



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
Newsletter

What man
can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine
the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals
are unsure and
our intentions unstable.

(Wisdom 9: 13-14)

Where do we look to find a guide in our decisions of life? Do we buy self-help books, read the columns of the agony aunts and take on board the latest theories of personal relationships? Or do we look to the pattern of living provided by God's word and faithfully lived out by so many Christians in the Church over the ages?

Today's first reading is from the book of Wisdom. In contrast with the, often fierce, writings of the prophets, the Wisdom books is a wonderful collection of thoughts on the great questions of life and death and on the nature of God.

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: IS THERE A CHRISTIAN IN THE HOUSE?

You may be in the church building, but are you in Christ? Your name is on the parish records, but is it in the book of life? You may be in the Church, but is Christ in you? Being in a classroom does not make you a teacher. Being in a surgery doesn't make you a doctor. And being in a church building doesn't make you a disciple!

Jesus preaches in such a way that we either get on board or abandon ship. Either we will follow Christ or forsake him. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem. He is making his way to the cross. He is on his way to betrayal, flogging, mocking, scourging, and beating. His own people have rejected him. He is on his way to Jerusalem to die for the very people who will murder him. They have called him Beelzebul. They have accused him of breaking the law. They have numbered him with the publicans and sinners. Jesus knows his disciples will suffer the same fate and only a true disciple can endure such persecution.

Before you decide to buy that new home cinema system you have to sit down and work out whether you have enough money to pay for it, whether in cash or instalments. And it's the same thing when it comes to being a disciple of Christ. There is a cost involved.

Jesus never tried to get big crowds. In fact, he said things that would put off the faint-hearted. To follow him, he said, you must love your family but never let them get in the way of your responding fully to God's call.

Those who appreciate the wisdom of God's plan are prepared to give up wealth, reputation, security and even their own lives if it is demanded. This does not come cheap.

It's easy to say that we would do all this for God, but how well are we faring in the ordinary things of life, the little demands that are put upon us? This is a good guide to how much we are being true to our calling as disciples.

Being a Christian means accepting all our family and social responsibilities but giving Christ top priority. There can be no part-time Christians.



HYMNS THIS WEEK

Entrance: 79
 Offertory: 28
 Communion: 338
 Recessional: 610



Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together over 2,000 organisations, 5,000 events and 40,000 volunteers. Every year in September, places across the country throw open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. This year St Patrick's Church is taking part and will be open on Saturday 21st September between 2pm and 5pm. Why not come along and find out about the history of our church. All welcome.

Pastoral Associate Update: Our Liverpool South Pastoral Area Ministry Team Website is liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk It is a work in progress still, so do bear with us as we all get used to having a central point of contact and update our events. We look forward to your visits!

Micah Liverpool operates two pantries a week where we provide 3 days of Emergency Food Aid for each guest. We have been able to support approximately 6,500 guests in the last 6 months, including over 1,400 children. We have provided an average of 220 food parcels each week and are currently on track to provide over 10,000 food parcels in 2018.

The Parish Church of St Vincent de Paul

Pantry Session Tuesdays 12.30 – 2.30

St Brides Church

Pantry Session Thursdays 12.30 – 2.30

If you would like to support the food banks please see the poster at the back of church which gives an idea of items you can donate. All donations can be left at the back of church.

Pastoral Team: Pope Francis asks each one of us to go to the margins, to bring the good news that we so faithfully live within our community here at OLMC and St Patrick's, to others. In doing this we maintain that rich heritage that has shaped our parishes. To that end we ask you to participate in sharing a higher faith with others and Fr Silviu invites any parishioners wishing to join this great mission of the Church in helping him to go out to visit those who live near our churches and invite them to return to Mass and experience the joy of Christ. To be part of this reenergising and reinvigoration of our Parish community here in the heart of Liverpool you can attend a meeting on Wednesday 9th October at OLMC. Please let Anne in the Parish Office know if you are intending to join us.

OLMC Parish Centre

Bingo every Thursday evening at 8pm.

For more information or to book our parish centre for your event ring 0151 727 1695.

OLMC & St Patrick Tea/Coffee every Sunday after mass.

All Welcome.

Please Pray For...

The lately dead. Louis Dorries and Kathleen Smith.

The sick: John Cairns, Tony McKean, Anne McCourt, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Freya Matheson, Bernard Duffy, Wally Williams, Marie Simpson, Tony Robinson and Tommy Fletcher, Erin Caulfield, Susie Bell, Carol Flannery.

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

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Requiem on Wednesday
- Funeral Service on Thursday

Sunday 8th September

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 Sat 5pm The Larkin Family OLMC
 Sun 9.45am Parishioners St Patrick
 Sun 11.15am Annie Bourke OLMC

Monday 9th September
 9am No Mass OLMC

Tuesday 10th September
 7pm No Mass OLMC

Wednesday 11th September
 12noon Requiem: Kathleen Smith OLMC

Thursday 12th September
 12noon Funeral Service: Louis Patrick Dorries OLMC

Friday 13th September
 10am No Mass OLMC

Sunday 15th September

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sat 5pm Parishioners OLMC
 Sun 9.45am Maureen Allan St Patrick
 Sun 11.15am Leonard Marnell OLMC

Evening Service 6.30pm Thursday
 Short Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 4th September was no 39
 Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Loose £216.55
 St Patrick
 Loose £136.33
 Envelopes £100

This Sunday is Education Sunday
 A retiring collection will be taken for the Catholic Education Service.

Next week's retiring collection Home Missions appeal.