

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

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First Sunday of

1st December 2019

ADVENT

Nations will hammer their swords
into ploughshares,
their spears into sickles.
They will not lift sword
against nation;
there will be no more training
for war.

Isaiah 2:4

Isaiah dreams of a universal peace, an end to war and justice among all peoples. This is a vivid picture of the new age of the Messiah. This is the kind of world everyone longs for and for which the Christian waits for in joyful hope.

Stay Awake

In the Gospel Jesus asks us, at the start of this new Advent, to stay awake so that we may be ready for the coming of our God. This is not simply an attitude of mind but a call to real conversion of heart and renewal of life.

Christ will certainly come to us in one form or another this Advent. Will he find us ready?



Light

Isaiah also urges us to 'walk in the light of the Lord', a theme echoed in St Paul who tells us to turn away from the darkness of evil and to 'appear in the light. Our Advent wreath is such an appropriate symbol at this time of year.



'Gospel At Home' During Advent

Our first reflection of the Sunday Gospels will begin this Wednesday 4th December in the home of Sisters Joanna and Penny, 5-6pm. Refreshments will be served from 4.30pm. Anyone interested in joining us please speak to Fr Silviu, Sr Joanna or ring Anne in the parish office.

MASSES AND SERVICES

Note:

Sunday 1st December

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Parishioners
Sun 9:45am	SP	Rebecca Hammond
Sun 11:15am	OLMC	Yvonne Michelle Grant

Monday 2nd December

10am	SP	Jacky Waterson
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Tuesday 3rd December

10am	SP	Tommy McCormack
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Wednesday 4th December

10am	SP	Agnes Feeley
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Thursday 5th December

10am	SP	George Lees
7pm	OLMC	Exposition

Friday 6th December

10am	SP	Kathy Kelly
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Sunday 8th December—Second Sunday of Advent

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Michael Barry
Sun 9:45am	SP	Brian & May Robinson
Sun 11:15am	OLMC	Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 4-4.30pm	OLMC	
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Collections

Many thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Loose	£209.51
St Patrick	Loose	£124.65
	Envelopes	£99.38

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST

Please find a substitute if you are not able to fulfil your ministry. For rotas please contact Margaret Putt (OLMC) or Mary Pugh (SP)

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

HYMNS

Entrance: 384 Offertory: 243

Communion: 397 Recessional: 224



Prayers requested for

Veronica Boyd, Betty Kent, 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.

Morning Prayer: Morning prayers will be said 15 minutes before the weekday masses begin during advent.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve • Vigil Mass at St Patrick's at 6pm • Midnight at OLMC at midnight.

Christmas Day • 9.45am St Patrick • 11.15am OLMC

OLMC Ministers of the Word and Eucharist Christmas Rota: Could all our ministers please add their names and which mass they will be at over Christmas to the list at the back of church. Thank you.

First Holy Communion: If there are any children in Year 4 who do not attend one of our Catholic Parish Schools and would like to receive their First Holy Communion and First Forgiveness this school year, please contact Anne in the Parish Office.

Synod News: We have finished theme one, 'All Called and Gifted by God', and have now moved to theme two, 'Sharing the mission of Jesus'. On Wednesday 27th November at the meeting in St Patrick's, some interesting suggestions were made for the proposals for 'Sharing the mission of Jesus'. Our next meeting is to be held at OLMC on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm in the presbytery. Leaflets will be given to help us to prepare proposals to 'Share the mission of Jesus'. We continue on our journey.

Catherine Barrett

Reflection Afternoon for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: Sunday 15 December from 2 – 4pm at St Patrick's. All Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are invited to attend this enrichment session to reflect on their ministry especially in this season of Advent and Christmastide.

Pastoral Associate Update: I encourage any of our Year 8s who have not yet been confirmed to consider registering for confirmation with their Catholic School (preparation will start next term) and for those not attending Catholic schools, online via 'Animate Youth Ministries'. Staying awake during these dark, damp evenings, getting ready for Christmas and fitting in multiple carol services can often be a challenge – and having had both my sons succumb to the prevalent "virus" each a week apart (thanks lads!) I'm looking forward to a time of rest! But being mentally awake and taking time to create a few moments of stillness and peace in prayer, allows us to prepare for our encounter with Jesus in our own messy, chaotic lives. As we light the first Advent candle here is a quote from Robert Alden: "There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of even one small candle." God Bless, Helen. I will be at St Clare and St Hugh's this weekend.

St Patrick's Christmas Tombola after mass today. Please come along all welcome.

Newsletter: As we begin a new liturgical year we introduce a (hopefully) easier to read newsletter for our parish. In the near future Readers and Eucharistic Ministers rota for the current week and the next week will also be included. We hope that this will jog some memories and enable readers to prepare their texts in good time. Thanks for your support.

OLMC Cleaners: Thanks to everyone who has come forward to volunteer to help with the cleaning of our church. A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 11th December at 6pm in OLMC presbytery. If you would still like to volunteer please ring Anne in the office or see Betty Christian.

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick: The bonus ball for Wednesday 27th November was no 50 Winners won £30 each