



# 6th Sunday of Easter



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick  
Newsletter

**P**<sup>ea</sup>*ce*  
*I bequeath to you,  
my own peace I give you,  
a peace the world cannot give,  
this is my gift to you.*

The peace that Jesus offers is not some woolly contented feeling but a call to his followers to make peace a reality. It is God's Spirit in our hearts that urges us to be peacemakers. And this peace is more than the mere absence of conflict; it is the deep-rooted knowledge that, whatever the danger, we are held in the palm of God's hand.

## Easter Season - 6th Sunday of Easter

In the Sunday and daily Gospels we continue to read the words of Jesus at the Last Supper according to St John's Gospel.

*If anyone loves me  
he will keep my word  
and my Father with love him  
and we shall come to him  
and make our home with him.*

### 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: PARTING GIFT

When two Hebrew-speaking people greet each other, they say "Shalom aleichem" which means "Peace be with you." When two Arabic-speakers give the same greeting, they say "Salaam aleichem." Shalom/salaam refers to the state of integrity, harmony, serenity and completeness within a person's life. Peace is not merely the absence of struggle but the abiding presence of calm.

In today's gospel Jesus gives his disciples a parting gift, a gift that he says the world cannot give: peace. To have faith in Jesus and be possessed by the Holy Spirit means that we enjoy the peace of Christ.

Of course, in everyday talk, peace usually means the end of war (which often is not peace but simply truce) or the idea of peace and quiet, when we are not troubled and are allowed just to "chill out" or have a few moments to ourselves.

But the peace that Jesus offers us is that deep-down sense of wellbeing that comes from knowing that we are loved by God, have been called to be God's children in baptism and are permanently held in the hand of a God who will never let us be lost, unless we absolutely insist on it. Christian peace brings calmness.

However, the peace we enjoy is not a static thing; it's something active and dynamic. Consequently we have to work at keeping this peace alive, which is what Jesus meant when he said "Blessed are the peacemakers". We have to work with the Holy Spirit to keep our relationship with God alive and active and then we have to work for unity among ourselves so that the gift of peace may be a reality in our communities.

Some people can have a false sense of security. Others can have a false sense of peace. If our peace is just built on not being troubled by others, not having worries about our job, our family or our finances, then we are simply enjoying freedom from anxiety. If, however, our peace is built on our relationship with God, on our trust in his promises to us and the confidence that he always keeps his word, then we enjoy that peace of Christ which the world cannot give. And this is what we wish each other at every Mass when we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you".

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

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:** Opportunities for Mass on Wednesday (Vigil Mass) 7pm at OLMC, and Thursday at 10am at St Patricks and 7pm at OLMC.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** This weekend we welcome Dominic William Hughes into God's family and our parish community. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

**OLMC DECORATIONS:** Kirk Williams from the Archdiocesan Surveying and Property Section has informed us that the Archdiocesan Trustees have approved funds for the decoration works for OLMC. Options have now been put forward to English Heritage and once permission has been granted (which should be in July) works will be able to commence thereafter.

**PASTORAL ASSOCIATE UPDATE:** Listening is something that I know I struggle with, and the Synod Listening Groups have been a reminder of how important others' voices are. Those who participated have been pleasantly surprised at how positive they found the experience and **not** having to comment allows us freedom to hear from our hearts which is not always easy to do in today's world of rapid communication and noise. Perhaps deep listening is something we can aspire to at all levels of engagement in our homes, in our work and in our communities. Do try and attend a parish Synod Listening Group - it is our chance to reflect, to listen and to allow our hearts to be heard. From Paulo Coelho: "Your heart is alive. Keep listening to what it has to say." I will be at St Anne & St Bernard's Parish this weekend. God Bless, Helen.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday 28 May** Final Theological Synod Talk by Mgr Peter Fleetwood *The Church as Leaven in our Culture* 7pm at St Charles, Aigburth

**Wednesday 26 June** CAFOD group *Mass Lobby in London (Climate Change)* Coach available. Details from Emily emcindoe@cafod.org.uk

**Saturday 6 July** *Introduction to Catechesis* venue and time tbc

**Thursday 13 June\*** *Mass for New Catholics*, 7pm at LACE. Anyone received this year is warmly welcome!

**Thursday 20 June\*** *Catechists' Summer Gathering*, 6pm – 9 pm at LACE repeated

**Saturday 22 June\*** 10am – 1pm in Wrightington

**Tuesday 25 – Wednesday 26 June** *Christ Lives in Me*, A short retreat over two days at St Anne's led by the Living Christ Retreat Team from St Wilfrid – all welcome, especially those who have difficulty attending other events. "A way to spread the joy and our faith to others who need a little boost in their own lives".

**Saturday 29 June\*** *NW Scripture Festival - Peter and Paul: Chosen and Sent*, 9:30am – 3:30pm at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton

**Saturday 7 September** *Training for New Eucharistic Ministers* venue and time tbc  
\* **Please let Jonathan at LACE know if you wish to attend these events: 0151 522 1040 or email formation@rcaol.co.uk**

**WORLD COMMUNICATION DAY- COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** For the Catholic Communications Network (CNN) - the Church's UK media office which circulates news about the Catholic Church.

**PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND** Donations can be made until Pentecost.

## MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- **Requiem on Tuesday**
- **NB Mass times for The Feast of the Ascension**

Sunday 26th May

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Sat 5pm	Pearl Coker	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Edward Peter Kirwan	OLMC

Monday 27th May

9am	Brian Corrigan	OLMC
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Tuesday 28th May

11.45am	<b>Requiem:</b> Margaret Brown	St Patrick
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Wednesday 29th May

10am	Brian Stafford	St Patrick
7pm	<b>Vigil Mass</b> Parishioners	OLMC

### Ascension Of The Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday 30th May

10am	Paul Gorst	St Patrick
7pm	Joyce Davies	OLMC

Friday 31st May

10am	Brian Almond	OLMC
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Sunday 2nd June

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sat 5pm	Tony Walls	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Aggie Marnell	OLMC

### Evening Service

Thursday Adoration 6—7pm	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 number for Wednesday will be given next week. (Winners won £30 each.)

Collections

Many Thanks

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
Envelopes £148.24 Loose £158.54  
**St Patrick** Loose £154.66  
First Holy Communion £145.71

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

**The sick:** Michael McNicholas, Jayne O'Toole, Michelle Baxendale, Tommy Fletcher, Bernadette McGee, Michael Foley, 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 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, Muriel Minshull, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.