



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ORDINARY TIME

Then they will see the Son of Man
coming in the clouds
with great power and glory.
(Mark 13:26)



Nobody knows the date when Christ will come again. Rather than concern ourselves with useless worry amid fears of natural disasters and cosmic cataclysm, surely it's better to prepare ourselves for seeing God face to face by a life of fruitful service?

Next Sunday - 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time is always

The Feast of Christ the King and National Youth Sunday

Synod 2020

Names are to be decided by the middle of December. Each parish has one member

If you would like to nominate a member please put forward a name(s) of someone who you think would be good representatives of the parish. Obviously it is important to ask the person before putting their name forward. **There are cards at the back of church for nominations.**

The only criteria for being a member is to be able to attend not just the Synod weekend but be part of all the preparation which includes in 2019 and 2020.

- Opening Ceremony at the Cathedral
- Meeting of members
- Members training
- Pastoral area gatherings

Training and support will be given to all members.

Extra Members from the Pastoral Area

In addition to the one representative from each parish there are an **additional 8 members** from the Pastoral Area. Altogether it is hoped that the Synod members will be made up of a variety of experiences:

- Catholic Education (teachers, teaching assistants....)
- Those involved in caring services (nurses, carers...)
- Those with a social action background (justice & peace, charity volunteer, trade union or political background....)
- Different ethnic backgrounds reflecting the multi cultural nature of our Pastoral Area.



FAITH IN FOCUS: THE BOOK OF LIFE

The idea of a book with the names of those to be admitted to heaven rings strangely in our modern ears. Rather than a leather-bound ledger we would probably have a data base of names, addresses and personal details kept on computer disk or CD.

But when Daniel speaks of this book he is echoing in ancient terms the same situation that still applies today. Men and women still seek a meaning to life, to their actions, their choices, their ultimate hopes and dreams. And, just like us today, Daniel points out that God gives us the freedom to behave in any way we choose in this world, as long as we know that our conduct affects our eternal future.

It's easy for Christians to get caught up in the here and now values of our world. Although society values great acts of personal heroism and admires people who make sacrifices for the benefit and development of others, it still is firmly fixated on the transient, on a passing view of life. Just look at the TV adverts to see what you are supposed to be aiming for. Most are about comfort, luxury and image. You've really made it when you have a beautiful person on your arm, can wear the latest designer products and drive the fastest of cars. You are judged by what passes for success.

Yet the gospel tells us that we are judged by how we treat others and how close we try to come to knowing and loving God. As the Church's year draws to a close we remember once more that the values we seek are kingdom values which turn the world's standards on their head.

If our names are to appear in the Book of Life then it will be because we allowed ourselves to respond to the inner promptings of God's Spirit, because we took Christ's teaching and his promises seriously enough to act on them.

And just in case we get sucked into thinking that God is so kind that everything will turn out fine whatever sort of lives we lead, we are reminded that God values our free will so much that he lets us choose to opt out of his plan of salvation.

God is the last one who would force us to behave in a way that we did not want to. His final judgement is real, and we are helping him to make it day by day.

The Feast of Christ the King—Next Sunday, the last Sunday of the year before we move into Advent. It is also

National Youth Sunday when we recognise the importance of our young people in our Church. There will be a **retiring collection** for Animate, the Archdiocesan Youth organisation based in St Helens.

With You Always

- **St Finbar and Other Schools:** 3rd Preparation Session, **this Wednesday** 21st November at 4pm in St Patrick's church.
- On Thursday at 9.30am there will be a **Service of Reconciliation** for Holy Family School. All Welcome.



Pastoral Associate

Some months ago it was announced that the Archdiocese would support any Pastoral Area or parishes who wished to appoint a Pastoral Associate. Following the recent recruitment process 5 people have now been appointed to work as Pastoral Associates. Helen Jones has been appointed as the Pastoral Associate to Liverpool South Pastoral Area. These new roles, founded on our baptismal calling to holiness and to shared responsibility for the Church's mission, provide an exciting opportunity as we look to the future development of the Church in Liverpool. Let us hold our Pastoral Associates in prayer as they begin their three year appointments in January.

Aid to The Church in Need sent an email of thanks this week to all parishioners for their generosity on the recent visit. They raised £297.39 through the sale of books, and £166.86 in donations.

St Patrick's Raffle all donations gratefully received. Gift sets, bottles, chocolates etc.

Sharing the Word, Waiting in Hope: Advent Reflections, led by Christian Life Community, on Monday evenings at **the Cenacle**, Tithebarn Grove off Lance Lane L15 6TW, on November 26th, December 3rd, December 10th, December 17th. 7.00pm for 7.15pm to 8.45pm. You are welcome to one or all of the sessions.

No charge, donations welcome. Enquiries: kathrynlydon@hotmail.com Tel: 0151 733 2806.

Changes: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Patrick

As announced some weeks ago, Fr Southworth will be leaving OLMC and St Patricks, to take up his new post in St Paul and St Timothy West Derby on the weekend of 1/2nd December. Fr Silviu Climent will be the Priest in Charge, resident at Mount Carmel Presbytery.

- **Message from Roland Berndt:** *Fr Southworth's last Mass with us will be 11.15am on Sunday 25th November 2018 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We would like to invite parishioners to Mount Carmel Parish Club immediately after Mass for refreshments tea/coffee, sandwiches etc to say a collective farewell to Fr. Southworth. We really hope you can join us. Thank you.*

MASSES AND SERVICES

IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- Requiem Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. These replace the normal Mass time.
- Funeral Service on Wednesday
- Wednesday Mass at the earlier time of 9.30am

Sunday 18th November

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Sat 5pm	Carol Ann Flannery	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	John Woods	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 19th November

9am	NO MASS	OLMC
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Tuesday 20th November

10am	Requiem: Thomas Conroy	OLMC
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Wednesday 21st November

NB 9.30am	Niall O'Hanlon	St Patrick
2.30pm	Funeral Service: Thomas Galvin	OLMC

Thursday 22nd November

11.30am	Requiem: Thomas Willmitt	OLMC
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Friday 23rd November

12noon	Requiem: Irene Valda Webb	OLMC
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Sunday 25th November

Feast of CHRIST THE KING

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Thanksgiving for Parishioners (McLeod Family)	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Yvonne Michelle Grant	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 14th November was no16
Winners won £30 each

Collections _____ Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £149 Loose £208.89

St Patrick Loose £134.76

Brick £10 Box 6.40

Please Pray For.... Those who have died: Tommy Conroy, Thomas Galvin. Val Web, Tommy Willmitt, Tommy Galvin

The sick: Jimmy Tierney, 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.