



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ORDINARY
Time

Go away, seer;
get back to the land of Judah;
earn your bread there,
do your prophesying there.

Amos 7:12

Amos, the reluctant and unlikely prophet, happily tending his sheep and his sycamore trees (Amos 7:15) is called by God to be his prophet; prophets come from every walk of life and in every age.

Prophets deliver their message come what may. They are consistent whatever the weather. What about us? Are there aspects of our faith we are reluctant to talk about? Are there areas of our life that we keep our faith separate from? How faithful are we to our calling as prophets of the Good News?



Jesus sent them out in pairs

The kingdom has begun; Jesus confers authority on the Twelve to preach repentance, to cast out devils and to anoint the sick.

Today's Gospel gives tremendous responsibility to twelve men who still did not know what Jesus was really about (and who ultimately would desert him at a crucial moment). Jesus continues to give authority to his followers despite our human failings.

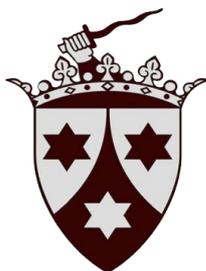
Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This Monday 16th July

Mass at OLMC at 7pm

followed by refreshment in the
Presbytery

Decor Carmeli et Saron, 'the beauty and splendour of Carmel'. This coat of arms and motto is the traditional logo of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and can be seen on the floor of our church porch and on the Lady Altar of the church.



FAITH IN FOCUS: SING A SONG OF JUSTICE

The visiting preacher told the congregation that their worship was all very fine but they were so inward-looking that they failed to see on their very church doorstep the sort of needy people they were always singing and praying about.

"Take the noise of your songs away from me;

I won't listen to the melody of your harps.

Instead, let justice roll down like the waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

The local priest, Amaziah, was not thrilled; he told the preacher, Amos, to push off.

Amos was never one to pull his punches.

He told it like he saw it. And what he saw was a bunch of people who took refuge in a dangerous complacency. They had a lovely building to worship in; they had the finest of vestments, mellifluous music and all the latest prayers that tripped off the lips. But it all took place in an atmosphere of comfortable self-congratulation.

The constant danger with liturgy is that because it is centred on worshipping God in church, we can end up forgetting about the plight of God's people outside the church door. Of course, true worship requires conversion, and conversion includes our active care and concern for the world's needy. So worship doesn't operate in a vacuum. It presupposes that Christian worshippers are also vigorous in charity, wherever it is required: on our doorstep, in our society and in our world.

Our churches would be empty if we turned our services into political rallies. But our songs, our prayers and our symbols speak loudly about the central act of Jesus in setting us free by his death on the cross. Liturgy is about liberation. It proclaims that in water, oil, bread and wine Christ offers all people freedom to live as God intended.

The Eucharist should be the liberating adventure of the whole Church, the sacrament that frees us from our unhealthy self-absorption and melts our self-satisfied cold isolation from the cries of the voiceless. Our worship is in spirit and truth only when it unites us into a bond of believers who agonise for a Church of charity and a world of justice. So what's the next hymn, then?

Liverpool Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Departure Mass This Sunday 15th July at 5pm at the Cathedral

The Archdiocesan Pilgrimage begins this week: 20-27 July. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be the main celebrant at this Mass in preparation for the Pilgrimage which begins this Friday.

You can join in the prayer intentions during the week of the pilgrimage - Novena of Prayer sheets are available at the back of our churches. The themes also be a focus of our prayer during each of our Masses during the week.

Visiting Priest During the month of August Fr Lambert Nwauzor will be celebrating our Masses and services here in Mount Carmel and St Patrick's. He is from Nigeria (the diocese of Umuhia) and has been a priest for ten years. He is currently studying at the John Paul II Catholic University in Lublin, Poland. It will be his first visit to this country. We wish him a very enjoyable stay.

Fund Raising Over the past 12 months £8,566.61 has been raised for the OLMC restoration fund. Many thank to all concerned who have enabled this. The main sources are:

- Refurbishment box: £1,903
- Buy a Brick: £1,960
- Coffee&Cake: £546
- Raffle/Tombola: 757
- Sponsored Walk: £1,000
- Donations:£2,400

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.

John Southworth



MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Monday at 7pm.
- Wednesday Mass—earlier time of 9.45am.

Sunday 15th July

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

Monday 16th July

Feast of OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

7pm	Walsh Family	OLMC
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Tuesday 17th July

7pm	Margarette Woosey	OLMC
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Wednesday 18th July

9.45am	<i>NB time</i> Tony Payne	St Patrick
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Thursday 19th July

10am	Marie Ryan	St Patrick
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Friday 20th July

10am	Joseph Georgeson	OLMC
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Sunday 22nd July

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Joan Robinson	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Kathleen Brandwood	OLMC

Thursday Evening Service 7pm

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	OLMC
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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

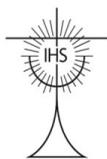
The bonus ball for Wednesday 11th July was no 13
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £101.95 Loose £126.15
St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £149.42
Box £9.20 Brick £5.00



LIVERPOOL 2018
ADOREMUS
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE & CONGRESS
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

The Eucharist is our vocation

Jesus said that no-one lights a lamp only to put it under a tub. The lamp must be in a place where it can give light to take away the darkness. In the same way the Eucharist, that we are so blessed to receive, cannot be hidden away. It needs to show itself in our words and actions. It is a gift not only for ourselves, but through us it can be the gift of

God's presence and God's love for the world. Wherever we go we carry Christ within us.

At the end of every Mass we are blest and sent out renewed and clear about who we are and the work God has given us to do.

Pope Francis

"Repeat frequently that "I am on a mission" and not simply that "I have a mission." To be on a permanent mission "requires courage, audacity, imagination and the desire to go beyond, to go even further," "The Lord invites those called to go out of themselves in order to be a gift for others." 5th January 2017

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

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 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.