



# 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick Newsletter

**A**nyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.

Mark 3:35

The opening story of the bible is the story of creation:

*'In the beginning God created heaven and earth'. (Genesis 1:1)*

On the sixth day he created man

*'in the image of himself...male and female he created them' (1:26-27)*



In the 2nd and 3rd chapters we have another account of creation which includes the wonderful story of Adam and Eve. This is this Sunday's first reading.

Adam and Eve did not do God's will; they ate the forbidden fruit. The contrast with this Sunday's Gospel is obvious: anyone who does God's will is the brother and sister of the Lord. Jesus makes a contrast his natural family and those who accept his word.

This is just one of the four themes in today's Gospel:

- His natural family think that he is out of his mind! So much so that they want to take charge of him.
- Then his opponents, who can't deny his power over devils, attribute it to their claim that he is a devil himself.
- Sinning against the Holy Spirit; this is an eternal sin, that is, as it is the Holy Spirit who is God's means of communication with us, it means totally rejecting God's message.

## Ordinary Time Cycle B—Gospel of Mark

We are now returning to Ordinary Time, the 10th Sunday. Sundays 1-6 occurred between Christmas and Lent and 7-9 were taken up by feasts which were celebrated on Sundays.



ORDINARY TIME

This is the 1st time we have had a 10th Sunday in Cycle B since 1997—it depends of the date of Easter and is often replaced by Trinity Sunday or Corpus Christi.

From now until 1st Sunday of Advent (2nd December) we will have a substantial amount of St Mark's Gospel. However in this Cycle B we take a break from Mark; from the 17th Sunday to the 21st Sunday we read chapter 6 of St John's Gospel. This begins with the story of the feeding of the 5,000 and continues with Jesus' discourse on the eucharist.

## FAITH IN FOCUS: FORBIDDEN FRUIT?

The story of Adam and Eve is widely known. Eve eats the forbidden fruit; Eve persuades Adam also to eat it; and God finds out. Their excuses: 'the woman made me do it', says Adam; 'it was the serpent' says Eve. But they have disobeyed God so they get thrown out of Paradise into a harsh world. The Original sin.

But is it just a sin of disobedience? No, rather, the sin is more profound. The devil has tempted Eve by telling her the real reason that God has forbidden them from eating the fruit is that if they do they will be 'like gods'.

To be like gods, to be in control, to have no need of God; this is the original sin which affects humanity. The growing child wants their own way; for the adult the temptation can be only to do it 'my way'

But society, businesses, organisations, need people who can lead, who can exercise authority and who can make things happen. However they must always do so for the common good and as servants, not as masters.

The opposite is the dictator who wants to take over the world. The quest for power, influence, control, is the great temptation of humanity and seen all over the world today where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. 'I did it my way' is a recipe for a sad life and a poorer world.

But life tells us that we are not in charge. 'No man is an island' is a reminder that we are all cogs in the wheel of our great and wonderful world and working together is a recipe for a better world.

And the Gospel tells us that we are not in charge: love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you. Jesus constantly challenges us not do it our way or the ways of the world but God's way.

And if we do it God's way we become sisters and brothers of Jesus, today's Gospel tells us. Do we want to be sisters and brothers of Jesus? Or do we still want to do it 'my way'? Is that forbidden fruit still a temptation?

**Adoremus: Holy Hour - This Thursday** The Holy Hour for the month of June is at St Clare's Church, Arundel Ave, L17 On Thursday 14th June at 7.30pm.



**Collections** There are a number of extra collections in the next few weeks:

- Next week 17th June: **Day for Life**, a collection for organisations supporting Life issues.
- 29th June: **Feast of Ss Peter and Paul: Peter's Pence**, for charitable work distributed at the discretion of Pope Francis.
- 8th July: **Sea Sunday**, a collection for the *Apostleship of the Sea*, supporting Seafarers.

**Fundraising: Sponsored Walk—this Monday** Bella Hunter is going to do a sponsored walk from Southport to OLMC church this Monday 11th June. Anyone who would like to join her is welcome! Sponsor sheets are available at the back of OLMC church.

**Bring and Buy**—St Patrick: This Sunday 10th June straight after Mass.

**St Patrick: Summer Programme for Children** The Missionaries of Charity are holding the usual Summer event for children from 30th July to 14 August, Monday to Friday 2-5pm. Contact the sisters in Seel St for more information.

**Ordination** On Saturday 7th July Philip Carr, Anthony Kelly and Carl Mugan will be ordained as priests in the Cathedral by Archbishop McMahon. Representative of all parishes of the Archdiocese have been invited to this Mass of Ordination. There are still tickets available for this Mass. Contact me if you would like to go.

**Lourdes Pilgrimage Association** The Archdiocesan pilgrimage take place from 20-27th July this year. Those unable to go to Lourdes can join in spirit and prayer by joining the Lourdes Pilgrimage Association and praying with them during that week. For details see the leaflets at the back of our churches.

**Walsingham: The Slipper Chapel Statue** will visit every English Catholic Cathedral between 2018-2020. First visit will be at our Cathedral 21-23 June 2018. For more details see leaflets at the back of our churches or [www.dowrytour.org.uk](http://www.dowrytour.org.uk)

**National Grandparents' Pilgrimage** Sunday 22nd July, with Bishop Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Full details on the notice board.

**Norther Catholic Conference 22-24th June Liverpool, Hope University** This year's theme: *".....I am with you always; Yes, to the end of time."* Speakers: Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, Michelle Moran, Gary Stephens, Fr Pat Deegan . Enquiry line is 07543 800812. For day (all weekend) delegates contribution is £30.00, (Saturday only £15.00)

**World Meeting of Families: Dublin 21-26 August 2018** Pope Francis will be present in Dublin for this event. For more details see the poster on the notice board or [www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets/Tickets-Registration)

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- There will be a Mass this Monday at 9am
- Funeral Service for Frank Fanning on Wednesday at 1pm

Sunday 10th June

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Sat 5pm	Christy McLean	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Tony & Betty McDonough	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 11th June

*St Barnabas*

9am	Private Intention	OLMC
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Tuesday 12th June

7pm Fr AP

OLMC

Wednesday 13th June

*St Anthony of Padua*

10am	Barry Cross	St Patrick
1pm	<b>Funeral Service:</b> Frank Fanning	OLMC

Thursday 14th June

10am Tony Bryan

St Patrick

Friday 15th June

10am Rita Blue & Family

OLMC

Sunday 17th June

#### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Joe Roberts	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Maria McNamee	OLMC

### Thursday Evening Service

None this Thursday at OLMC—Pastoral Area Holy Hour at St Clare's at 7.30pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm	OLMC
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### Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 6th June was no 55  
Winners won £30 each

### Collections

Many Thanks

#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £112.02 Loose £158.27 £270.29

**St Patrick** Envelopes £0 Loose £124.20

**Please Pray For....** Those who have died: Frank Fanning

**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.