



## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Time

**T**his is why  
a man leaves his father and mother  
and joins himself to his wife,  
and they become one body.

(Genesis 2:24)

The love between a man and a woman is a reflection, a sacrament, of the love that God has for each of us and for his own bride, the Church. That's why Christians are called to be sacraments of this love, using their marriage as a way of reflecting God's love to others.



**SYNOD 2020**  
Archdiocese of Liverpool



### September 2018 – September 2019:

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

In this second year the focus will move to each parish. Parish discussions will take place which, we hope, will enable us to catch something of the vision that moves us towards missionary discipleship. We are not under-estimating the changing circumstances, but we are trying to address the situation in a way that gives us energy and creativity.

Resources will be prepared to enable us all to shape the topics discussed and then we will have an opportunity in our parishes to discuss the topics chosen. A scriptural theme will guide us in our discussion. (The word Synod means journeying together, so there are some obvious ideas). This will lead to Pastoral Area Synods in September 2019 which will bring together the parish discussions on the various topics.

### COMING SOON

## SYNOD SUNDAY 2018

In two weeks time, on the weekend of  
**20/21st October**  
every parish in the Archdiocese will celebrate  
Synod Sunday.

This will be the first opportunity for people to hear in detail about the Synod and to pick up a leaflet giving information about how to be involved.

### FAITH IN FOCUS: JUST A BIT OF PAPER?

People who live together as partners, without getting married, often say that marriage is just a bit of paper. What difference does it make if you are married or not?

Well, Christian marriage is much more than a consenting adult relationship, more than a convenient arrangement. Christian Churches hold it in high regard as a "holy mystery". And Catholics call it a sacrament.

Christians believe that the love of husband and wife is like a mirror: it reflects God's love for the world and in particular Christ's love for the Church. So their married life is a privileged way in which they can make Christ present to today's world.

Christian marriage has no room for pre-nuptial agreements. That's because it's unconditional. For better for worse, in sickness and in health means that the couple agree to stay together come what may and to face whatever life's challenges may prove to be.

To begin married life with certain pre-conditions, or with the idea that if things don't work out then there's always another option on the horizon, runs contrary to the idea of Christian marriage.

And linked with this is the concept of indissolubility. Sadly, there are cases when everyone agrees it is better for a man and woman to live apart. But if all the circumstances were right at the time of the marriage, then a second marriage is not an option. (Annulments are granted when things were clearly wrong from the start.)

It goes without saying that Christian marriage is between one man and one woman. That's because the love shared, and particularly its sexual expression, demands a total giving, a complete sharing of lives together. Each partner gives themselves to the other in a gesture of absolute trust and unreserved love. That's what the older language about worshipping with the body actually meant. They are no longer two but become one body.

It's easy just to live together. But to be united in Christian marriage is a vocation to something much deeper.

**Harvest Fast Day**  
*There will be a retiring collection  
 after all Masses this weekend.*



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.

**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. Parents of children in our Catholic Schools will be contacted by the school.



**Mass Intentions** If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a particular intention please use the forms which you will find at the back of both our churches. Please put it in the envelope provided with the offering and put it through the presbytery letter box or give it to Fr Southworth. Please note that while we will try to celebrate a Mass on a particular date other circumstances (eg funeral Masses) may make that impossible.

**Nugent Charity Shop Volunteers Required** We are currently recruiting for volunteers to help support our Charity Shop in Allerton, Liverpool. Volunteers in the Charity Shop get in involved in all aspects, from sorting stock to taking payments, but most of all they are the face of Nugent for all of regular customers.

**Blessed Oscar Romero - Canonisation** Many people throughout the world have been inspired by the life and witness of Archbishop Romero. He will be canonised in Rome on 14th October. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral on 28th October at 11am to celebrate his canonisation.

**Fr Kevin Kelly** who died last week, was ordained in 1958. After further studies he was appointed to St Clare's. He then taught in the seminary in Upholland and later became the Director of the Upholland Northern Institute where many from all over the diocese were trained as Eucharistic Ministers. He later combined an academic life, teaching and writing several books on moral theology, with parish work; in Skelmersdale, Our Lady's Eldon St, and Widnes. He retired to Liverpool living near here and as chaplain to the convent of the Sisters of Notre Dame. His funeral is this Tuesday in Our Lady of Compassion, Formby.

**Sunday Themes** Coming up on the next two Sundays:

- **Prisoners Sunday** 14th October.
- **World Mission Sunday** 21st October.

*John Southworth*

**MASSES AND SERVICES**

**IN CHURCH THIS WEEK**

- Requiem on Wednesday replaces the 10am Mass.

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

Monday 8th October  
 9am Georgie Fitzgibbon OLMC

Tuesday 9th October  
 7pm Mary (Marie) Cahill OLMC

Wednesday 10th October  
 12noon **Requiem:** John Kelly St Patrick

Thursday 11th October  
 10am John Lamb St Patrick

Friday 12th October  
 10am Teresa Jones OLMC

Sunday 14th October  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Sat 5pm Parishioners OLMC  
 Sun 9.45am Mary Carroll St Patrick  
 Sun 11.15am Mary O'Toole OLMC

**Thursday Evening Service 7pm**  
 October Devotions: Rosary Service OLMC

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
 Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

**Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick**  
 The bonus ball for Wednesday 3rd October was no 18  
 Winners won £30 each

**Collections** *Many Thanks*  
**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
 Envelopes £120.06 Loose £179.39  
**St Patrick** Envelopes £0 Loose £150.95  
 Box £18.40 Brick £15.00

**Please Pray For....** **Those who have died:** Fr Kevin Kelly, 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.