



# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A**s long as Moses  
kept his arms raised,  
Israel had the advantage.  
When he let his arms fall,  
the advantage went to Amalek,  
*Exodus 17: 11*

## Continual Prayer

In July (17th Sunday in OT) the Gospel of the Sunday was 'Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened,' followed by the story of the man knocking at his neighbour's house in the middle of the night asking for bread. Persistence ensured that the neighbour carried out the request.

Today's Gospel gives us the parable of the unjust judge and the widow. Jesus explains the point of the parable before he relates it:

**the need to pray continually  
and never lose heart.**

Jesus points to the relationship between faith and prayer. We can't claim to have faith if we don't pray. And when we seem to pray and nothing happens, it is then that the need to persevere in prayer is even greater. For prayer feeds faith.



## 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: A GOD'S EYE VIEW

The story of the widow pestering the judge for justice in today's gospel cannot fail to amuse. The poor woman (widows were on the bottom rung of society because of their economic status) must have worn the (important) judge down over time. Judges did not work in buildings; they set up their court in a tent that travelled around their region, rather like our Assizes. So every time he turned up at a new place and pitched his tent, there she was! Eventually he decided to do something just for a quiet life. And it's her persistence in prayer that Jesus praises.

Being persistent in prayer is probably one of the greatest challenges facing us as Christians. It's easy not to pray. We can claim we're busy doing good and don't have the time. We can say that we never seem to get an answer and so what's the point? We can look back on things we asked for that never materialised and so wonder whether God is really bothered by our prayer at all.

Prayer isn't words. Prayer is being constantly tuned into God so that we see and interpret our experiences from God's point of view. If we can learn to appreciate God's vantage point then we become less absorbed with our own demands for God to act in this way or that.

There is a difference between being persistent and being a pesterer. Being persistent in our prayer is a sign that we are being faithful to staying close to God. Barraging God with what we think should happen is a sign that we have probably not yet come close to wanting God's will to reign.

Prayer is a sign that we want to become closer to God and to what God wants for his kingdom on earth. Perhaps it is not too much to say that that by praying we are expressing our desire to become like God. Yes, it is natural to tell God of our plans, our hopes and our fears. It's natural to place others in God's "mind" and ask for their wellbeing.

But prayer is first and foremost about our relationship with God, our closeness, our gradual coming to know God's will and his plan for salvation.

And while it is natural for us to see things in terms of the present, God's perspective is that of eternity.

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**HYMNS**

Entrance: 329  
 Offertory: 67  
 Communion: 498  
 Recessional: 473

**Bidding Prayers**

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



**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.

**November Pious Lists**

Each year during November we pray for our deceased family and friends daily during mass. This year we are having an eight day Octave where their names will be read out each day, beginning November 1st till 8th. Please **print names clearly** on a piece of paper and put in the envelope provided along with any donations you would like to make.

The envelopes can be put in the box provided in church or handed into the Presbytery at Mount Carmel.

**Pastoral Associate Update:** The strength that comes from collaborative work is quite phenomenal – the breaking of the recent marathon records pay tribute to the dedication of *teams* behind each runner. Within our communities, as we work together in supporting each other whether it's participation in the liturgy, speaking out for justice, or engaging with Synod – we go further and deeper than we can ever do so in isolation. Opportunities available for shaping our church through Synod 2020 is our chance to participate which **will** bear fruit. You can see examples of our 'belonging' if you visit the *Events News* on our website as we individually and collectively experience unity as one Catholic community. Any Readers – a reminder for formation/enrichment in November - let me know if you can join us. One of my favourite quotes from Paulo Coehlo *"When you want something; all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it."* God Bless, Helen.

**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! Introduction to Proclaiming the Word with practice.

**World Mission Sunday**

This Sunday 23rd October.

A retiring collection will be taken for the APF now called Mission (the Red Box Missionary charity).

This Sunday gives us the opportunity to support the missionary work of the Church through prayer and offerings. The collection taken goes directly towards helping people in areas of poverty across the world.

There are copies of Mission Today magazine and prayer cards available at the back of church. Please feel free to take one.



**Please Pray For....**

**The lately dead** Philip Melia, Bernard Maguire, Michael Doona and Daniel Rowan.

**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

Funeral Service on Monday.  
 Requiems on Wednesday & Friday

Sunday 20th October

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

Monday 21st October

2.30pm **Funeral Service:** Philip Melia OLMC

Tuesday 22nd October

7pm Jimmy Cowdall OLMC

Wednesday 23rd October

1pm **Requiem:** Bernard Maguire St Patrick

Thursday 24th October

10am Rebecca Hammond St Patrick

Friday 25th October

12noon **Requiem:** Michael Doona OLMC

Sunday 27th October

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Sat 5pm	Kathleen Hogan	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Parishioners	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Leonard Edward Marnell	OLMC

**Evening Service** 7pm Thursday  
 October Rosary Service

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4-4.30pm OLMC

**Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick**

The bonus ball for Wednesday 19th October was no 57  
 Winners won £30 each

**Collections**

*Many Thanks*

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
 Loose £179.29

**St Patrick**  
 Loose £204.51  
 Envelopes £143.22