

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

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2nd February 2020



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Now Master,
you can let your servant go in peace
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared
for all nations to see,
a light
to enlighten the pagans
and the glory
of your people Israel.

Luke 2: 29-32

Sunday Reflection

The story of the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple is dominated by Simeon's welcome, 'a light to enlighten the gentiles and the glory of your people Israel', and by his warning to Mary, 'a sword will pierce your heart'. Simeon reiterates the angel's promise that the child would fulfil the destiny of Israel and Israel's mission to the nations. Much like any family life, the promised future included the delights of the growing, developing child, and the background fear that the great destiny of each child may include sorrow and even heart-break. How much did Mary and Joseph know about the precious child they were nurturing? As he grew to independence did he become more loving and supportive? How did his contemporaries find him? Was he a leader? Did he stand out from the pack? Each of us has a private picture of the child, the boy, the adolescent, the young man. If he was fully human, he had the same frustrations and worries as every child growing in youth and through puberty. All we know for sure is that 'the child grew to maturity' and that Mary 'pondered all these things in her heart' - with Simeon's welcome and warning before her mind.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday 2nd February

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

Monday 3rd February

10am	OLMC	Tommy Fletcher
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Tuesday 4th February

7pm	OLMC	Barbara & Frank Reed
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Wednesday 5th February

10am	SP	Dave Spike
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Thursday 6th February

12noon Requiem	OLMC	Mary Harper
7pm	OLMC	Exposition

Friday 7th February

1pm Requiem	OLMC	Khalil Jones Baidoe
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Sunday 9th February

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Thomas Dillon
Sun 9:45am	SP	Mark Evans
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	£241.57
St Patrick	Loose	£125.13
	Envelopes	£108.32

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)	E. Lyons	-	M. Putt	M. Bouche	-	P. Collins
Reader (2)	C. Barrett	-	J. Mbirimi	E. Lyons	-	S. Mendy
EMHC	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	A. McCormack C. Barrett	T. Keatley Sr Johanna B. Palmer D. Crook J. Dean (H)	B. Christian J. Mbirimi G. Lyons M. Farrell M. Brade



HYMNS

Entrance: 79 Offertory: 533 Communion: 498 & 381 Recessional: 130



Archbishop Malcolm's Visitation: We are delighted to welcome Archbishop Malcolm this weekend to celebrate with us. 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.

Synod 2020: Third Theme—How We Pray Together: Last weekend leaflets were given out in church. On them are reflections from scripture and tradition, things to ponder, and questions to help you to prepare proposals. Your proposals have to be put in the Synod box by 15th February. Please try to give as many proposals as you can. Put each proposal on separate pieces of paper in the box. Thanks to those of you who came to the meeting last Wednesday. Catherine Barrett.

With You Always Sacramental Preparation: Our next meeting for those at non-Catholic Schools and St Finbars will be for the celebration of First Forgiveness on Thursday 6 February at 3:45 at OLMC. Holy Family's next session is on Thursday 27th February. Please keep all our children and their families in your prayers.

Human Trafficking Follow-Up: A Vigil for St Josephine Bakhita's Feast Day in the form of a follow-up call to action after the recent Anti-slavery memorial lecture will be held on Friday 7 February at St Vincent's, James Street, L1 5JP from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Estelle Blake, the National Chaplain for Anti-Trafficking & Modern Slavery for the Salvation Army will be outlining how we can recognise victims and how we can respond. There will also be time for reflection as well as an opportunity for action. Flyers with a prayer are available – please do take one: your prayers would be welcomed.

St Patrick's Bonus Ball: We have had to reduce the number of sheets used due to lack of sales. Unfortunately this means that we can no longer have permanent numbers. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Pastoral Associate Update: We had a very positive and well attended *With You Always* Catechists' Gathering at OLMC which generated much discussion and sharing from catechists from four of our deanery parishes. The next informal gathering will be on Tuesday 21 April at 7:30 at OLMC and we hope other parish WYA catechists will be able to join us. In a similar vein there will be an opportunity for the Pastoral Area singers and musicians to come together for a gentle sing together and play together for a few hours led by Nick Baty on Saturday 29 Feb – more details to follow. Coming together does generate such a positive energy and being able to support each other on our individual journeys in our parish ministry is a great blessing for us all. In the words of Henry Ford "*Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success.*" God Bless, Helen PS Please do try and support the St Josephine Bakhita Vigil on Friday 7 February at St Vincent's.

EVENTS www.liverpoolsouthpastoralarea.org.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.

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: Mary Harper and Khalil Jones Baidoe.

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