



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Newsletter

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

Look, there is the lamb of God.'

John 1:35

John the Baptist points two of his disciples towards Jesus; one of them is Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. When these disciples ask him where he lives his answer is an invitation: 'Come and See'. This invitation is given to all of us.

Ordinary Time—Year B Year of the Gospel of Mark

During this year of the cycle, Year B, we read from the Gospel of St Mark. However this Sunday the Gospel is from St John. This is to fit in with the Church's theme for this Sunday which has, once again an Epiphany theme.



Ordinary Time began last Monday with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Jesus' baptism was the beginning of his public ministry. Today's Gospel continues that theme by John encouraging two of his own disciples to follow Jesus.

John the Baptist, figured prominently in the Gospels during Advent and his influence continues into Ordinary Time. It is significant that John has such an important part to play yet from now on takes a back seat. But he is still 'preparing the way for the Lord' but pointing out to his own disciples who Jesus is and why they should follow Jesus instead of himself. John, 'the voice crying in the wilderness', makes way for the Word made flesh and identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God. It is another epiphany or revelation of who Jesus is. Interestingly in today's Gospel we hear the first words of Jesus in over a month!

This Sunday - Peace Sunday

Migrant and Refugees—seekers of peace

The 51st World Peace Day will be celebrated next Sunday, 14th January. The theme this year focusses on the tens of thousands of people around the world who have been



displaced and forced to leave their homes because of violence or climate related disasters.

FAITH IN FOCUS: JUST A QUICK NOTE

Dear Mother

You're probably wondering where I've got to over the past month or so. A few weeks ago when I was out listening to John the Baptist a rabbi passed by and John pointed him out as something really special. When I heard what he had to say I was amazed. I asked him where he lived and he invited me to come and see. I stayed with him and now I just want to be around him and hear him speak.

He's not like the other religious leaders. You really get the impression he's sent by God. He's not full of himself and his teaching is so straightforward that you wonder why you never thought of it first. He cuts through all the red tape by saying that we should make sure we love God and look after our neighbours in the same way as we would like to be treated by them.

When you see him in action you soon realise that it's the ordinary people he warms to quickly. Poor people, children, widows, sick people and those whom others look down on. He has time for everyone although he's not slow to condemn hypocrisy.

His fame as a preacher is spreading because he has the knack of making you feel that there's more to life than just getting and having, more important things than what others think of you. It's as if he has the secret to living life to the full and he really makes you think.

Each time he works a miracle he doesn't wait for applause but says it's his Father in heaven that gives him this power, and he says that these miracles will seem like nothing compared with what life will be like for those who follow him. Apparently this new type of life will even last after death.

Simon has joined me along with one or two of the other fishermen, and people from every walk of life are turning up each day to listen to him. Everyone wants to be part of it. They say that if it carries on like this there'll be thousands of supporters before long. Next month he'll be back in Capernaum and I can't wait for you to meet him. What he's got to offer is too good to be missed, so make sure you don't lose out!

Your loving son
Andrew

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Next Weekend 20/21st January - Mission Appeal

The Kiltegan Fathers will make the appeal in all churches in the diocese this year. Next weekend Fr Oliver Leavy will be making the appeal in OLMC and St Patrick's.

Fr Leavy has worked in Grenada, Scotland, Nigeria and other countries.

History Talks All welcome to attend-6 week Liverpool History course beginning Monday 8th January 2018 for six weeks exploring the History of Religious Communities in the City of Liverpool Monday evening 7-9 pm St Patrick's meeting room rear of the Church. Refreshments provided.

OLMC Fund Raising Group This Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm in the Finbar Room.

OLMC Raffle: The monthly raffle will begin again in February.

With You Always The next series of preparations for first Eucharist will take place in February. Parents will be informed directly of the dates in the next two weeks.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18-25th January

This annual week of prayer begins this Thursday and ends on the feast of the Conversion of St Paul.

Adoremus 7-9th September 2018

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress

In September this year a National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool. This will be the first such Congress since 1908!

About 10,000 delegates from all over England and Wales, representing each diocese in the country will gather here for three days. This is the basic timetable so far:

- **Friday:** Talks and workshops at various venues around the city.
- **Saturday**—Main event at the Echo Arena: There will be two keynote speakers at this event attending by all the representatives.
- **Sunday:** Two Masses at the Cathedral plus a Eucharistic Procession.

Each diocese will have its own representatives. In this Pastoral Area we have been allotted 36 places, which means about 6 people from each parish. (We will be asking for volunteers to represent the parish soon).

In this Archdiocese the Eucharistic Congress will be the first year in preparation for an Archdiocesan Synod in 2020.

Holy Hours The Archbishop will lead a Holy Hour in most Pastoral Areas each month. The date for this Pastoral Area is Thursday 12th April. It has not yet been decided at which church this will take place. We will be sharing this Holy Hour with the Woolton Pastoral Area. There will also be Holy Hours in each church in this Pastoral Area every month.

John Southworth

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- No Mass on Monday
- Requiem Mass on Tuesday
- Friday Mass at the earlier time of 9am

Sunday 14th January

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Sat 5pm	Eva Abernethy	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Pat & Joe Roberts	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Mon 15th January		
9am	NO MASS	OLMC

Tue 16th January		
12 noon	Requiem: Mary Morgan	St Patrick
7pm	NO MASS	OLMC

Wed 17th January		
10am	Josie Buchanan	St Patrick

Thu 18th January		
10am	Harry Treadwell	St Patrick

Fri 19th January		
9am (PLEASE NOTE TIME)	Christopher Casey	OLMC

Sunday 21 January

3rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Gerard McDonough	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Eddie & Barbara Phillips	OLMC
	60th Wedding Anniversary	

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm

Thursday Evening Service 7pm

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday Jan: No 45

CollectionsMany thanks

OLMC Sat Loose £128.84 Sun Loose £82.40
Envelopes £105.80 Total £317.04

St Patrick Envelopes £0 Loose £119.10

Please Pray For.... Those who have died: Bridget Dyson, Mary Morgan, Margaret Pauls

The sick: Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Sharon Gray, Tommy Duffy, Mary Frances, Audrey McKenna Ian McCafferty, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Joan Higgins, Michael McNicholas, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Pat Smedley, 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, Paula Lacey, Denise King, John Dunning, Tommy Huyton, 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 Crowley, 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, Holly and Lucy Brown.