



19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Happy
those servants
whom, the master finds
awake
when he returns.

Luke 12: 37

The Letter to the Hebrews

There is a small block of readings from Hebrews (Sundays 19-22) this year. This letter was not written by Paul as once thought. Its author is unknown but its title tells us to whom it was written and so is full of references to the Old Testament.

Theme: Faith The main teaching of the texts selected for these next few weeks (Chapters 11-12) is Faith. The example that the writer gives in today's section is Abraham, strongly supported by his wife Sarah. The last selection, on Sunday 22, is the culmination of the letter, looking to the heavenly Jerusalem as our goal.

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: SCRUNGE

If you were having a competition for ugly-sounding words then "scrunge" would be a strong contender. What does it mean? I don't know, but you can tell from its sound that it won't be anything pleasant. (Actually it doesn't exist!)

Some words are off-putting. "Stewardship" sounds so stuffy and institutional. It's the sort of word we give a wide berth to because it sounds rather boring and overly religious. Yet today's gospel has Christ reminding us that we are all called to exercise stewardship over what God has given us.

It's easy to talk about global stewardship, about saving the planet for our children and grandchildren. It's easy because it doesn't necessarily bite home in our lives. But stewardship is much closer to home than global warming and carbon footprints. It's about how we use the ordinary things in our life.

How do we use our time? What are our priorities? Is my time mine or am I aware that I am given it to do good with? Am I generous with my time? They say that if you want something doing urgently then ask a busy person. Maybe that's because people who pack lots into their time are aware of how much needs to be done, whereas the couch potato can never quite "get round to it". If my time is valuable then do I use most of it on valuable things?

How do I use my talents? God has never made anyone without talents. Are you even aware of what yours are or do you falsely stay in the background pretending not to have gifts and talents that can be put to the service of others? Do you hide your talents or do you make them useful by letting others benefit from them?

How do you use your treasure? And what is your treasure, the thing that really "turns you on", the thing that you most value in life, that you would give anything to defend and would do anything to possess? Your treasure is what you love most of all in life. God has given everyone treasure in abundance but it's to be used so that others can have a better quality of life.

Jesus reminds us today that we all have time, talents and treasure. And he tells us that one day we'll have to account for what we're doing with them because they're only on loan. It's called stewardship.

HYMNS THIS WEEK

Entrance: 397
Offertory: 224
Communion: 430
Recessional: 555



Readers can find the bidding prayers in “The Prayers of the Faithful” book. Any queries please see Fr Silviu.

St Patrick’s are having a **Summer Fair** next Saturday 17 August. There will be lots of stalls, raffles, a tombola and refreshments. Please do come along and give your support.



Pastoral Associate Update: With GCSE and A level results at the forefront of many of our young people’s minds this week, the anxiety of wanting to go through a particular door, if grades allow, can be overwhelming. My sons regularly hear my mantra of firmly believing if the door they are standing in front of is not opening for them, then it’s not theirs to go through. I encourage them to trust in God’s care for them and to try another until they find the door which is uniquely theirs to open – and we all try many doors in our lifetime. May the promise of new beginnings inspire as this week as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption on Thursday. A short prayer (anon): “*Oh God of second chances and new beginnings, here I am again.*” God Bless, Helen

FORTHCOMING EVENTS : Saturday 7 September *Training for New Eucharistic Ministers*, St Clare’s Hall, Arundel Avenue 9:15am (for 9:30 start) – 4:30pm: bring lunch – book via parish!

Saturday 15 and 22 September *Reflection for current Eucharistic Ministers*, Carmel Monastery, Maryton 2:15pm (for 2:30) – 4:15pm (ending with Evening Prayer) led by Fr Peter Fleetwood. Register h.jones@rcaolp.co.uk 07449 633977)- sessions are identical.

Wednesday 25 September Liverpool Romero Lecture *Prophetic Trajectories of Hope from San Salvador to Liverpool*, David McLoughlin of Newman University at 001 Theatre, Cornerstone, Hope University, Everton Campus L3 8DR. Bookings: d.reynolds@sfxchurchliverpool.com or 0151 298 1911

Monday 7 October Synod Talks *The Quiet Revolution of Pope Francis: A Synodal Catholic Church*, Fr Gerry O’Hanlon SJ, at Liverpool Hope University, Hope Chapel monthly 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Next Thursday: **Holy Day of Obligation**

Solemnity of the Assumption

Our faith proclaims that because Mary gave flesh to God’s Son, the author of all life, she was assumed body and soul to share Jesus’ victory over death. She is thus the beginning and image of what the whole Church will one day be: a sign of sure hope to us, God’s pilgrim people, still on our journey toward the kingdom of heaven.



MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

Feast of the Assumption on Thursday

Sunday 11th August

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Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Zonia Morgan	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Nancy Bourke	OLMC

Monday 12th August

9am	Steve McNeils	OLMC
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Tuesday 13th August

7pm	Tommy Moore	OLMC
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Wednesday 14th August

10am	Dusty McLeod	St Patrick
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Thursday 15th August

Solemnity of The Assumption (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

10am	Carol Kenny	St Patrick
7pm	Margaret & Geoff Davies	OLMC

Friday 16th August

10am	Stephen Flannery	OLMC
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Sunday 18th August

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Carol Woodruff	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Patricia Foley	OLMC

Evening Service 6.30pm Thursday

Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	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 7th was no
 Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Details next week—Many thanks for your generous support.

STOP PRESS: We are delighted that Tony McKean, our gardener/handyman at St Patrick’s, is recovering exceptionally well and we continue to pray for his full recovery, together with all those known to us who are in need of our prayers at this time.



The lately dead: Francis George Brown and Pauline Grice.

The sick Anne McCourt, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Freya Matheson, Bernard Duffy, Wally Williams, Marie Simpson, Tony Robinson and Tommy Fletcher, Erin Caulfield.

If you would like a loved one to be added to the sick list please ring the parish office. 0151 727 1463.