

Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I give you a heart
wise and shrewd
as none before you has had
and none will have after you.
(1 Kings 3:12)

Sunday Reflection

St Matthew presents us this week with three final pictures from his collection of Jesus' images about the Christian community. Matthew likes pairs of parables: the dragnet pairs with last week's darnel-parable, the treasure pairs with the pearl. The Kingdom is an exciting and unexpected treasure which can change our whole life; it's like winning the pools or the lottery – except that God's gifts change us only for the good, and fill our lives with meaning and joy. Of course we know that God's call is demanding: you've got to pay a price for the field in which the treasure lies, or for the genuine pearl found in a junk-shop! The very last picture - the householder bringing down different food-packets, pots and jars off the shelf - is encouraging too: some are old favourites (perhaps like the Christian values and prayers which we inherited from our families), but some add new flavours too, which we have discovered or been taught ourselves. If we listen, the Spirit is always there to show us new ways of living out our Christian calling, revealing to us an opportunity for prayer or help or service. This 'householder' is often thought to be Matthew's secret signature for himself: he brings out old and new in the Christian message. How can we learn new ways of living out our Christian calling?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

MASSES AND SERVICES

Sunday 26th July

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Parishioners
Sun 9:45am	SP	Fr Pat Cassidy
Sun 11:15am	OLMC	Ronnie Wall

Monday 27th July

10am	OLMC	No Mass
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Tuesday 28th July

7pm	OLMC	No Mass
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Wednesday 29th July

10.00am	SP	No Mass
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Thursday 30th July

10am Funeral	OLMC	Mary Whiteside
12pm-5pm	OLMC	'Covid' Exposition

Friday 31st July

1.30pm Funeral	SP	James McInerney
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Sunday 2nd August

Sat 5pm	OLMC	Parishioners
Sun 9:45am	SP	Andrew Lanigan
Sun 11:15am	OLMC	Elaine Fitzmorris

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat 4-4.30pm	On Request
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Collections

Many thanks

Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Loose	£104.98
St Patrick	Loose	£113.89
	Envelopes	£199.01

Urgent Appeal for Volunteer Stewards/ Cleaners: We need volunteers to clean the churches after two funerals that have come in this week. One is in OLMC on Thursday and the other in OLMC on Friday. If you are not in any of the vulnerable groups and would like to help please contact Anne in the parish office. Thanks.

Sacrament of Baptism It is now possible for baptisms to be arranged. There are a number of conditions, namely the number of people in church, and the suspension of the preparation sessions. Parents should contact the parish office more information.

First Holy Communion: First Holy Communions should have taken place in May but had to be put on hold during this time. The children who missed out will have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion as soon as we can arrange new dates. We hope to contact the families in the coming weeks.

Face Coverings: Please try to remember to bring your face coverings with you. The past couple of weeks we have been able to supply masks to those who have forgotten but cannot do so indefinitely.

Pastoral Associate Update: As people begin to venture out more, the new “normal” is perhaps less unfamiliar. The key hooks by my front door have been requisitioned for masks and hand gel containers – new essentials to take out and about in addition to keys and mobile phones. With missals perhaps not being as easily available for Mass, another new normal could be trying Universalis instead, a smartphone/tablet app (universalis.com). Including the day’s Mass readings combining with the order of Mass, daily office, Rosary, Lectio Divina for our own Archdiocese, and options for other dioceses (worldwide and in multiple languages), it is a worthwhile one off £10 cost. You can adjust text size and brightness to suit the occasion and don’t need an internet connection to use it in church. I am traveling south next week to visit my mother – the first time since lockdown – your prayers would be most welcome. Charles M Schultz: *“In life, it’s not where you go, it’s who you travel with.”* Keep safe and well, God Bless, Helen

A PRAYER IN TIME OF DANGER & ILLNESS

God Our Father,
each person is precious to You.
You are the Giver of life.
Have mercy on us and protect us at this time,
as the Coronavirus threatens health and life.
You are an ever-present Helper in time of trouble.
Watch over those who are suffering,
give strength to those who are aiding the Sick
and give courage to all in this time of anxiety.
We ask this of you in the name of your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen.



Prayers requested for

Those who have died: Mary Whiteside and James McInerney.

Sick: Jean Hirst.

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

Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick: Suspended until further notice.