

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

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25th January 2020

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Lord humbled
 the land of Zebulun and Naphtali,
 but in days to come*

Sunday Reflection

This is the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Matthew first introduces us to Galilee, characteristically quoting the scriptures to show that they are being fulfilled, and in what way. Galilee is called 'Galilee of the gentiles' only in this passage, and the presence of gentiles was not a particularly notable feature of Galilee. Archaeology shows that Jewish observance was strong in the region. Contemporary literature indicates that there was a lively tradition of prayerful charismatic rabbis with a warm devotion to the Lord. Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming the imminence of the Kingdom of God, and this will be the subject of all his activity. Then he begins to form the new Israel by calling his team together. The Christian imagination tends to combine this scene with the scene of the Baptist in the Jordan Valley in the Gospel of John, which suggests that at least Peter and Andrew among the disciples had already some knowledge of Jesus. But today's narrative must be heard on its own, and the staggering factor is that this is the first time at any rate the sons of Zebedee have set eyes on Jesus. As he passes by, Jesus calls them, and such is the electrifying power of his charismatic personality that they simply drop everything and follow this total stranger – immediately, as the evangelist stresses each time.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday 26th January

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Parishioners
Sun 9:45am	SP	Brendan Plunkett
Sun 11:15am	OLMC	Anne Martin

Monday 27th January

10am	OLMC	Howard Pinto
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Tuesday 28th January

7pm	OLMC	Peter McPartland
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Wednesday 29th January

10am	SP	No Mass
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Thursday 30th January

10am	SP	Eileen & Gerard Cassidy
7pm	OLMC	Exposition

Friday 31st January

10.45am	Requeim OLMC	Bernard Smith
1.30pm	Requeim OLMC	Maureen Passant

Saturday 1st Feb

10am	OLMC	Remembrance Mass
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Sunday 2nd February

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Lizzie & Charlie Harris
Sun 9:45am	SP	Ian Daniel Hill
Sun 11:15am	OLMC	Parishioners

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 4-4.30pm	On Request
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Collections		Many thanks
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Loose	£ 349.46
St Patrick	Loose	£142.44
	Envelopes	£93.50

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.

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	Sat 5pm	Sun 9:45am	Sun 11:15am	Sat 5pm	Sun 9:45am	Sun 11:15am
Reader (1)	C. Barrett	-	P. Collins	E. Lyons	-	M. Putt
Reader (2)	M. Bouche	-	E. Alvarez	C. Barrett	-	J. Mbirimi
EMHC	A. McCormack C. Barrett	J. Burquest T. Lacey. B. Palmer M. Pugh T. Keatley (H)	M. Farrell M. Brade M. Putt S. Mendy G. Lyons	E. Lyons M. Bouche	J. Dean Sr Johanna T. Lacey J. Burquest D. Cook (H)	P. Collins J. Mbirimi M. Brade M. Farrell B. Christian



HYMNS
Entrance: 518 Offertory: 28 Communion: 381 Recessional: 36



OLMC Cleaners: The cleaning team have agreed to come into church every Saturday morning at 10am unless there is a service on, in which case they will come in at 12noon .

St Patrick's are looking for cleaners to help clean the church. If you are interested please see Theresa Lacey.

Tea/Coffee and Cake: After Sunday mass in both our churches please come and join us. *All welcome*

First Communion - With You Always: the next session for those at St Finbar's and non-Catholic Schools will be at OLMC on Thursday 30 January at 3:45pm. Please do keep all our children and their families in our prayers as we warmly welcome them at our Sunday celebrations.

Synod 2020: Please don't forget our session for Theme 3: How we pray together will be at St Patrick's on Wednesday 28 January at 6pm. Do come along to share your thoughts: all are welcome!

Archbishop Malcolm's Visitation: We are delighted that the Archbishop will be with us next weekend to celebrate at all our Masses in both churches. He is keen to meet parishioners from both churches after the 11:15 Mass on Sunday 2 February in the Parish Centre. Please do come along to welcome him as he spends time listening and talking to us.

Pastoral Associate Update: As we continue to celebrate Christian Unity week, it is our coming together that enables us to be more than we could be on our own. In this spirit, the Human Trafficking lecture last weekend struck a chord: many different agencies were present and, combined with law enforcement representatives, were focussed on stopping modern slavery. The theme for Christian Unity week is "Unusual Kindness." I wonder if this may encourage us in modest ways, to play our part in combatting this horrific crime. It was encouraging that many parishioners from across our deanery attended and perhaps as a pastoral area we can look to come together and work in partnership by supporting the follow-up meeting at St Vincent's on Friday evening on 7th February (full details tbc). Pope Francis on modern slavery: "Things have a price and can be for sale. But people have a dignity that is priceless and worth far more than things." God Bless, Helen

Tuesday 28 January With You Always Catechists Informal meeting to share experiences at OLMC, 27 High Park Street, L8 8DX, 7:30 – 8:30pm

Wednesday 29 January Synod Reflection on How we pray together at Our Lady Help of Christians, Portico L34 2QT, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Saturday 1 February Support for the Journey A second session for RCIA Catechists, clergy and those who support enquirers to the Catholic Faith – no need to have attended the previous session. St Anthony of Padua Hall, Queens Drive, Mossley Hill, 9:30 – 1pm. Please register: formation@rcaol.co.uk

Friday 7 February Human Trafficking follow up at St Vincent's on the eve of the memorial of St Josephine Bakhita, 6:30 – 7:30pm. Speaker Estelle Blake, National Chaplain for Anti-trafficking and Modern Slavery for the Salvation Army

Sunday 9 February Marriage & Family Life Mass Cathedral at 11am

Wednesday 12 February Restored Lives – Recovery from Divorce and Separation 6 week course: Details - Maureen O'Brien 07967 753371/ Jacqui Sellek 07793 825815

Prayers requested for

Veronica Boyd, Betty Kent, Mary O'Toole, Michelle Baxendale, Tony McKean, Anne McCourt, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Freya Matheson, Bernard Duffy, Wally Williams, Marie Simpson, Tony Robinson, Erin Caulfield, Susie Bell, Carol Flannery, Mark O'Toole, Michael McNicholas.

RIP: Bernard Smith, Maureen Passant and Mary Harper.

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick: The bonus ball for Wednesday 29th January was no 14 Winners won £30 each