



Feast of

9th June 2019

# Pentecost



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick Newsletter

**N**ow there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven... each one bewildered to hear these men speaking their own language.

(Acts 2: 5)



God's Spirit is the bond of unity among all humanity. Gender, race, colour and language take second place to what we share in Jesus Christ. What makes us one is not our difference but our unanimity in proclaiming that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Our 50 day feast comes to its climax. Jesus has returned to sit at the Father's right hand. God sends his Spirit which transforms the Apostles. And in the Psalm we respond: *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord and renew the face of the earth.*

## 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: ADVOCATING CHANGE

There's a medieval song that was sung in Latin at Pentecost while the deacon carried the gospel-book in the procession at Mass, prior to proclaiming the gospel itself. It's called the Pentecost Sequence and it contains line after line that speaks about the gift of the Holy Spirit. It describes the Spirit as Lord of Light, Father of the Poor, Best Consoler, Sweet Comfort, Healer, Giver of Strength, Renewer, etc.

In today's gospel Jesus says he will ask the Father to send the "Advocate". We tend to think of an advocate as someone who campaigns on a particular topic: an advocate for equal rights or an advocate for better housing conditions. In fact, the word advocate really means someone whom you call to stand by your side in solidarity. It's the equivalent of the other strange-sounding word, Paraclete.

Pentecost rounds off Jesus' saving work on earth as the Spirit completes the action of Jesus in taking on our humanity and humanising it to the point where it can glimpse the divine. What we see happening at that first Pentecost is that Jesus has not left us alone like orphans; he has sent the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to be by our side. And the effects are immediate. From being a frightened bunch of weak men, huddled for safety behind a locked door, the apostles are transformed by the Spirit's presence, are emboldened to go out and confront their fears, proclaiming their faith in Christ to people from every race and nation.

Someone once said that we should pray as if everything depended on God but act as if everything depended on us. Certainly this is true of the Spirit.

We are only too aware of our weakness and our inability to "go it alone" when it comes to living out our faith and telling others about it. That's why we pray constantly for the outpouring of the Spirit in our lives, that we may be transformed, strengthened, inspired and supported in our Christian lives.

One thing that we cannot do it to restrict the Spirit. If we ask for the Advocate then we agree to an adventure in faith that has no boundaries. After all, we call on the Spirit just to make us feel good; we ask for the Spirit to come and transform creation: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!

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

## Corpus Christi Mass & Procession

We would like to invite all our children who recently made their First Holy Communion and their families to our Corpus Christi Mass & Procession in OLMC at 11.15am on Sunday 23rd June 2019.

The children can wear their First Communion clothes or we can lend them an altar server's alb.

**Priests' Training Fund** The collection closes this weekend.

## OLMC Parish Club

Monday 17th June 12-4pm Entertainment Afternoon. Bingo, raffle, live entertainment and food all for £5.

These afternoons have proved to be very popular, so if you would like to come along please get your ticket as soon as possible from the club to avoid disappointment.



Eyes down for Bingo every Thursday from 8pm.

**Pastoral Associate Update:** Having returned from a few days off over half term, Synod listening seems to be progressing fast across the Pastoral Area. It's truly amazing to be part of the process of the entire Archdiocese **listening** at this moment in time. Adult Formation is one theme that is being identified from this, and should you be interested, there is a new Lay Formation Fund which provides financial help for those wishing to develop their faith and become more skilled in service of the community: [www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/layformationfund](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/layformationfund). A Pentecost thought from Fr Raneiro Cantalamessa (preacher to the papal household): *"Pentecost is the moment when a heart of stone is shattered, and a heart of flesh takes its place."* I am at St Wilfrid's (briefly) this weekend and at Our Lady Mount Carmel & St Patrick's next weekend. God Bless, Helen.

## AN INVITATION TO ALL BAPTISM AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS

You are invited to take part in one of the following unique opportunities for Renewal and Refreshment.

If you are involved in supporting families at these special times this is for you. The events will be really helpful to you in your ministry and there will be sharing of ideas and good practice and times of prayer. We look forward to seeing you so please come along to either event. Thursday 20 June, 5.30-9pm at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA or Saturday 22 June, 9.30am-1pm at St Joseph's, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington WN6 9PA.

To book please contact 0151 522 1040 or email [formation@rcaol.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaol.co.uk)

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### In Church this week

- Funeral Service Wednesday

### Sunday 9th June

#### Pentecost Sunday

Sat 5pm	Christy McLean	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Brian Stafford	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 10th June		
9am	Morag	OLMC

Tuesday 11th June		
7pm	No Mass	OLMC

Wednesday 12th June		
12.30pm	<b>Funeral Service:</b> Susan Procter	OLMC

Thursday 13th June		
10am	No Mass	St Patrick

Friday 14th June		
10am	No Mass	OLMC

### Sunday 16th June

#### Feast of the Holy Trinity

Sat 5pm	Joe O'Toole	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Tony & Betty McDonough	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

#### Evening Service

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 for Wednesday 5th June was no 25  
Winners won £30 each

### Collections

### Many Thanks

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
Envelopes £231.64 Loose £385.66

**St Patrick** Loose £ 287.85

Please note that totals are for weeks ending 25/26th May & 1st/2nd June.

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

**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.