



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
Newsletter

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards Jerusalem
I send flowing peace,
like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

Isaiah 66:12

Where is this peace that God promised to send? Either God has not kept the bargain or we have failed to be bearers of peace in the circumstances of our daily lives. For peace is not a thing; peace is peaceful people. And even in the most severe conflicts peaceful people always end up prevailing.

The Seventy Two

Jesus had more disciples than the 12 Apostles. In today's Gospel we read about the 72 whom he sent out in pairs. Who they were, where they were from, we do not know. But they were sent out with no provision or protection and told to send a message of healing and peace.



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: THE MOTHER OF ALL GODS?

The one sure thing we can say about God is that he/she does not fit into a box. God is greater than anything we can ever imagine or understand.

In today's liturgy Isaiah uses feminine imagery to describe how God deals with the chosen people. And so God says that "she" will be like a mother to us, consoling us when we are sad, fondling us in her lap and suckling us at her breasts when we are in need of sustenance.

Of course, God is just God. God's not a man; not a woman; not something in between. God transcends, goes beyond, gender. But thinking of God in terms of a mother as well as a father allows us to glimpse God in an entirely new light. It means that we can suddenly appreciate the tender, life-giving, nursing side to God. These feminine attributes remind us that there is no part of our lives that God is absent from, and nothing that God is unconcerned about.

Living as we do in a scientific age, we tend to think that we can dissect everything and find out exactly how it works before putting it back together again. Then we can use it when we want it. This approach sometimes affects the way people think about God. The have a Jack-in-the Box God that can be kept with the lid shut and brought out by undoing the catch when we can't solve the problem ourselves and need a bit of divine help.

However, God is much too big to fit in the box and much too clever to be tamed by our attempts to tie him/her down to neat categories. Anyone who has ever read the scriptures will know that time and time again God acts in precisely the opposite way to how we humans think he/she should. God picks the very people whom everyone else discounts on the first ballot; God grants victory to the underdog; God confounds the proud with the humility of the meek, and turns up in circumstances where we wouldn't expect God to be.

Today Isaiah reminds us that God is bigger than us and we cannot pretend to have God taped. If we let our minds be stretched by thinking of God as both a mother and a father then we get twice as much God for our money!

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In our efforts to help the environment and to stop wasting paper we will be using hymn books in both churches from next week.

Readers can find the bidding prayers to be read in the book called **The Prayers of the Faithful**. Any queries please see Fr Silviu.

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Tuesday 16th July is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In honour of Our Lady, and to pray for all the parishioners and sick of our parish. the Rosary will be said before mass for three days leading up to the feast day, Saturday at 4.30pm, Sunday at 10.45am and Monday 8.30am. On Tuesday the Rosary will be said at 6.30 followed by Mass at 7pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the parish centre. Fr Silviu has kindly offered to prepare a pan of pasta! Any help in bringing along some refreshments (sandwiches etc)would be gratefully received. Everyone welcome.

Children's Summer Activities: for 5 – 12 year olds from 29 July – 16 August at St Patrick's, Park Place, L8 5RA on Mondays – Fridays from 2:30 – 5:50pm run by the Mother Theresa Sisters. To register your child fill out a form: also available from Missionaries of Charity, 55 Seel Street, L1 4AZ or Our Lady of Mount Carmel Presbytery (weekday mornings only). Return to Seel Street or OLMC by 20 July.

OLMC Parish Club Entertainment Afternoon.

Monday 15th July 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome to God's family and our parish community Carter Christopher Robinson and Charlie Dean Horrocks. Please remember them and their family in your prayers.



Next Week there will be a retiring collection for our annual collection for Provision for Priests in Retirement. Envelopes can be found at the back of church.

Pastoral Associate Update: On Thursday we celebrate the feast of St Benedict, Co-patron of Europe, and in these politically divided times, his intercession is much needed. As our listening sessions continue, I am continually humbled to be part of this Synodal experience and was privileged to have facilitated listening at the Carmelite Monastery alongside Sue Faulkner, the Synod member at St Wilfrid. Despite the physical boundaries that enclose the order, the openness of thought and insight shared by the sisters transcended those walls. The unity experienced between three very different communities coming together in this Carmel Community at Maryton serves as a great hope for many of our own parish situations here in Liverpool South. Differences can be embraced and celebrated by relating to each other in a spirit of openness - where two or three are gathered, there we can find unity in the heart of Christ who beats within each one of us. I thank God for this true powerhouse of prayer, inspiration and tranquillity in the midst of our unpredictable world. "May you trust God, that you are exactly where you are meant to be." Teresa of Avila. God Bless, Helen

Sick List

As you may have noticed the sick list has grown over the years and sometimes we are not told when people have recovered or died. With this in mind we will be making a new up to date list in the coming weeks. If you would like someone added to the list please contact the parish office.

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Funeral Services in church on Tuesday, Wednesday.
- Requiems on Thursday and Friday
- Please note Mass at **9am** on Wednesday at St Patrick's.

Sunday 7th July

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Sat 5pm	Molly Burns	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Irene McGowan (McEveley)	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 8th July

9am	Pat Ross	OLMC
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Tuesday 9th July

7pm	Sr Margaret O'Leary	OLMC
12noon	Funeral Service: Eileen (Nellie)Coulston	St Patrick

Wednesday 10th July

9am	Joyce Davies	St Patrick
10.30am	Funeral Service: Agnes Feeley	OLMC

Thursday 11th July

12noon	Requiem Alice Olsen	St Patrick
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Friday 12th July

12noon	Requiem: Christopher Clegg	St Patrick
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Sat 5pm	Mark Willmitt	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Margaret Quinlan	OLMC

Evening Service 7pm Thursday

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament OLMC

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 3rd July was no 57
Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Envelopes £143. Loose £196.51
St Patrick
Loose £166.71

Please Pray For.... Those who have died Agnes Feeley, Alice Olsen, Christopher Clegg and Doris Prenergast.

The sick: Please pray for all those who are sick in our parish.