

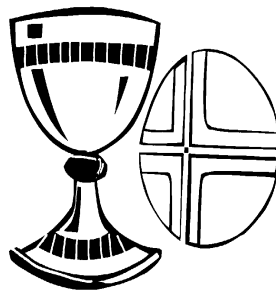


Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Jesus took
the five loaves and the two fish,
said the blessing over them;
then he broke them
and handed them to his disciples

Luke 9:15

Take, Bless, Break, Eat/Drink. The four fold action of the Eucharist. Each time we celebrate Mass, after celebrating God's Word in the Scriptures we take the bread and wine at the Preparation of the Gifts, the priests Blesses or Consecrates the bread and wine in the Eucharistic Prayer. The breaking is done during the Lamb of God and then Communion is eaten and drunk all present.



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 WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Nine out of ten people who use the word "Eucharist" think of an object. They think of the Eucharist as a thing, bread or wine that is transformed into the body and blood of Christ.

But strictly speaking Eucharist is not a thing, it's an action. It's the action of giving thanks. In fact, the word for "thank you" that is heard thousands of times every day in modern Greece is "evcharisto", the same word as Eucharist.

Each time Christians celebrate Eucharist they thank God for all that God has done in the past and continues to do for us today. The Eucharistic Prayer is one long prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the fact that God made us, redeemed us through Christ and continues to support us today in the Holy Spirit until Christ comes again at the end of time. In our worship we "Eucharist" God.

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus et Sanguis Christi*) is a reminder to us that Christ has left us a memorial of his Passion and death and that by our action of Eucharist we make really present the grace and power of God on our altars.

At every Eucharist bread and wine is brought up in procession and laid on the altar. Our prayer to God is that the Holy Spirit may transform these humble elements so that they may become for us the body and blood of Christ.

If we are really celebrating Eucharist then we need to offer ourselves and our lives in sacrifice to God along with the bread and wine. We need to bring all our hopes and joys, our dreams and reservations, our plans and worries so that they too may be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Eucharist is the heart of our Christian faith. It is the central act of our community, the source of all our strength and the summit to which all our activity as Church is directed.

Corpus Christi invites us to stand before our God and celebrate Eucharist: to say thank you!

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage - Associates Those unable to go to Lourdes this year may wish to join the Associates of the Pilgrimage. Associates play an important part in reciting the prayers and are remembered by having a special share in all the Masses during the pilgrimage.

St Patrick's Summer Tombola

We are looking for prizes of gifts, bottles, chocolates etc. All donations gratefully received.

Pastoral Associate Update: We celebrate our unity as a community of believers focussing on the mystery of the Eucharist which inspires, strengthens and heals. As we open ourselves in our own vulnerability and fragility to Christ's healing touch we recall the words of Pope Francis in 'The Joy of the Gospel' that the Eucharist "... is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." If you feel called to help prepare our children to receive the Sacrament for the first time you are invited to 'Being a Catechist' at LACE on Saturday 6 July from 9:30 - 1:30pm (£10 - book with formation @rcaol.co.uk). Blink and you'll miss me this week - I am truly on the move across the Deanery and Diocese! God Bless, Helen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 25 - Wednesday 26 June *Christ Lives in Me*, led by the Living Christ Retreat Team from St Wilfrid, St Anne's Overbury Street. 10 - 2pm - all welcome.

Saturday 29 June* *NW Scripture Festival - Peter and Paul: Chosen and Sent*, 9:30am - 3:30pm at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton. Cost £10.

Sunday 30 July *Archdiocesan Children's Mass*, 12:30 start, Mass at 3pm at Ss Peter & Paul Catholic College, Widnes WA8 7DW

Saturday 6 July* *Being a Catechist*, 9:30 - 1:30 at LACE. Cost £10.

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 - formation@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1040**

OLMC Parish Club

Eyes down every Thursday from 8pm



Retiring Collection - Nest weekend

- Peter's Pence.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome to God's family and our parish community Emmy & Thomas Malone, & Harper Williamson. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.



MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this

- Requiem on Tuesday

Sunday 23rd June

Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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| Sat 5pm | Thomas Snr & Jnr Flannery | OLMC |
| Sun 9.45am | Parishioners | St Patrick |
| Sun 11.15am | Maria McNamee | OLMC |

Monday 24th June

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| 9am | Alan Glick | OLMC |
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Tuesday 25th June

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| 12noon | Requiem: John Walsh | St Patrick |
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Wednesday 26th June

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| 10am | Norah Lloyd | St Patrick |
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Thursday 27th June

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| 10am | Paddy Cassidy | St Patrick |
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Friday 28th June

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| 10am | Bernadette Lacey | OLMC |
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Sunday 29th June

Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

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| Sat 5pm | Molly Burns | OLMC |
| Sun 9.45am | Parishioners | St Patrick |
| Sun 11.15am | Mary, Christine & Baby McKenna | OLMC |

Evening Service

7pm Thursday
Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament OLMC

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

The bonus ball for Wednesday 19th June was no 35
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Envelopes £115 Loose £249.15

St Patrick Loose £170.60

Please Pray For.... Those who have died John Walsh, Jimmy McPartland.

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.