



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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He took pity on them
because they were like sheep
without a shepherd,
and he set himself to teach them
at some length.

Mark 6:34

Shepherds only lead sheep to where there is better food and water. As our true shepherd, Jesus wants us to know how to get the most out of our days, where to find happiness and where to enjoy the life that God intended for us. I know my sheep, says Jesus, and they follow me.



Unlike the bad shepherds in the first reading in the gospel Jesus takes pity on the crowd because he likens them to 'sheep without a shepherd' and proceeds to teach them at great length.

What he teaches them is not included this week so, in a sense, the gospel is a bit of a cliff-hanger. If you look at Mark's gospel what happens next is the feeding of the five thousand. And that is the gospel we will read next week, but not from the Gospel of Mark but the Gospel of John.

This leads us into a 5 week sequence of a particular theme: Jesus, the Bread of Life. Uniquely in Year B, the 17th to the 21st Sundays, the Church gives us the entire chapter 6 of St John's Gospel. This begins next week.

Adoremus 7-9th September 2018 Liverpool

Parallel Programmes

Leaflets have been produced by the organisers of Adoremus listing the number of Parallel Programmes, or 'fringe events' which will take place during the Congress.

St Patrick's and St Anne's churches will hold some of these events and also the Carmelite Monastery in Allerton as well as the Cathedral.

The leaflets, which you will find at the back of our churches, also contain a map of Liverpool indicating the various venues.



FAITH IN FOCUS: SHEPHERDS AND SHEEP

Jeremiah usually gets called the "Prophet of Doom". It's rather an unfair title since all he was doing was pointing out that if people continued to ignore what God expected of them then they would suffer dire consequences. And suffer they did; they were exiled to Iraq and lived for years in misery not far from Baghdad.

It would be easy to read what Jeremiah has to say about negligent shepherds and simply apply it today to those in positions of leadership. The political leaders were involved in shady deals and the religious leaders gave the people a religion that they wanted to hear. Maybe we can make a stick out of this to beat modern-day politicians and clergy. But that would be to miss the point.

What Jeremiah actually prophesies is hope not doom. For he tells the people that although they may suffer bad leadership, although they are heading for a fall, they are still God's people and they will never be abandoned. God will raise up a shepherd who will be called "The Lord-our-Integrity" or "The Justice of Yahweh". And this shepherd will gather those who have remained faithful to the Lord and lead them back to where the pasture is good. It's a promise not a threat.

In today's society someone's always got to take the blame. We blame politicians for the state of our living conditions and we blame clergy when things in the Church don't go as we think they should. Maybe we ought sometimes to acknowledge our own part in the mess that we are quick to criticise. How active are we in local politics, or do we simply enjoy moaning about what others are trying to do? How involved are we in the Monday to Saturday concerns of our parish, or do we simply turn up on Sundays and expect everything to be fine? Are we using our "shepherds" as "scapegoats", and then complaining that we're being fleeced?

Jeremiah's message was one of hope. God is greater than any failure we can concoct. God will never abandon us completely. But the fact that we have shepherds does not mean that we should behave like sheep.

Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Join them in prayer each day this week. Prayer sheets at the back of church.

Pastoral Associates - New Archdiocesan Initiative

The Archdiocese recognises the need for full time pastoral workers to work with priests and people in the mission of the Church. So Pastoral Areas and parishes have been invited to take part in the Archdiocesan Pilot Scheme for **Pastoral Associates**. A pastoral associate would work in conjunction with parish clergy, volunteers, employees, existing parish groups, other parishioners and the wider community to develop parish and pastoral area life.

The Pilot scheme will be a three year trial period and open to all (details will be on the Archdiocesan web site). The post will be full time and paid, and while the Archdiocese will subsidise the post, the main cost will be born by the parishes of the Pastoral Area.

The priests and deacons of our Pastoral Area (Liverpool South) in conjunction with the Liverpool South Ministry Team, have decided to submit a bid. More details will be published in due course.

Children's Liturgy Thank you to those who lead our Children's Liturgy every Sunday at OLMC. There will be a break during the school holidays and will restart in September.

Holy Communion to the Sick I would be grateful if any of our Ministers of Communion would be able to take the Sacrament to three of the housebound just during the month of August.

School Trophies There are some trophies from OLMC school which may be of interest to former students/parents..... You will find them at the back of church.

St Patrick: Summer Programme for Children 30th July to 14 August, Monday to Friday 2-5pm. Contact the Mother Teresa sisters in Seel St for more information.

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- No Mass on Monday
- Requiem on Thursday replaces the 10am Mass.

Sunday 22nd July

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

Monday 23rd July

St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

9am	NO MASS	OLMC
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Tuesday 24th July

7pm	Harry Treadwell	OLMC
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Wednesday 25th July

St James, Apostle

10am	Canon Dawber	St Patrick
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Thursday 26th July

10am	NO MASS	St Patrick
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12noon	Requiem: Denise Gittens	St Patrick
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Friday 27th July

10am	Ryan Lloyd	OLMC
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Sunday 29th July

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Rita Ann Oakley	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Fred Keeley	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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The Eucharist is the place where we remember

Problems in our lives can overwhelm us sometimes. We can be pulled in different directions and find no time to stop and listen to the voice of the Lord. But at Mass we are still. We see Him. We hear Him. We remember. Here our lives can make sense again. He died for me. I am here to live for Him. I want to live my life showing some small love for the infinite love He has shown to me. Here we can cast our worries and fears knowing that we are heard, knowing that we are loved.



Pope Francis

To take part in the Mass is to live once again the redemptive Passion and Death of the Lord. Its a hymn of praise: the Lord makes Himself present on the altar to be offered to the Father for the salvation of the world. Homily at Mass, St Martha's Residence, February 10, 2014

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 18th July was no 33
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £113.15 Loose £155.62

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £116.17

Box £1.50 Brick £5.00

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

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.