



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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time

Go and sell everything you own
and give the money to the poor,
and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come,
follow me.

Mark 10:21

Given that life is so short, where do we look for its source of meaning? What do we take as true wisdom? What do we consider the real treasure of our existence and where do we expect to spend eternity? These are just some of the questions today for those who want to follow Christ.

This Sunday presents us with a first reading which asks for the gift of wisdom above all else and the Gospel which suggests which issues a very demanding challenge: give away everything you own, the quote above. These words of Jesus should make us all stop and think. Any priest who puts to a congregation a literal interpretation of those words might be met with an awkward silence and then perhaps a few nervous laughs; even the disciples were amazed.

Jesus stressed how difficult, indeed impossible, it is for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God; it was easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle (this is sometimes interpreted as 'a narrow gate').



Perhaps we can take comfort in the words of Jesus:

....but for God all things are possible.

SYNOD 2020
Archdiocese of Liverpool

**SYNOD
SUNDAY 2018**

**Next weekend
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:
HOW TO BE REALLY HAPPY**

If we take a close look at the man in today's gospel, who asks Jesus how to get eternal life and happiness, then we can glean quite a lot. He was humble; he actually ran up and knelt at Jesus' feet before speaking to him. He clearly had good motives because he wanted to know how to inherit eternal life. And he had good sense; enough to know that from what he heard of him Jesus was the right person to help him with this. So he was nobody's fool.

What we usually remember about him is that he was rich. But it's clear that his riches couldn't satisfy his deep down needs. That's why he came to Jesus looking for something that went beyond the grave. His wealth couldn't give meaning to his life. He was restless and seeking something more than the trappings that money can bring.

And of course it's not as if he were some sort of villain who would find it hard to accept religion. He already was a religious person and a morally upright character. He said that he had kept all the commandments from his earliest days, so he had probably also fasted from food and tithed some of his wealth.

When the other gospel writers recall this episode they tell us that the man was young and that he came from one of the leading families. So by anybody's reckoning he's got a lot going for him: young, rich, reputable, religious, moral, thoughtful, common-sensed and humble.

Yet he went away sad because the demands that Jesus made of him were more than he was prepared to accept. The incredible happened: God in Jesus told him exactly what to do in order to have eternal life. He had to give up all his wealth and give it to the poor. But this would affect his status, his reputation and his lifestyle.

What gives meaning to your life? What do you consider the point of living is? Where do you look for what makes real sense of your days? Where have you put your treasure? Is it invested in the here and now or have you got your sights on something that will outlast this mortal existence?

Being young, rich and even religious cannot get you into heaven. And when Jesus tells you how to inherit eternal life do you go away sad or do you start rejoicing?

Go and sell everything you own

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick News/letter

With You Always - First Holy Communion

Meeting for parents

Meeting for the parents of children in our schools (all meetings are in each school):

- Holy Family - This Tuesday at 2.45pm
- St Patrick's - This Wednesday at 2.45pm
- St Finbar - This Thursday at 2.45pm



OLMC/St Patrick Fund Raising

- **Pens:** There are good quality pens for sale at the back of each church with the Church's name inscribed on them. They cost £1 each.
- **GIFT AID:** Next week leaflets will be handed out encouraging those parishioners who pay tax to Gift Aid their donation. It is a very simple process but brings a considerable amount of extra money into the parish for no extra cost.

St Vincent's Church This Saturday, 13th October, the Archbishop will celebrate the 6pm Mass at St Vincent's when he will formally hand over the parish to the White Fathers. The Cathedral priests have been responsible for the parish in 2012; before that St Vincent's was linked with St Patrick and St Malachy's and latterly, since 2008, with OLMC.

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 note that while we will try to celebrate a Mass on a date you request other circumstances (eg funeral Masses) may make that impossible.

Nugent Charity Shop Volunteers Required Volunteers wanted to help support their Charity Shop in Allerton, Liverpool. Contact the shop for details.

Blessed Oscar Romero - Canonisation He will be canonised in Rome this Sunday 14th October. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral on 28th October at 11am to celebrate his canonisation.

Sunday Themes

Prisoners Sunday—this Sunday 14th October

- PACT, The Prison Advice and Care Trust has, for over 40 years, been supporting all those affected by prison: prisoners and victims, their families, their communities, those working and volunteering in prisons and the criminal justice system. It is a response to the words of Jesus at the last judgement, *I was in prison and you came to see me.*
- **World Mission Sunday** Next Sunday 21st October. This collection goes to the APF, now renamed Missio, the same charity as the red mission boxes which many of you have in your homes. Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission and is part of the worldwide network of Pontifical Mission Societies.



John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- No Mass on Monday
- Requiem on Tuesday replaces the 7pm Mass.
- Friday: Funeral Service St Patrick, usual Mass at OLMC, both at the same time of 10am.

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Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Mary Carroll	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Mary O'Toole (sick)	OLMC

Monday 15th October **St Teresa of Avila**

9am NO MASS OLMC

Tuesday 16th October

12 noon **Requiem:** Mary Ralph OLMC

7pm NO MASS OLMC

Wednesday 17th October **St Ignatius Loyola**

10am Joe O'Hara St Patrick

12noon **Funeral Service:** Teresa Campbell OLMC

Thursday 18th October **St Luke**

10am NO MASS St Patrick

12.15 **Requiem:** Maureen McLeod St Patrick

Friday 19th October

10am **Funeral Service:** Jimmy Lawler St Patrick

10am Joe McNicholas OLMC

Sunday 21st October

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Sat 5pm	The Heague Family	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	John Hutchinson	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Thursday Evening Service 7pm

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Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 10th October was no 04
Winners won £30 each

Collections _____ Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £101.34 Loose £190.95

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £132.40

Box £10 Brick £15.00 **CAFOD** £280.60

Please Pray For.... Those who have died: Sabina Mulhearn (teacher at OLMC school until 1989), Teresa Campbell, Maureen McLeod, Jimmy Lawler

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 Crowny, 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,