



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

10th November



This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, the day we put aside to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. On this day people across the nation pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women.

If you are in church preparing for the 11.15am Mass this Sunday, please remember the two minute silence at 11am.

We shall be raised up by him;
whereas for you
there can be no resurrection.
II Maccabees 7:14

Resurrection sustains our faith. Its promise is that there is a meaning and purpose to all we undergo on earth. If Christ did not rise from the dead then our faith is in vain. Because he did rise, our future is eternal.

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: DEAD OR ALIVE?

Jesus had less than a week to live when the events of today's gospel took place. So it's perhaps not surprising for him to be talking about life after death and teaching against the Sadducees that there is a resurrection that all created flesh will share in.

Because the Sadducees didn't believe in a resurrection they tried to trick Jesus into giving a stupid answer to their farcical case of a woman who was the surviving widow of her husband and six brothers-in-law. Whose wife would she be in heaven?

Yet this is the sort of question that many people ask even today. Will my dog be with me in heaven? Will I recognise people I've known here on earth? What will happen if I come face to face with someone who's been my sworn enemy? What about my best friend who doesn't believe in God? And what if I don't like it?!

Perhaps the first thing that we must say about heaven is that it's the fulfilment of all our desires and yearnings for God. Jesus enticed his listeners by saying that no eye had seen nor ear heard what God has in store for us. It goes far beyond what we could ever imagine or hope for. We see God face to face and as we gaze on his glory we are moved to the profoundest level of love, a love which leaves no room for any kind of emptiness or regret.

The second thing that we need to remember is that God is eternal, just like the life he offers us.

We necessarily live in time but God's eternal nature means that he experiences infinity at every moment; in fact "moment" is too restricting for a God who exists free from the boundaries of time.

After our resurrection we share in that "instantaneousness" of God. We are caught up in the immediacy of God. There is no yesterday or tomorrow about heaven. It's an eternal "now".

When we view heaven in this way we realise that many of our questions and difficulties about it are simply man-made and woman-inspired. We naturally have a tendency to tie things down to our own experience of reality. Yet today Jesus tells us that the afterlife is radically different from some of the ways we conceive of it. That's why he says that the Lord is God not of the dead but of the living: for to God all people are in fact alive.

HYMNS

Entrance: 4
 Offertory: 518
 Communion: 498
 Recessional: 397

Bidding Prayers

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



MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Requiem on Thursday
- No Weekday Masses
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Sat 5pm	Pious List	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Karl Lee	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Monday 11th November		
9am	No Mass	St Patrick

Tuesday 12th November		
10am	No Mass	St Patrick

Wednesday 13th November		
10am	No Mass	St Patrick

Thursday 14th November		
12.30am	Requiem: Michael Foley	St Patrick

Friday 15th November		
10am	No Mass	St Patrick

Sunday 17th November

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Sat 5pm	Pious List	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Dwyer & McDonough Families	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Weekend Masses: We thank Fr Michael (or rather Cardinal Fitzgerald...) for celebrating Mass with us this weekend. As ever, we'll make him very welcome in our communities.

Synod 2020: Many thanks to all those who are participating in our meetings to put forward proposals from our parish on the theme of *Called & Gifted by God*. More opportunities are on Monday 11 November at 6:30pm (OLMC – in presbytery) or Saturday 16 November at 10:30 am (St Patrick's). If you can't attend, do look at the prayer stations in both churches and you can post your proposal in the Synod boxes until November 17. You may also contribute online www.synod2020.co.uk. Together let's help shape the Church that God is calling us to be.

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 by **17 November**.

Remembrance Mass: Thank you to all those who attended our Mass on 2nd November to pray with our Parish Community for those who are no longer with us. The numbers who attended show how much our loved ones are still in our minds and our hearts and we continue to pray for all those on our November Pious Lists.

Decorations: The painting in OLMC is well underway – the new blue colour on the inside of the roof looks stunning. We hope it will remain on schedule to be completed mid-December.

St Patrick's Christmas Tombola Sunday 1st December: If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates etc, all donations gratefully accepted.



OLMC Coffee/Cakes: The total raised so far is £1568

OLMC Parish Centre: Happy Memories Monday 18th November from 12noon. These afternoons are proving to be very popular so if you would like to join us please call in to the parish centre or ring on 0151 727 1695 to get your ticket. The tickets cost £5 which includes food, bingo and raffle tickets and live entertainment....how's that for a bargain!

Slimming World every Saturday morning 8am & 10am for more information call Kerry Marie on 07541040145. Family friendly.

Eyes Down for Bingo every Thursday night at 8pm. All welcome. If you would like to book our Parish Centre for a function please ring Ann-Marie 0151 727 1695.

Please Pray For....

The lately dead Michael Foley Snr

The sick: 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.

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.

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 6th November was no 5
 Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Loose £216.72

St Patrick
 Loose £149.29

Total Env £142.80

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today we welcome to God's family and our parish community Iris Rose Bond and Ilani Kaya Wong who will be baptised in St Patrick's church. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

