



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick Newsletter

SYNOD SUNDAY 2018



This weekend

SYNOD 2020: This weekend we are celebrating Synod Sunday. Please pick up the leaflet that is available which also gives the dates for the Synod Open Meeting.

There are several meetings in all parts of the diocese to explain the Synod to as many people as possible. The nearest meeting to us is at LACE, Sefton Park, on 30th October from 7.30pm – 9pm.

The meeting will cover:

- What is a synod?
- Why are we having a synod?
- Who will be part of the synod?
- How every parishioner can be involved.

I hope as many of our parishioners as possible will go to this meeting.

For the Son of Man
did not come to be served
but to serve,
and to give his life
as a ransom for many.

Mark 10:45

Everywhere we look in the gospels we find that to be a follower of Jesus means to be a servant.

James and John obviously did not get this idea; in today's Gospel they ask Jesus if they can have places of honour in his kingdom—causing a row amongst the apostles!

Even when we might think that we have some position of authority, like James and John, the idea of service returns even more strongly. Christianity is an upside-down religion: anyone who wants to be great must behave like the least important.

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday 21st October.



The Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission since 1922, Missio has been the Catholic Church's official charity for overseas mission.

There will be a retiring collection this weekend. Like the read mission boxes, the money will be distributed, amongst the missionary orders who are based in this country.

FAITH IN FOCUS: TRIVIAL PUSUIT?

It's easy to become so familiar with our religion that we forget what an enormous challenge is thrown down to anyone who really want to be a follower of Christ. We can wear the practice of our faith like an old pair of slippers and never notice how battered they have become.

Being a Christian is not the obvious choice. Ask the audience. Only a small percentage would think it's a sensible lifestyle. Phone a friend, but make sure he or she really has heard what Christ is asking. There's more than a fifty-fifty chance that it will look stupid.

Choosing to be a disciple means sharing the daily shame of the cross. It's not about living the cushy existence. It's about rejoicing at being the bottom of the pile. In a world that prizes success the Christian glories in what looks like failure. A Christian is a permanent number two; a Christian is always last rather than first.

Trying to be a Christian is no trivial pursuit for it deals with life and death questions. Can you hack it? asks Jesus. Can you really cope with taking on the ills of the world and serving others to the point of exhaustion? Can you deal with being thought a follower for his sake?

Is your religion more about bells and smells, stained glass and nice music? Or is it about being prepared to suffer shame, to be laughed at, to do without, to serve and not to count the cost or seek any reward apart from the satisfaction that you are trying to follow Jesus?

Christ tells us that to follow him we must die first. To follow him we must put ourselves at others' disposal till it hurts and expect nothing in return. Can you do this? That's what he asked James and John. Clearly he had his doubts about them.

Christianity is not a hobby. It's not a pastime on a par with volunteering for the local hospital's League of Friends or joining a club. It's a life and death series of decisions. Let's not fall into the trap of think that it's normal!



Synod 2020

Meeting at LACE, Tuesday 30th October 7.30-9pm. All invited to come and find out more about the Synod.

Synod Membership Each parish in the diocese is asked to send one delegate to the Synod. Over the next few weeks we will have to choose which parishioner

should be our representative. In addition, a further 8 parishioners will represent the whole pastoral area. The leaflets distributed today will give a better idea of what is involved.

Parish Changes: OLMC & St Patrick At all Masses last weekend I announced that I would be leaving Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick at the end of November. Archbishop McMahon has asked me to be parish priest of St Paul & St Timothy in West Derby. The change over will take place on the 1st Sunday of Advent. The priest who will be coming to live in OLMC presbytery will be Fr Silviu Climent.

With You Always - First Holy Communion The first sessions of the preparation for first Holy Communion will take place as follows:

- St Patrick's School: Tuesday 30 October 5.30pm St Patrick's Church
- St Finbar: Wednesday 31st October 4pm, OLMC Church. This meeting is also for **children from other schools**.
- Holy Family: Thursday 1st November, OLMC Church



It is vital that all those who will receive their first Holy Communion in the summer of 2019 come to this first meeting. Anyone unable to come should see me as soon as possible.

OLMC/St Patrick Fund Raising: Meeting this Thursday 7.30pm

GIFT AID Next week leaflets will be handed out encouraging those parishioners who pay tax to Gift Aid their donation. **Gift Aid** is a very simple process but brings a considerable amount of extra money into the parish for no extra cost.

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.

Aid to the Church in Need is an international pastoral aid organization of the Catholic Church, which yearly offers financial support to more than 5,000 projects worldwide. It aims to help Christians in need wherever they are repressed or persecuted and therefore prevented from living according to their faith. Next weekend Rachel Buckley will speak about their work. There will not be a collection for this charity but at the end of Mass there will be a variety of religious items for sale.

Knights of St Columba charity social on 10 November 2018 at Our Lady Mount Carmel Club High Park St Liverpool L8 8XD. Featuring Freddie Lloyd, Tickets £5.00 from Pat Mc Gann on 078252064 or pay at the door.

Blessed Oscar Romero - Canonisation He was canonised in Rome last Sunday 14th October. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral next Sunday 28th October at 11am to celebrate this.

John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- No Mass on Monday.

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

Monday 22nd October

9am	NO MASS	OLMC
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Tuesday 23rd October

7pm	Special Intention (MQ)	OLMC
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Wednesday 24th October

10am	Tommy Huyton	St Patrick
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Thursday 25th October

10am	Kathleen Hogan	St Patrick
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Friday 26th October

10am	Peter Bengier	OLMC
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Sunday 28th October

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Cecilia, Joe & Henry Roberts	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Leonard Marnell	OLMC

Thursday Evening Service 7pm

October

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm	OLMC
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Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 17th October was no 56
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £154.02 Loose £182.18

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £128.27

Box £17 Brick £5.00

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

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.