

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

H^{ow} long, Lord, am I to cry
for help
while you will
not listen;
to cry "Oppression"
in your ear and you will not save?
(Habakkuk 1: 2)

Sometimes it can seem as if God has taken his eyes off the game and fouls are being committed with impunity. Yet the Lord promises to be faithful to those who patiently wait for him to act, and tells us today that if justice appears to be slow in coming, come it will.

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: DOES PRAYER REALLY WORK?

We can sense the frustration in today's first reading of someone who seems to be calling on God in distress and yet nothing appears to be happening. Is prayer nothing more than mouthing words that can have no real effect on our situation? Is God simply playing with us?

A good question to ask is "What do I think I am doing when I pray?" Often we are letting God know what we feel and asking him to change things to the way we want them to be. At worst we end up thinking that we are informing God, and at best we find ourselves pouring our heart out.

Pouring our heart out is no bad thing. In fact, it's what Jesus asks us to do in prayer. We don't actually have to use any words to do this: we can simply and silently place ourselves consciously in God's presence. And when we do this, we may find ourselves listening to God rather than talking. God is able to penetrate our busy thick skins and communicate his word to us.

When we are aware that God wants to get through to us, we are on the first step to letting him change us. For prayer is not about changing God but about conforming ourselves to the will of God. This does not mean that we stop praying for people in need, for things to be otherwise, but it does mean that we start to ask God to mould us, to allow ourselves to be used as part of his plans. God will often turn our ideas upside down in prayer, especially by pointing out that we don't understand the whole picture.

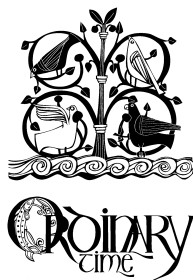
If we seem to pray and pray and nothing happens, then either we are doing something wrong or God couldn't care less. It's more likely to be the former. Prayer does work when we put our own interests second and ask God to change us.

HYMNS

Entrance: 404
 Offertory: 28
 Communion: 338
 Recessional: 582

Bidding Prayers

Readers please note we are now using the new Prayers of the Faithful books in both churches.



Pastoral Team: Unfortunately the meeting that was scheduled for 9th October at 7pm has had to be cancelled. We will reschedule soon. Watch this space!

Synod Sunday 12th to 13th October

This weekend we begin the next stage of our Synod journey as Synod Sunday is celebrated around the archdiocese. Prayer cards will be available from the back of church, please take one, and there will also be a Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Malcolm.

St Vincent De Paul Church

From next Monday onwards, St Vincent's Church will be closed for the weekend masses while the church is being painted. The foodbank which is usually held there on Tuesdays will be relocated to St Patrick's for this period until roughly the 6th of December. The weekend masses will be in the hall of St Vincent's primary school at the usual time: 6 pm on Saturdays and 10.30am on the second Sunday of the month, the weekday masses will be in the house, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30 am, Wednesday and Friday at 9 am..

St Patrick's Raffle raised £130. Thank you.

OLMC PARISH CENTRE

Happy Memories Entertainment Afternoon 21st October 2019 12-4pm
 Live Acts, Bingo, Food, Raffle.....all for £5!

Bingo...Eyes Down every Thursday.

First Synod Talk: THE QUIET REVOLUTION OF POPE FRANCIS-A SYNODAL CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Hope Chapel Mon 7th Oct 7.30pm. Tea and Coffee from 7pm.

All are welcome to come and find out more about Pope's Francis' focus on a renewed Church with a missionary focus and how this can translated on the ground in parishes and dioceses. Former Irish Provincial Gerry O'Hanlon SJ is a theologian and author, he looks at the Pope's vision for new roles for all the baptised in our world today. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers and optional Night Prayer at 9pm. Hope University L16 9JD.

www.synod2020.co.uk/lectures

FORTHCOMING EVENTS -

www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk

12 – 13 October *Come and See Conference* Christ the King High School, Southport, PR8 4EX. Information: www.iraneaus.co.uk 0151 949 1199

Wednesday 16 October *Ministry of Consolation (Bereavement Training especially for parish groups) at LACE* 10 am – 4:30pm Cost £10. Register with m.obrien@rcaol.co.uk or 0151 522 1044

Saturday 2 November* *New Readers - Formation* 9:15 am (for 9:30pm)-4pm. Led by Dr Marian Tolley. St Clare's Parish Hall, Arundel Avenue, L17 2AU

Please Pray For....

The lately dead Thomas Fletcher and Josephine Bolger.

The sick: Mary O'Toole, Michelle Baxendale, Chris Bates, Tony McKean, Anne McCourt, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Freya Matheson, Bernard Duffy, Wally Williams, Marie Simpson, Tony Robinson, 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

- **Please note mass on Wednesday will be at 9am.**
- **Requiem on Monday**
- **Funeral Service on Thursday**

Sunday 6th October

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 Sat 5pm Baby Molly O'Toole OLMC
 Sun 9.45am Parishioners St Patrick
 Sun 11.15am Pat Coakley OLMC

Monday 7th October
 12noon **Requiem:** Josephine Bolger OLMC

Tuesday 8th October
 7pm Private Intention OLMC

Wednesday 9th October
9am Julie Garnell St Patrick

Thursday 10th October
 10am No Mass St Patrick
 12.15pm **Funeral Service:** Thomas Fletcher St Patrick

Friday 11th October
 10am No Mass OLMC

Sunday 13th October

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 Sat 5pm Christy McLean OLMC
 Sun 9.45am Mary Carroll St Patrick
 Sun 11.15am Parishioners OLMC

Evening Service 6.30pm 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 2nd October was no 49
 Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Loose £221.19
St Patrick
 Loose £1 50.45
 Envelopes £137.08