

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

But for you who fear my name,
the sun of righteousness
will shine out
with healing in its rays.

Malachi 3:20

As the Church's year draws close to its end, the focus of our scriptures turns toward the end-times. With the bare trees and the onset of winter temperatures, it seems a natural inclination to ponder the natural cycle of all things.

The first reading speak of the coming of the sun of justice with its healing rays and the Gospel uses very apocalyptic language foretelling fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

We are reminded that the fruits of faith cannot be stored in the bank and drawn out in instalments. Faith is something that has to be lived day in and day out. The promises which it makes to Christians are for those who endure.



As we move through our celebration today, let us pray for the strength to face whatever comes in our future, so that we may be ready for the coming of the Lord.

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

FAITH IN FOCUS: DAILY SIGNS

We don't need to look to the future to find signs of the end of our world. It's happening every day before our very eyes.

When Jerusalem was destroyed, the Jews' world was destroyed along with it. We have the same sort of experiences in our lives. We experience the end of many things and the loss of many people in a lifetime. The physical world as we know it can be destroyed by flood, hurricane, fire or earthquake. The whole earth does not need to be destroyed, just our little part of it, for us to know what Jesus is talking about.

Our social world can be destroyed by final arguments ending in divorce, being disowned by family, shunned or treated as an outcast. Our political world can be destroyed by war. Our economic world can collapse due to depression, recession, or unemployment, not to mention famine, hunger, disease and epidemics. We live in many worlds or spheres of meaning, and any of them can collapse at any moment.

What Jesus is giving in today's gospel is not a script for what will happen in some future era. It is a symbolic account of how all created things will come to a climax under the judgement of God. We've already seen stars falling from the sky, persecutions, famines, revolutions etc. They happen each day. The important thing is how each generation views these normal things and how we learn from them.

It is possible to become so wrapped up in transient things (like the people admiring the beauty of the Temple) that we forget the purpose of our existence and we lose sight of the daily signs. We are here to serve God by serving each other. This is what we will be judged on. Will we stop living, loving, caring and giving when the end of our own little world comes upon us? Will we see the wars, famines, earthquakes etc as a wake-up call for Christian action or just something to watch on our TV screens and then talk about the next day?

Disasters, whether personal or global, are opportunities for growth. They summon us to ask the deeper questions about why we are here and how God intends us to respond. We can join the doom-mongers and the armchair commentators, or we can show that our faith has endurance and can bring good out of evil.

HYMNS

Entrance: 404
 Offertory: 243
 Communion: 15
 Recessional: 224

Bidding Prayers

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



OLMC CLEANERS: We are hoping to put together a cleaning team to start when the painting has finished in church. It would be a shame after waiting all these years for our lovely church to be restored to not maintain it!

If you have a spare hour or two during the week and would like to be part of the team, please speak to Betty Christian or call Anne Hutchinson in the parish office on 0151 727 1463. Once we have everyone's details we will arrange a meeting.

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**.

St Patrick's Christmas Tombola Sunday 1st December:

If you have any unwanted gifts, bottles, chocolates etc, all donations gratefully accepted.



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.

Pastoral Associate Update: This is the last call for the Readers' Enrichment this Sunday afternoon in St Clare's Parish Hall! If you can join us you would be very welcome: please call or text: 07449 633977 me if you are planning to come and haven't registered yet. Many are taking part in discerning Synod Proposals and we begin our second theme "Sharing the Mission of Jesus." The Synod Talk by Dr Ros Stuart-Buttle on Monday highlighted the role of those in later life within the Church and the gifts they bring to continue the chain of memory of our Faith. The text of her talk will be on the Synod Website shortly and I do recommend it as a source of inspiration for all of us, especially those in 'later years'! A quote from Sirach 2: 1,6 "If you aspire to serve the Lord, prepare yourself for an ordeal. Trust God and he will uphold you." I'll be at Our Lady Mount Carmel and St Patrick's this weekend. God Bless, Helen.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk
Sunday 17 November Readers - Enrichment at St Clare's Parish Hall, on Rutland Avenue, L17 2AU, 2- 5pm. Led by Dr Marian Tolley. Reflection and practical considerations for the Ministry of the Word.

Please Pray For....

The lately dead Raymond Mooney and John Pettitt.

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.

MASSES AND SERVICES

In Church this week

- Funeral Service on Monday
- Requiem on Wednesday

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

Monday 18th November		
1pm	Funeral Service: Raymond Mooney	St Patrick

Tuesday 19th November		
10am	Pious List	St Patrick

Wednesday 20th November		
12.30pm	Requiem John Pettitt	St Patrick

Thursday 21st November		
10am	Pious List	St Patrick

Friday 22nd November		
10am	Pious List	St Patrick

Sunday 24th November

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Sat 5pm	Thomas & Mark Willmitt	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Pious List	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 913h November was no 39
 Winners won £30 each

Collections

Many Thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Loose £189.46

St Patrick
 Loose £150.03
 Total Envelopes £117.16

Next Sunday there will be a retiring collection for **National Youth Sunday.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Baptism please contact the parish office. 0151 727 1463.



PIOUS LIST

During November we continue to pray for our relatives and friends who have died.