



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick Newsletter

If only
the whole people of the Lord
were prophets,
and the Lord gave his Spirit
to them all!

Numbers 11:29

We can't put limits on how and where God's Spirit works and sometimes good can clearly come from the most unexpected of sources. The degree to which we are open to the Spirit working elsewhere is the degree to which the Spirit can work through us.

Moses (first reading) recognises that God does not depend on human intervention to give his Spirit to whomsoever he chooses. John, the apostle, in the Gospel needs to learn that lesson.



SYNOD 2020
Archdiocese of Liverpool

Adoremus was a year of prayer preparing for SYNOD 2020. For the next 12 months the preparations for Synod 2020 will begin.

When he became Pope in 2013 Pope Francis issued a challenge to the whole church. It was in the form of an Apostolic Exhortation called *'The Joy of the Gospel'*. He invited us all to have a daily encounter with Christ who changes lives and to have the courage to take up the call of Jesus to be missionary disciples. He said that our parishes were the places where this could happen as long as we were prepared to renew what we do. Pope Francis wrote:

'I dream of a "missionary option", that is a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation.'

Pope Francis invites everyone to be part of this adventure. This is the background for SYNOD 2020. Over the next few weeks we will look at the process of SYNOD 2020.



**FAITH IN FOCUS:
ONE OF US?**

Martha Lewis was distressed when her house was burgled. It wasn't so much that she had lost her pension money and some jewellery that her late husband had given her.

It was more a sense of outrage that someone had invaded her privacy, gone through her things and interfered where they had no right to be. She was only grateful that she had been out at bingo at the time. It could have been worse. So when the local police phoned to say that some of the items had been recovered, she walked to the police station with a spring in her step. She'd only been inside the place on a couple of occasions and laughed to herself what people would think if they saw her coming out!

It was a hive of activity inside. The desk sergeant was processing a group of people who had had too much to drink and started a fight. There was a woman sitting with car documents who had been called to produce them after some minor traffic infringement. And there was a shabbily dressed youth who was clearly on drugs.

As she looked at the young man Martha sniffed. Those dreadlocks couldn't possibly be healthy and he probably hadn't washed them in a month. Why he needed to have so many rings piercing every possible extremity was a mystery to her. She was annoyed by the swishing bass sound that came from the earphones of his personal stereo and wondered why he hadn't even bothered to tie the laces of his trainers. Anyway, thank God her grandchildren had steered clear of drugs. She'd been very strict with Violet, her daughter, and it had paid dividends with the way she was now bringing up her own children.

The policewoman took her to a room where Martha confirmed that the recovered property was indeed hers. She thanked the officer but the officer told her not to thank her but Mr Williams who had found them. "There he is," she said, "with the dreadlocks and the stereo."

Jesus said, "Anyone who is not against us is for us."

CAFOD - Harvest Fast Day Friday 5 October On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda. The area is so hot and dry, people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive.

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water.

On Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora.

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend.

OLMC Church Renovation You will have noticed the scaffolding around the lower part of the front of the church. This is to complete the pointing of the brickwork in line with the re-pointing at the upper levels which was completed last year.

OLMC Fund Raising Thank you to those who came to the meeting last Thursday. The amount raised up to 23/09/2018 is as follows: Collecting box: £2078.58, Buy a Brick: £2030, Tea/Coffee: £756.50, Raffles: £757, Sponsored walk: £1000, Donations: £2643. Total £9265.08. Many thanks to all who have helped to raise funds and also to all who have given so generously.

With You Always - First Holy Communion

Meeting for parents of children in Year 4 in schools other than our Catholic Schools
Thursday 11th October at 7.30pm in OLMC church
to register the children for first Communion preparation.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

People have been aware of the Data Protection Act for many years. People have a right to know what information is kept on them and how it is protected.

Recently the Act has been strengthened through further legislation—the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). All organisations have to comply with the GDPR including the Church; the Archdiocese has appointed Debbie Jones, as the GDPR co-ordinator to advise on all issues associated with these regulations.

A document is available detailing the ways in which the Archdiocese and its parishes conforms to the GDPR: liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/privacynotice

Knights of St. Columba Annual Steve Dooley walk for charity: Sunday 30th of September, starting from the gates of The Royal Albert Dock (opposite the Hilton Hotel) at 2 pm then along the riverfront to Liverpool Cricket Club where refreshments will be provided. *All welcome.*

KSC Appeal for new members Will take place the weekend of 13/14th October.

Romero—A True Story Free showing of a film at SFX Church, Salisbury St L3 8DR. Phone 0151 709 1328 or email Liverpool@pauline-uk.org to confirm attendance.

John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- No Mass on Monday.

Sunday 30th September

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Sat 5pm	Joan Walsh	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Gerard McDonough	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 1st October

St Theresa of the Child Jesus

9am	NO MASS	OLMC
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Tuesday 2nd October

Guardian Angels

7pm	Mary Symons	OLMC
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Wednesday 3rd October

10am	Anthony Molloy	St Patrick
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Thursday 4th October

St Francis of Assisi

10am	Martha Ryan	St Patrick
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Friday 5th October

10am	Betty Whitby	OLMC
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Sunday 7th October

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Christy McLean	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Ian Daniel Hill	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	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 26th Sept was no 42
Winners won £30 each

Collections Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £106.34 Loose £163.25

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £178.45

Box £11.50 Brick £10.00

Please Pray For.... Those who have died: John Kelly, Mary Ralph

The sick: 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.