairns	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Evening Service: Thursday 7pm

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4-4.30pm

Bonus Ball

Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 11th April: No 28 .

Collections

OLMC Sat Loose £151.62 Sun Loose £100.33
Envelopes £116.50

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £151.01
Total £519.46

.....Many thanks

Please Pray For.... Those who have died: Bobby Morton

The sick: Irene Maloney, Betty Flannery, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Tommy Duffy, Mary Frances, Audrey McKenna Ian McCafferty, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Joan Higgins, Michael McNicholas, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, 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, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Denise King, John Dunning, 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, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.