



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is the carpenter surely,
the son of Mary,
the brother of James and Joset
and Jude and Simon?
His sisters too,
are they not here with us?
And they would not accept him.
(Mark 6:3)

When were you last surprised to learn something from an unexpected source? From someone you thought unlikely to be able to help?

Like the people in Jesus' home town we often close our eyes and ears to what our neighbours are saying; yet we might just learn something if we open ourselves to the possibility that people we're familiar with might have something to offer us.

In today's Gospel Jesus also goes onto say: *A prophet without honour in his own country.* As well as referring to Jesus himself the saying also describes the prophet Exekiel in the first reading: *Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them'.*

Sea Sunday Apostleship of the Sea *Praying for Seafarers Worldwide*

This Sunday in July is traditionally observed as Sea Sunday, when we are asked to remember and pray for seafarers who spend up to nine months of the year away from home and family to bring to our shores so many of the essential goods we use every day.

The Apostleship of the Sea, AoS (Liverpool), is a local diocesan charity, distinct from the national AoS.

AoS supports seafarers on and around the Mersey, and is based in the ecumenical 'Seafarers Centre' in Seaforth.

There is traditionally a collection for the AoS on this day, however Archbishop's Council, in reviewing the number of extra collections which every parish is asked to take, has decided that parishes are asked to mark Sea Sunday with prayer and reflection for the work of the AoS. So there will not be a collection for the Apostleship of the Sea on this Sea Sunday.



FAITH IN FOCUS: PROPHECY ON BRICK STREET?

No one wants to think of Mrs Blatherthorpe at 37 Brick Street as a prophet. That's because she's just ordinary, like everyone else on Brick St. We expect prophets to be a bit more spectacular, perhaps with long straggly hair, a wooden staff and a book of blessings and curses. But it's not to be.

Prophets are not fortune-tellers. They are spokespeople. Rather than predict the future, they tell us what God wants us to know about the present.

In the bible the only predicting they ever did was about the birth of the Messiah. Usually they were in the thick of it announcing the mind of God and denouncing corrupt practices.

And contrary to popular opinion, they did not die out in biblical times. They are alive and well and living somewhere close to you today.

For prophecy is what God demands of all Christians (speaking up for their faith) and it is a gift that is given in special measure to certain chosen individuals.

The word prophet comes from two Greek words that mean to speak on behalf of. So a prophet speaks on behalf of God. And prophets are found in the most unlikely of circumstances.

Besides Mrs Blatherthorpe at number 37 there are countless politicians, religious leaders, sports men and women, teachers, parents, celebrities and entertainers whose words strike us as God-centred when they speak up publicly about issues that affect our society. But what today's gospel shows us is that the people on Brick St will never accept Mrs Blatherthorpe because a prophet is rarely accepted in his or her own territory.

To be keyed-in to prophecy means keeping an ear out for those people who are unafraid of bringing God's word to bear in situations of injustice and exploitation and whose actions support the poor, the vulnerable and the needy. It also means being faithful to our baptismal promise to be prophets ourselves by the way we live our lives and are prepared in big ways and small to stand up for what is right and what comes from God. Like Mrs Blatherthorpe at number 37.

Adoremus: Holy Hour ST PATRICK'S

This Thursday, 11th July at 7.30-8.30pm

Come and join people from other parts of the Pastoral Area for an hour of prayer and devotion at St Patrick's. This will replace the usual devotions at Mount Carmel.

This is the penultimate Holy Hour in our lead up to the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress which will take place in Liverpool in September.

The final Holy Hour will take place in St Anne's Church, Overbury St on 9th August at 7.30pm



Fund Raising Meeting Thank you to those who came to the meeting last Thursday. It was decided to reduce our fund raising efforts over the summer months but we will continue with the coffee & cake after the OLMC 11.15 Mass as well as the bonus ball. The box at the back of OLMC church will also remain. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. A breakdown on all that has been raised so far will be published next week.

Anniversary Mass The first anniversary of Fr Pat Harnett's death will be commemorated by a Mass in St Robert Bellarmine, Bootle on Tuesday 17th July at 9am. Fr Harnett was a Sacred Heart Father who spent many years in this area of Liverpool.

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.

John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- No Mass on Monday
- Mass on Wednesday at 9.45am
- Holy Hour at St Patrick's on Thursday at 7.30pm
This replaces the usual service at OLMC

Sunday 8th July

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Sat 5pm	Molly Burns	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Mary Pickup	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 9th July

9am NO MASS OLMC

Tuesday 10th July

7pm Patricia McEvoy OLMC

Wednesday 11th July

PLEASE NOTE TIME

9.45am Eileen & Gerard Cassidy St Patrick

Thursday 12th July

10am Paddy Cassidy St Patrick

Friday 13th July

10am Marion Doctor OLMC

Sunday 15th July

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Molly Burns	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Angus & Richard Robinson	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Thursday Evening Service

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF CHURCH)

7.30pm Adoremus: Holy Hour St Patrick

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 4th July was no 7
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £141.77 Loose £229.89 £371.66

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £120.04

Box £22.60 Brick £10.00



For some months all the Churches of the Archdiocese have been displaying banners showing different aspects of Eucharist. This has been part of the process of preparation for Adoremus.

Over the next few weeks we will look at these banners:

The Eucharist is our thanksgiving to God

In the Mass Jesus is making the greatest prayer there has ever been. He gives Himself to His Father to the last drop of His blood. He holds back nothing. He gives everything. It is this prayer of self-giving in love for sinners like us that is at the very heart of the Eucharist. Here we see what love looks like.

Pope Francis

"At every celebration of Mass, our lives, offered in union with Christ's sacrifice on the cross, become, in him, an offering of praise and thanksgiving pleasing to the Father, for the salvation of the world. The liturgical renewal called for by the Second Vatican Council sought to help the faithful understand more fully and share more fruitfully in the Eucharist."

(15th November 2017)

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

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.