



# 6th Sunday of Easter

6th May 2018

**T**his is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

John 15:12

The word love is central to our readings today. The 2nd reading from the first letter of St John states that **God is love**.

The Gospel hammers the theme home: **As the Father has loved me so I have loved you. Remain in my love....**

The Church is full of saints and sinners; it contains the best and worst of humanity. Anyone who is a Christian is called to reflect that love despite our imperfections. That is a great challenge.

## Easter Season

This year we see a change in the pattern of recent years. For several years the feast of the Ascension has been transferred to the following Sunday. This year it returns to its liturgical place, 40 days after Easter Sunday. So now we have, once again, this Thursday 10th May....

## Ascension Thursday

Jesus's resurrection and ascension are not things of the past. They are very much present and powerful in our world today. That is why Jesus's parting words to his followers gave them a specific task which is at the heart of the Christian faith:

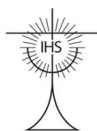


**Go out to the whole world, proclaim the good news.**

Jesus left this earth to return to the Father. But he did not leave them orphans but promised to send his Spirit who would be their strength and guide.

In the days following the Ascension we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit in feast of **Pentecost** which is on Sunday week. Next Sunday is the 7th Sunday of Easter which we have not had since 2006. 2007 was the year in which the feast of Ascension was transferred to the Sunday.

**Adoremus: Bookmarks/Prayer Cards** The Archdiocese has published a new prayer card which also can be used as a bookmark. They are available at the back of church. Those who take Holy Communion to the housebound can take them to the sick.



LIVERPOOL 2018  
**ADOREMUS**  
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC  
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS  
TAKE THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Archbishop has asked that this prayer is said at all Masses between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday.

**Masses for Ascension Thursday - 10th May**  
**St Patrick • Thursday 10am — OLMC • Thursday 7pm**

## FAITH IN FOCUS: OMNIBUS

You could say that the Church is rather like a bus. It started out from the terminus and it keeps on moving until it reaches its final destination. People get on and then get off, and it never carries the same passengers throughout the whole of the journey. As it winds its way through town and country it enjoys different views, encounters varied traffic hazards and meets fog and ice, snow and rain, sunshine and cloud.

Of course, not everyone is happy with such an image because it seems to them to be too fluid, too subject to change. They prefer the picture of a caravan in a field. Caravans are fixed and stable so that you always get the same timeless view.

During Eastertide we are presented with the extraordinary growth of the Church. Thousands of new disciples are converted by the preaching of the apostles. And already we begin to see rifts building up, as the early Christians are unsure about letting the pagans into the community of the Church. Yet God's call is continuous. Every day is like the first Easter for God, a day to reveal the glory of the resurrection to new people.

In parishes up and down our country there are people who have only been Christians for five weeks when they were baptised at the Easter Vigil. How will the Church react to them? Will it expect them to take a back seat as newcomers, or will it wait with bated breath for the influx of new life and fresh air that their arrival will bring?

And what about us? Do we see the Church as something settled and fixed, or do we look forward to the challenge of the gospel to change? Whatever might be happening in our neck of the woods, the Church is growing in other parts of the world and God continues to have no favourites or preferred nationalities. Are we big enough to incorporate different cultures, age groups, customs and traditions? Do we take Jesus's words about constant renewal seriously?

So our bus continues on its journey. While we are on it we may occasionally complain about the bumpy ride. We can moan about it being a bit late. We can say that it's getting crowded and uncomfortable. But only if we keep our eyes closed can we pretend that the view is not changing.

Parish Priest: Fr John Southworth

## Adoremus—Holy Hours

### Next Sunday

#### at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at 3pm

The next Pastoral Area Holy Hour will be here at Mount Carmel Church. All the other Holy Hours have been on a Thursday. This is changed to the Sunday because of the feast of Ascension and most churches will have an evening Mass on that day.

St Patrick's Holy Hour is in July.



# EASTER

**Adoremus Youth Congress:** Saturday 8th Sept, Echo Arena Auditorium, 10.30am to 5.30pm. Join 1000 young people aged 13 - 20 in a unique experience of being the young church. Contributions Katie Prejean, Jo Boyce, Rise Theatre, Cafod, Animate, Salesians, One Hope, Joel's Bar, Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop McMahon and much more.... . Cost only £10. Booking forms available [www.adoremusyouth.co.uk](http://www.adoremusyouth.co.uk)



#### **With You Always** This Sunday:

- First Holy Communion will be celebrated for the St Patrick's children at the 9.45 Mass.
- Next Sunday, 13th May for children who attend other schools.
- 20th May for St Finbar's children, both at OLMC.

**SVP Collection** There will be the usual collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society after all Masses this weekend.

**Brick-a-Brack wanted** Anything that you have for a forthcoming car boot sale will be welcomed at St Patrick. But please no clothes.

**Liverpool Bach Collective 13th May at 6.30pm at St Matthew's Church Queen's Drive.** The next in a series of monthly services when a short service of Evening Prayer or Evensong is celebrated, during which there is a performance of a Bach Cantata, written for the particular liturgical occasion, in this case for the feast of the Ascension.

**Dementia Action Week begins 21 May** In our diocese Dementia Action Week begins with a Dementia Friendly Mass for Pentecost Sunday 20 May at 3pm, Holy Rosary Church, Old Roan L10 2LG. For those living with dementia, carers, family, friends & parishioners. Followed by refreshments.

**Living Christ Retreats** This short retreat is an opportunity for spiritual reflection and faith renewal over two mornings and will take place **in St Anne's Parish Hall, Overbury Street, Liverpool L7 3HJ on Tuesday 22nd May and Wednesday 23rd May** from 10 -2pm each session.

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

John Southworth

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### In Church this week

- No Mass on Monday
- Friday: Funeral Service at 9.15am and Requiem at 12noon

### **6th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### Sunday 6th May

Sat 5pm	Charles Davies	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Dolly Surgison	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

#### Mon 7th May

9am No Mass OLMC

#### Tue 8th May

7pm Frances Comer OLMC

#### Wed 9th May

10am Brian McCormick St Patrick

### **Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**

#### Thu 10th May

10am Parishioners St Patrick  
7pm Stuart Borremeo OLMC

#### Fri 11th May

9.15am **Funeral Service:** Carol Ann Rigby OLMC  
12noon **Requiem:** Mary Hannett OLMC

### **7th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### Sunday 13th May

Sat 5pm	Roy Barclay	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Karl Lee	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

#### **Evening Service: Thursday 7pm**

#### **Replaced by Mass for the Ascension**

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4-4.30pm

### **Bonus Ball**

#### **Mount Carmel and St Patrick**

The bonus ball for Wednesday 2nd May No 41

### Collections

.....Many thanks

**OLMC** Sat Loose £ 101.00 Sun Loose £205.00  
Envelopes £122.00

**St Patrick** Envelopes £0 Loose £223.08  
Total £651.08

Brick £5.00 Box £23.15 Tea/Cakes £96.00

**Please Pray For.... Those who have died:** Mary Hannett, Carol Anne Rigby, Ann Harper, Lyndsey Marie Green

**The sick:** Irene Maloney, Betty Flannery, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Tommy Duffy, 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 Crown, 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.