

# Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

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## Third Sunday of

15th December 2019

# ADVENT

**L**et the wilderness  
 and the dry-lands exult,  
 the wasteland rejoice and bloom,  
 let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,  
 rejoice and sing for joy.

Isaiah 35:1-2

### Sunday Reflection

John the Baptist was expecting a Messiah of judgment, who would cut down the rotten tree and burn the useless chaff. When, in prison, he hears that Jesus is not doing this, he is puzzled and sends messengers to ask if Jesus is really the Messiah. Jesus sends back the message that he is fulfilling the prophet Isaiah – the passage which we hear about in today’s first reading. Jesus’ understanding was that healing, not punishment, was the task of the Messiah. He goes and seeks out those who need healing, both physically and spiritually. He does not wait for sinners to repent before gathering them into the kingdom; he makes the first advance. Then he turns to praising the Baptist. It is a fascinating point of speculation as to whether Jesus was himself once a disciple of John the Baptist. After all, John says he did not recognise Jesus until he saw the Spirit coming down on him. But he also says that Jesus, who came after him, has passed before him. This is a typical position of a rabbi, leading his disciples, and suggests that John had been Jesus’ rabbi, then became his disciple. Jesus was fully man, and even he needed to learn as all human beings do. John the Baptist did all he could to lead others to God. How, through our actions and attitudes, can we point others to God? How do our lives show that we are preparing for Christ’s second coming?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

### MASSES AND SERVICES

*Note: Funerals on Wednesday and Friday  
 Advent morning prayer is 15 mins before daily masses.*

#### Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent

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

#### Monday 16th December

9.15am	St Finbar	School Advent Mass
<b>10.30am</b>	SP	Kevin McDonough

#### Tuesday 17th December

10am	SP	Jacky Waterson
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#### Wednesday 18th December

11.30am	SP	James Higgins <b>Requiem</b>
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#### Thursday 19th December

10am	SP	Maureen Wilcott
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#### Friday 20th December

12noon	St Patrick	Kevin Foran
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**Requiem**

#### Sunday 22nd December—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Patrick & Teresa O’Toole
Sun 9:45am	SP	Parishioners
Sun 11:15am	OLMC	John Marnell
Sat 4-4.30pm		Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Christmas Masses



<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Vigil Mass (carols before) 6pm at St Patrick Midnight Mass (carols from 11:45pm) at OLMC
<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.45am St Patrick 11.15am OLMC

### Collections

*Many thanks*

<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b>	Loose	£162.92
<b>St Patrick</b>	Loose	£148.05
	Envelopes	£99.41

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EUCHARIST**

Please find a substitute if you are not able to fulfil your ministry.

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

	Sunday 15th December			Sunday 22nd December		
	Sat 5pm	Sun 9:45am	Sun 11:15am	Sat 5pm	Sun 9:45am	Sun 11:15am
<b>Reader (1)</b>	E. Lyons	J Burquest	P. Collins	M. Bouche	M. Flannery	M. Put
<b>Reader (2)</b>	C. Barrett	M Pugh	J. Mbirimi	C. Barrett	A. Keatley	L. Lewis
<b>EMHC</b>	M. Bouche C. Barrett	David Crook Tony Keatley Joe Dean Theresa Lacey Sr Johanna (h)	S. Mendy J. Mbirimi M. Brade R. Berndt M. Farrell	A. McCormack E. Lyons	J. Dean Benedicta T. Lacey M. Pugh T. Keatley (h)	P. Collins B. Christian G. Lyons J. Mbirimi S. Mendy



**HYMNS**  
Entrance: 201 Offertory: 384 Communion: 381 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, Frankie & Barbara Reed and Mark O'Toole.

**RIP:** James Higgins and Kevin Foran.

**If you would like to add loved ones (please get their permission) contact the Parish Office.**

**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 session to reflect on their ministry especially in this season of Advent .

**Advent Reconciliation:** Fr Silviu invites everyone to come along to St Charles in Aigburth on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm to join him, along with Fr Ron Johnson, for an Advent Penance Service.

**Year 8 - Confirmation 2020:** Have you been confirmed? 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 [liverpoolcalled.co.uk](http://liverpoolcalled.co.uk) to attend the free preparation day on Sat 29 Feb 2020 . If you are the parent or relative or a friend or neighbour of a potential Confirmation candidate, please do pass on this information.

**OLMC Works:** Good news the painters are on target to finish the inside of the church this week.....we shall have a vibrant, fresh, clean church for Christmas! They will come back after Christmas to paint the sacristy and corridor. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their patience whilst the work was being done.

**Pastoral Associate Update:** As I write, the prospect of the election looms large. I hope *Gaudete* Sunday will find cheer for us one way or other. Preaching at Hope University last weekend for the graduation of the first cohort of the Loyola University of Chicago's Certificate/Diploma in Lay Pastoral Ministry students, Archbishop Malcolm emphasised the similarities between the turbulent times of the biblical era with those we are living through today. What personally gives me comfort is that the God who never fails us is always by our side - rejoicing with us as we delight in the joy of the season and holding us in his tender embrace in times of despondency. I've appropriated this sentiment for our times: "Together, we can get through this." God Bless, Helen. PS If you are free on Monday evening perhaps you can make it to the FCJs *Write for Rights* drop in —see you there?!

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS** - [www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk](http://www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.uk)

**Sun 15 Dec** Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten at the Cathedral 3pm as part of evening prayer

**Mon 16 Dec** Advent Reconciliation (Confessions) at St Charles, Aigburth 7:30pm

**Mon 16 Dec** Write for Rights: writing cards to prisoners of conscience, drop in between 7 – 9pm. Materials and refreshments provided: address see below (19/12)

**Tue 17 Dec** Creative at Christmas at the Cathedral 1 – 4pm, Gibberd Room. Making a door hanging £15. Book [c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk](mailto:c.hanlon@metcathedral.org.uk)

**Thur 19 Dec** Dementia Friendly Carol Service at the Cathedral 2 – 3 pm

**Thur 19 Dec** Exploring the Gospels – Advent. Magi, FCJ Centre, St Hugh's 53A Cranborne Rd, Wavertree, L15 2HY 7 – 8:30pm

**Sun 22 Dec** Festival Carol Service at the Cathedral 5pm – music, readings, carols with refreshments.

**STOP PRESS—Christmas Flyers:** do take one as you leave Church and take some for friends and neighbours (post them though doors!) to welcome all to our celebrations as we come together as one joyful, worshipping community this Christmas!

**Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick:** The bonus ball for Wednesday 11th December was no Winners won £30 each