

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

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Second Sunday of

8th December 2019

ADVENT

The wolf
lives with the lamb;
the panther
lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
(Isaiah 11:6)

Sunday Reflection

'Repentance' seems an unattractive word. It conjures up images of morose brooding over past sins and failures, a negative idea. This is not what John the Baptist proclaimed. His message was wholly positive. In Hebrew and Greek the concept of 'repentance' is about a change of behaviour, a change of direction. John is calling on his listeners to change their ways, to change their scale of values, their whole direction of life. To reinforce his message he wears the clothes worn by Elijah, the prophet whom Jewish tradition taught was to return to announce the final coming of the Lord. John proclaims his message in the desert, that apocalyptic landscape of the arid and bare Jordan Valley, below sea-level, where merchants would be crossing the Jordan on the road to the East. So John makes a deliberate claim to be this final prophet and to be preparing a way for the Lord. We see Jesus as the Messiah, the loving Saviour, but John was not at this point proclaiming this Jesus. He was proclaiming the threatening and imminent arrival of the sovereignty of God, when rotten trees would be cut down and evil swept away to be burnt in unquenchable fire. If we are to be open to the arrival of the Kingship of God, we may need to look to our own scale of values.

Is my scale of values compatible with those of the Kingship of God? How far do they coincide?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

MASSES AND SERVICES

Note: No Morning Masses

Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday 9th December

10am SP No Mass

Tuesday 10th December

10am SP No Mass

Wednesday 11th December

10am SP No Mass

Thursday 12th December

10am SP No Mass

Friday 13th December

10am SP No Mass

Sunday 15th December—Third Sunday of Advent

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| Sat 5pm | OLMC | Parishioners |
| Sun 9:45am | SP | John & Frances Hutchinson |
| Sun 11:15am | OLMC | Lynn Aldridge |

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 4-4.30pm On Request

Collections

Many thanks

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| 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 Mary Pugh (SP)
Readers please note we are now using the new Prayers of the Faithful books in both churches for our bidding prayers.

| | Sunday 8th December | | | Sunday 15th December | | |
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| | Sat 5pm | Sun 9:45am | Sun 11:15am | Sat 5pm | Sun 9:45am | Sun 11:15am |
| Reader (1) | C. Barrett | D. Rose | S. Mendy | E. Lyons | J Burquest | P. Collins |
| Reader (2) | M. Bouche | Adrian | L. Rietdyk | C. Barrett | M Pugh | J. Mbirimi |
| EMHC | A. McCormack E. Lyons | Sr Johanna Tony Keatley Benedicta Palmer Mary Pugh Theresa Lacey (Host) | M. Farrell B. Christian P. Collins J. Mbirimi G. Lyons | M. Bouche C. Barrett | David Crook Tony Keatley Joe Dean Theresa Lacey Sr Johanna (Host) | S. Mendy J. Mbirimi M. Brade R. Berndt M. Farrell |

HYMNS

Entrance: 384 Offertory: 243 Communion: 397 Recessional: 418



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, Frankie & Barbara Reed.

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

Synod News: The Second Synod Theme: 'Sharing the mission of Jesus'

We have had the meetings and everyone was given a leaflet about sharing the mission of Jesus when they were at mass. There are questions on the leaflet to help us prepare proposals to 'Share the mission of Jesus'. We are asked to write a proposal for how our faith informs us, and what needs to be done in order to become the church God wants us to be. The proposals need to be done by Sunday 15th December. Please write your thoughts and put them in the Synod box next weekend. Thanks Catherine Barrett

St Patrick's Christmas Fayre: Thanks to everyone who came to support our Christmas Fayre last week it raised £100 on the day. Also thanks to Thresa Lacey for organising it.

Pastoral Associate Update: As we reach the halfway point in discerning our proposals for *Sharing the Mission of Jesus*, I do encourage you to attend parish meetings or submit proposals directly online (www.synod2020.co.uk) or to parish/pastoral area Synod members. Singing the "Gather" song with first communion children across the pastoral area the words "proclaim, proclaim!" stand out as we celebrate Bible Sunday. We give thanks to our Ministers of the Word entrusted to make God's voice present in our readings. Online this week: "Don't say God is silent, when your Bible is closed." God Bless, Helen. I'm at St Anthony of Padua's this Sunday.

Year 8 - Confirmation 2020: Have you been confirmed? Are you in Year 8? Are you ready to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation to empower, guide and strengthen you? If you are willing to mark this milestone in starting your adult journey in Faith then: If you are in Year 8 at a Catholic School - Animate Youth Ministries will be delivering confirmation preparation as part of the Religious Education curriculum and you will be contacted through school; If you are in Year 8 in a non-Catholic School - please register online to attend the free preparation day on Saturday 29 February 2020. The link is under the tab *Confirmation // Called to Serve* at www.animateyouth.org. If you are the parent or relative or a friend or neighbour of a potential Confirmation candidate, please do pass on this information. For further details contact Fr Simon Gore on 01744 740461/467 or s.gore@animateyouth.co.uk

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 this Wednesday 11th December at 6pm in OLMC presbytery. If you would still like to volunteer please come along.

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick: The bonus ball for Wednesday 4th December was no 1 Winners won £30 each