



3rd Sunday of Easter

5th May 2019



Jesus said to Simon Peter, '
Simon son of John,
do you love me
more than these others do?'

John 21:15

Sundays of Easter

The first three Sundays of Easter focus on the various appearances of Jesus after his Resurrection. This Sunday is a long Gospel which begins by describing what must have been a very natural thing for the apostles to do - going fishing.

Fishing all night they catch nothing— until Jesus appears to advise them whereupon they catch a huge quantity of fish.

Peter, recognising that the person on the shore is Jesus leaps from the boat and reaches him before the other Apostles. After cooking breakfast for the apostles Jesus then challenges Peter (see quote above).



Synod Prayer

**Father, we thank you
for the love you have shown us
in the gift of Jesus, your Son.
We thank you for the gift of the Church,
through which you show us
that you are always with us
and are always at work in our lives.**

**As we journey together to Synod 2020
help us become the Church
That you are calling us to be.**

**May your Holy Spirit
be powerfully at work among us.
Strengthen each of us and guide Francis,
our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.**

**Help us to respond
to the challenges of our times in new ways
to bring your love**

to all our sisters and brothers.

**We make this prayer
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.**

AMEN



FAITH IN FOCUS: HEROIC FAILURES?

Someone once said that in a world where success is the benchmark, the Church is the only place where failure is not only tolerated but allowed.

Certainly this was true of Peter. Just a few weeks before today's gospel he had denied three times that he knew Jesus. And now, in what seems like a mirror image of his betrayal, Jesus asks him three times if he loves him.

No doubt this probing made Peter feel uncomfortable but it ended with Jesus entrusting the future of his mission to the man who had let him down when it counted.

If we're honest we have to admit to feeling a little uncomfortable ourselves when others point out our good points. For although we may well be good we are also aware that we have many failings that we don't like to admit to and wouldn't want others to know about. We're a mixture of good and bad, capable of heroism and yet skilled in failure.

Consequently we often find it hard to forgive ourselves and this can lead to our taking a back-seat when it comes to using our talents and proclaiming the gospel. In a nutshell, we feel unworthy and retire into the background.

Today we see Jesus in a practical act of forgiveness. Because he forgave Peter, Peter himself was able to feel loved and valued and was able to forgive himself. Since no one can call themselves praiseworthy in God's sight it is pointless to absent ourselves from God's presence under the pretence of unworthiness.

God knows our inmost thoughts and desires. There is nothing we can hide. And yet God never gives up on us even when we are guilty of the most blatant betrayal. No matter how far we wander from God, God never abandons us but calls us back to the table of his love.

Today we see Jesus inviting the man who had denied him to come and have a breakfast of bread and grilled fish. We too have received the same invitation as Peter. For though we are sinners we are invited to the table of the Lord and each time we eat and drink his body and blood our faults and failures are washed away and we are nourished by the very life of God.

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Newsletter of the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

Apologies for my absence I have been called away on a family emergency. I would be grateful if you would keep us in your thoughts and prayers

Fr Silviu

With You Always: Thanks to everyone who helped to prepare our children, and everyone involved in getting the church ready for last Saturday's First Holy Communion celebration.

This weekend please keep those children from Holy Family Primary School, who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time yesterday in your prayers. We pray for blessings on them and their families, and everyone who helped to prepare them.

St Finbar's & Other Schools

Preparation meeting: Tuesday at OLMC at 3.30pm on 7th May. This will be the last session.

SYNOD –OUR TIME TOGETHER

Six weeks ago the priests and parish representatives attended a meeting about listening and discerning together. In the newsletter we reported back and let you know that we would be asking our parishioners to do the survey that we did. That time has now come. We have two dates so parishioners may choose which is the most suitable for them to attend. The meetings will be held at St Patrick's on Saturday 11th May at 9.30am and Monday 13th May at 7pm. This is the first step in helping the journey of faith:- listening as each person in a group of five has their turn to speak. There are four questions we do, one at a time, and listen to each other. We then move on to the next question.

The listening records will be sent to the Synod Office so our Synod team can use our recommendations.

If you are unable to attend we can give you a form to write down your thoughts on each of the four questions, which you can then return to us.

Forms can remain anonymous.

The Archdiocese needs the information and the number of people who attend as it affects the future of the churches.

Catherine Barrett
Parish Representative.

Catholic Pic– Spot Fr Silviu in this month's issue - sadly no prizes available!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome to God's family and our parish community Daniel Michael and Amelia Rose. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



Please Pray For.... Those who have died Pauline Long.

The sick: Michael McNicholas, Jayne O'Toole, Michelle Baxendale, Tommy Fletcher, Bernadette McGee, Michael Foley, Irene Milson, Maureen Rossario, Joe Schofield, Doris Kelly, Edie Turner, Daniel Crawford, Caroline Flannery, Bernadette Fennell, Edna Tate, 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, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, 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, 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 Crown, 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, Muriel Minshull, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Requiem on Tuesday
- No Weekday Masses
- Please note the Rosary will be said before Mass each day during the month of May.

Sunday 5th May

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Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Patricia McDonough	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	The Pintos Family	OLMC

Monday 6th May

9am No Mass OLMC

Tuesday 7th May

12noon **Requiem:** Pauline Long OLMC

Wednesday 8th May

10am No Mass St Patrick

Thursday 9th May

10am No Mass St Patrick

Friday 10th May

10am No Mass OLMC

Sunday 12th May

4th Sunday of Easter

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Karl Lee	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Ronnie Semourson	OLMC

Evening Service

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm Thursday OLMC

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 1st May was no 9
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Loose £173.08

St Patrick Loose £ 203.88

Envelopes £132.17

St. Patrick's First Holy Communion £175.75