

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir, give me some of that water,
so that I may never get thirsty
and have to come here again
to draw water.

John 4:15

The Archbishop has given permission for our churches to re-open for Mass and other public services beginning on Monday 6th July under strict conditions for the prevention of infection and for the protection of those attending. This is not by any means a return to 'normality' and we have to tread carefully along the path that lies ahead. Our lives have been changed by the experience of the pandemic and it is clear that we cannot simply return to how things were before lockdown.

Please be aware that we cannot return immediately to our customary practices. There is a leaflet available as you enter the church explaining what to expect as you return to mass. Volunteers will be on hand to guide you as you enter church.

Our opening for private prayer during the last few weeks was a comfort for those unable to attend mass, and as a result people have asked if Fr Silviu would have a Covid Exposition on a Thursday between 12pm and 5pm. There is a timetable at the back of church for people to fill in if they would like to attend.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who for the past three weeks have given their time and energy so that we could open Our Lady of Mount Carmel each day. Without you this could not have happened!

MASSES AND SERVICES

Monday 6th July

10am OLMC John Cook

Tuesday 7th July

7pm OLMC Jimmy McNicholas

Wednesday 8th July

10am SP Mary Harper

Thursday 9th July

10am SP Thomas Craig
12noon - 5pm OLMC **Covid Exposition**

Friday 10th July

10am OLMC Richard Potts

Sunday 12th July

Sat 5pm OLMC Parishioners

Sun 9:45am SP Andrew Lanigan

Sun 11:15am OLMC Patricia O'Hare

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 4-4.30pm On Request

Our churches have to be cleaned after each mass. If you would like to volunteer to help please let Fr Silviu know.

- Please observe social distancing.
- Remember to wear a face covering.
- Sanitise your hands.
- Toilets are closed except for emergencies.
- Holy Communion will be distributed after the final dismissal of Mass. Please do not return to your bench follow directions to leave the church.

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 March			Sunday 22nd March		
	Sat 5pm	Sun 9:45am	Sun 11:15am	Sat 5pm	Sun 9:45am	Sun 11:15am
Reader (1)	E. Lyons	-	L. Lewis	C.Barrett	-	P. Collins
Reader (2)	C. Barrett	-	E. Alvarez	M. Bouche	-	S. Mendy
EMHC	M. Bouche	J. Dean (H)	G. Lyons	A. McCormack	J. Burquest	M. Farrell

Fr Silviu: As many of you know Fr Silviu travelled to Italy last week. At the time of writing he is expected back on Thursday. On arriving back he will be self isolating for 14days in accordance with government guidelines. We are grateful that the White Fathers have kindly agreed to supply for Sunday Mass for the coming weeks. We will monitor the situation and keep you informed as we have news. We continue to keep Fr Silviu and all those who are affected by this virus in your prayers.

Corona Virus Guidance: To minimise the spread of the Corona virus Archbishop Malcolm has issued some revised guidelines. A summary of them is provided here. Please do read them carefully and adhere to them as far as possible:

There is to be no sign of peace; communion will only be offered under one kind and **you are strongly encouraged to receive in the hand representing an act of loving charity to our community**; holy water stoops are to be emptied; hymnbooks and missals are not to be used – single use Mass sheets can be used but please dispose of them afterwards (i.e. do not leave them for others to use; Eucharistic ministers are to wash their hands before and after distributing communion and place the host on the hand without contact; the collection will be taken in a way to minimise contact – please follow guidance in each church; teas and coffees before/after Mass to be suspended; parishioners who are in the “at risk” categories are discouraged from attending large parish gatherings; anyone with cold or flu symptoms should refrain from attending liturgy or other public events and not attend the sacrament of reconciliation if symptomatic – even if it is an ordinary cold; Eucharistic Ministers should follow advice from care home staff; no visits to be made to those who are self-isolating.

Please do not be overly alarmed, these are measures designed to slow the spread and reach of the virus. Perhaps as we cross ourselves entering church (without holy water) we can remember those in the medical profession working so hard for us, keeping us safe and caring for us so generously.

Pastoral Associate Update: Our Lent Way of the Cross Pilgrimage last Saturday to many of our local churches was a time of grace as we connected with our past, present and future. Over 50 of us participated throughout the day with many accompanying the Cross for all 14 stations. Halfway round we stopped at St Patrick’s for a prayer at the memorial cross for those who had died during the typhoid epidemic which touched us deeply. The reverence and peace we experienced certainly will sustain us in the coming weeks of Lent. Thank you to all who prayed both with us and for us especially the **believing** witness of the Carmelite community with whom we celebrated morning Mass, marking the start of our pilgrimage. The warm welcome by our pastoral area priests and the sense of coming home to our mother church at the Cathedral gave us a feeling of deep **belonging**. By sharing our faith journey with one another we continue **becoming** the church that God is calling us to be. My sincere gratitude to all who helped in so many ways, our ever supportive clergy and, of course, to our Liverpool South pilgrims both young and not so young! *“May you appreciate the wonder that you are and the miracle of all creation”* Reverence from the ‘Twelve Gifts of Birth’ by Charlene Costanzo. God Bless, Helen.

Prayers requested for

Sick: Mary Rice, Frances Ryan, Stephen Porter 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:

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel : The bonus ball for Wednesday was no Winners won £30 each