



# 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Synod Sunday

**N**ow I know  
that there is no God  
in all the earth except in Israel.  
Now, please,  
accept a present  
from your servant.  
(II Kings 5: 15)

Elisha cures Naaman in the river Jordan; he is a leper and he gives thanks to God. Jesus cures ten lepers in the Gospel but only one of them returns to Jesus to say thank you.



We're very good at praying when we need things or are in trouble. There is nothing wrong with this; it's what God asks us to do. Yet perhaps a greater measure of our faithfulness to God is the frequency with which we thank God when life is good.



Our prayer should start with thanksgiving and praise before it springs to requests.

Our central prayer is the Mass, or Eucharist. The word, taken from Greek, means Thank You.

### 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: GRATITUDE

Rudyard Kipling was known to be a successful writer. A cynical US reporter found him one day and, in an attempt to embarrass him, said, 'Mr Kipling, it has been suggested that you make as much as \$100 for every word you write'. The reporter then pulled out a \$100 not, handed it to Kipling and said, 'Could you give me a \$100 word?' Kipling folded the note, put it in his pocket and said, 'Thanks'.

Thanks, of course, is a \$100 word. But it's worth much more than that. It's one of the two magic words that we teach children to say, along with 'please'. And just as a parent is disappointed when the child fails to show basic manners, so Jesus too, appears a bit disappointed when only one leper returns to say thank you for being cured.

When a person doesn't bother to say thank you it's usually because they do not see the need. Whatever it is that has been done for them they consider it either to be their right or something of slight importance. Of course, that is usually because they have become desensitised to what's going on around them; they have become jaded and prone to ingratitude.

Since you got up this morning, how many times have you uttered the phrase 'thank you'? And how many times have you thanked God so far? What do you have to be thankful for and is it worth thanking God? Surely God knows?

The actual act of acknowledging our gratitude makes us more grateful because it makes us more aware of the reasons we have to be grateful and it allows us to enjoy the benefits of our privileged positions. Yet we often fail to thank God for our health until we are in danger of losing it. We scarcely think about the amount and the choice of food that is at our fingertips until we run out. And we often are unappreciative of people who make our lives fuller.

Eucharist mean thanksgiving. It is the act by which the Church gathers to hear God's word, to thank God for all the blessing of our life in Christ and it is the privileged moment when we call upon the Holy Spirit to make us a grateful people worthy to share the body and blood of Christ.

But it would be a pity if we waited until we were inside a church before thanking those whose debt we are in. And that includes God.

**HYMNS**

Entrance: 36  
 Offertory: 28  
 Communion: 58  
 Recessional: 404

**Bidding Prayers**

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



**Synod Sunday:** We are delighted to be starting the next stage of our Synod journey together in earnest this weekend, along with all the parishes across the Archdiocese. Archbishop Malcom’s Pastoral Letter will be read at Mass, our prayers of gratitude will taken up during the offertory and there are Synod prayer cards and leaflets for everyone. Over the next months, the parish will be invited to discern proposals on the Synod themes which are: **All called and gifted by God; Sharing the mission of Jesus; How we pray together; Building Community, nurturing, belonging.** As we pray for the Synod, please do take time to reflect on the themes and consider attending a parish meeting so we can “become the Church that God is calling us to be” here in our Parish, our Pastoral Area and our Diocese. Along with the canonisation of Bl John Henry Newman by Pope Francis in Rome, it is indeed a very special weekend!  
*Catherine Barrett, Parish Synod Member*

**OLMC PARISH CENTRE**

*Happy Memories Entertainment Afternoon* 21st October 2019 12-4pm  
 Live Acts, Bingo, Food, Raffle.....all for £5! Tickets available from the Parish Centre.

*Bingo...Eyes Down every Thursday.*

If you would like to book the Parish Centre for a party or event please ring Ann Marie 0151727 1695.

**Pastoral Associate Update:** Having had some time off sick (I am certainly not a patient patient!) I am very mindful of the resilience that our sick and housebound show in managing their changed situations - with courage, hope and strength. Their prayers and witness, the heartbeat of our communities, inspire us, and we in turn, thank them for what they are to our parishes, as we continue to hold them in our prayers. Although we will be busy focusing on the Synod themes in the months ahead do check the events below especially those for Readers on Nov 2 and 17 at St Clare’s. As Readers, you are vital in sustaining our faith through the proclamation of God’s Word and this opportunity to learn more about this ministry can enhance our parish liturgy immensely – do consider attending for the sake of your parish! In honour of the newly canonised Saint John Henry Newman: *“To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often”* God Bless, Helen.

**Saturday 19 October RCIA: Beginning the Journey** at St Anthony of Padua Hall, (off Queen’s Drive), Mossley Hill, Liverpool, L18 8AY, 9:30am – 12:30pm. An opportunity for RCIA teams to share ideas. Register with [formation@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:formation@rcaolp.co.uk) or 0151 522 1040. (This is a two-part event covering the four stages of RCIA-attending both is recommended but not required.)

**Saturday 2 November\* New Readers - Formation** at St Clare’s Parish Hall, on Rutland Avenue, L17 2AU 9:15 am (for 9:30pm)-4pm. Led by Dr Marian Tolley. Bring lunch! Comprehensive introduction to Proclaiming the Word with practical elements.

**Please Pray For....**

**The lately dead Joseph Smith, Joanne Roberts.**

**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

- No Mass on Monday Tuesday & Wednesday.
- Funeral Service Wednesday & Friday.

Sunday 13th October

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

Monday 14th October

10am	No Mass	OLMC
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Tuesday 15th October

7pm	No Mass	OLMC
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Wednesday 16th October

12 noon	<b>Funeral Service:</b> Joseph Smith	OLMC
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Thursday 17th October

10am	Tommy Moore	St Patrick
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Friday 18th October

10am	Special Intention (JSH)	OLMC
2pm	<b>Funeral Service:</b> Joanne Roberts	OLMC

Sunday 20th October

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sat 5pm	Joe O’Toole	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Carol Woodruff	OLMC

**Evening Service** 6.30pm Thursday

October Rosary Service

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4-4.30pm	OLMC
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**Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick**

The bonus ball for Wednesday 9th October was no 12  
 Winners won £30 each

**Collections**

*Many Thanks*

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

Loose £242.43

**St Patrick**

Loose £124.87

Envelopes £125.45