



## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**T**he eyes of the blind  
shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf  
unsealed;  
then the lame  
shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb  
sing for joy.

(Isaiah 35:5-6)

God keeps faith for ever. A good thumbnail test of our progress in faith is to ask how much our eyes see of God's presence in our lives, how much our ears recognise the sounds of God's voice, and how often we leap for joy at the graces God offers us.

### 'He ordered them to tell no one about it'.

The quotation at the top of the page from today's first reading are mirrored in the Gospel when Jesus cured the man who was deaf. So the Old Testament prophesy is fulfilled in the life of Jesus, a common feature of the Gospels.

In Mark's Gospel Jesus also regularly keeps secret who he is, known as the Messianic Secret. This changes next Sunday, a pivotal moment in the Gospel when Jesus asks Peter 'and do you say I am'

### **This Weekend**

## **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress**

# **ADOREMUS**

**Liverpool 7- 9th September**

The events of Friday and Saturday are complete, the fringe events have taken place. This Sunday two Masses in the Cathedral will be celebrated, at 9.30am by Archbishop McMahon, at 11.30am by Cardinal Nichols.

Places at both these Masses have already been allotted but all are invited to take part in the procession at the end of Mass. Details over the page.



### FAITH IN FOCUS: LOOKING AT LOVE

"Once, while preaching in a parish, I suddenly caught sight of a young mother with her child and you could see the love between them. I was terribly tempted to say to the congregation: Forget what I am saying and look over there, and you will see what we mean to God."

Those words were spoken by the late Cardinal Basil Hume. In a simple way he shows that God's way of communicating with us is not through lofty pronouncements, but in and through the ordinariness of human life.

What more lovely or simple thing could we wish to see than a mother and baby enjoying each other's company? We see it every day all around us but it's not that often that we stop to think and go beyond the obvious. The love between a mother and baby is a sign, a pointer to the love that God has for us in his Son Jesus Christ. Since God is true love itself, every act of love we witness and experience is a manifestation of divine love.

When we love, it is God in action. And when we see love in others we can catch a glimpse of God's favour to our world for we are looking at love itself.

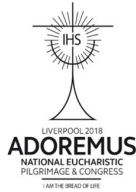
In today's gospel Jesus cured a deaf man with a speech impediment. In fact, the deaf hearing and the dumb speaking were signs that the Jewish people waited for as an indication that the new age of God's reign was about to begin. So Jesus's miracle was a messianic sign, a sign associated with the coming of the long-expected saviour whom God had promised through the prophets.

In this new age of the kingdom of God people are set free to see things that lay hidden, to hear of the wonders that God is working day by day, and to tell others about God's goodness.

And, of course, that time is now. God never gives up on us, any more than the mother would give up on the baby. And we Christians exist to discern that loving presence of God in our world and to point it out to others. That's why God has opened our eyes, unblocked our ears and loosened our tongues.

# ADOREMUS

## National Eucharistic Pilgrimage & Congress



**Outdoor Eucharistic Procession - 1pm:** This will take place at the end of the 11.30am Mass at the Cathedral. It is estimated that it will begin at about 1pm and end with a Benediction at 2.45pm. All are welcome, not just those who are at the Mass.

Reports of the two main events at the Echo Arena, *Exploring the Place of Eucharistic Adoration* at the Convention Centre on Friday and *Reflecting on the Centrality of the Eucharist* at the Arena on Saturday, will be available in due course. In addition a Youth Congress took place on Saturday.

In addition, all over Liverpool various fringe events made up the Parallel Programme, one of which was in St Patrick's:



**Living Joyfully** St Patrick's was host to a variety of religious orders on Friday and Saturday and gave us a wonderful picture of the variety and scope of the life of the Church throughout the world. Over twenty men and women from religious orders gave witness to the work they do - Augustinian Friars, Bon Secours, Carmelites, Dominicans, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Franciscans, Little Sisters of the Pool, Presentation Sisters, Redemptorists, Salesian Sisters..... There was also an opportunity to speak to missionaries in Africa and South America through a live video link.

**St Wilfrid's 'Living Christ' Retreat** Parishioners from St Patrick's and Our Lady of Mount Carmel are invited to join us in October for the next retreat: Friday/Saturday 5th/6th October 2018 at Holy Trinity School, Banks Road, Garston. The Retreat lasts from 7.15pm to 9.30pm on the Friday and continues from 9.45am to 5.30pm on the Saturday. For further information, please telephone, Sue Faulkner on 0151 4276518/07962040253 email, [issue\\_4@hotmail.com](mailto:issue_4@hotmail.com) or Stella/ Maurus O'Donnell on 0151 427 3386 email, [prospectvale@outlook.com](mailto:prospectvale@outlook.com).

John Southworth

### Feast of the Week

## The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

*This Friday, 14th September*

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the tomb.

To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication.



## MASSES AND SERVICES

### IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- No Mass on Monday.

Sunday 9th September

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Frank Grant	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	George Hussey (50th Ann)	OLMC

Monday 10th September

9am	NO MASS	OLMC
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Tuesday 11th September

7pm	Bernadette Lavell	OLMC
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Wednesday 12th September

10am	Agnes O'Gorman	St Patrick
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Thursday 13th September

### St John Chrysostom

10am	Rita Henshaw	St Patrick
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Friday 14th September

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

10am	Roddy McDougall	OLMC
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Sunday 16th September

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Joan Walsh	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Leonard Marnell Snr	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 5th Sept was no 47  
Winners won £30 each

### Collections

Many Thanks

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £269.17 Loose £190.34

**St Patrick** Envelopes £0 Loose £126.67

Box £5 Brick £17.00

**Please Pray For.... Those who have died:** Mary Symons, Hannah Chatten

**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.