



As hard as it was for the people of Jesus' native place to accept, the fact is that he was a prophet, no less a prophet than Jeremiah.

Just as Jeremiah had been warned that "they will fight against you, but not prevail over you, so the people rose up and expelled Jesus from the town. But he went straight through their midst and walked away."

The message of Jesus and the prophets before him was to love all men as God loves them. The reason why they ran into problems is that so many people do not want to hear about "love for one another even as God has loved us."

The love that Jesus preached "is not snobbish," so it includes the filthy poor and the stinking homeless.

It "does not brood over injuries," so it asks not how we can get even with this criminal but how we can help restore this human being.

It "does not rejoice in what is wrong," so it causes us to react strongly against all forms of injustice and oppression.

This is revolutionary love.

"Prophecies will cease." One day the talk about love will end, and the kingdom of love will become a reality. Of that there is no doubt.

The only question, in the meantime, is about who will "be filled with indignation" at the prophet of love, and who will be walking with the prophet through the midst of the crowd.

The missionary is a person of charity. In order to proclaim to all his brothers and sisters that they are loved by God and are capable of loving, he must show love toward all, giving his life for his neighbour. The missionary is the 'universal brother,' bearing in himself the Church's spirit, her openness to and interest in all peoples and individuals, especially the least and poorest of his brethren. As such, he overcomes barriers and divisions of race, cast or ideology. He is a sign of God's love in the world—a love without exclusion or partiality.

Pope John Paul II, Redemptoris Missio, 1990:89.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Wilson Rd, Blackley, Manchester M9 8BG
St. John Bosco, 197, Charlestown Road, Blackley, Manchester M9 7BD

Parish Priest: Fr. Clement Kafor, CM

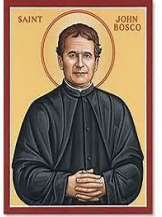
Telephone 0161 740 2071

Website <http://mcarmel-jbosco.co.uk>

Email: mcarmeljbosco@hotmail.co.uk



*Our Lady of Mount Carmel
with
St. John Bosco,
Blackley*



Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.

FEBRUARY 2ND 2025

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, YEAR C

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Monday 3rd	No service in Church		
Tuesday 4th	9.30am	Weekday Mass	John Bosco
Wednesday 5th	9.30am	Weekday Mass	John Bosco
Thursday 6th	12.00pm	Requiem Mass late Maureen Walsh	Mount Carmel
	7.00pm	Holy Hour	John Bosco
Friday 7th	9.30am	Weekday Mass	Mount Carmel
Saturday 8th	5.30pm-6.15pm	Confessions & Exposition	Mount Carmel
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Mount Carmel
Sunday 9th	8.45am-9.15am	Confessions & Exposition	John Bosco
	9.30am	Mass	John Bosco
	11.30am	Mass	Mount Carmel



WELCOME to the members of the Neo Catechumenal Way to our parish this weekend. They will address us at the end of all Masses. Please introduce yourselves to them.

FEBRUARY RAFFLE will take place in the Narthex of St. John Bosco throughout the month of February (except SVP Sunday) to win bottles of spirits and a metre long box of biscuits. All monies raised will go to Christie Hospital. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH SICK LIST All the names on the sick list will be printed in the newsletter weekly. The names for the sick that come in each week will be included in the Bidding Prayers for that week and a list of all the names on the sick will displayed each week on Our Lady's Altar.

CARITAS SUNDAY There will be a second collection which will take place in our parish **THIS** weekend 1st/2nd February. Thank you for your kind generosity.

COFFEE MORNING The next coffee morning will be held **NEXT SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY** after the 9.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Come and chat with friends old and new, while having a brew! All monies raised goes towards the renovation of the Church.

SVP The next collection for SVP will be **NEXT** weekend 8th/9th February at all Masses. Thank you for your kind generosity.

DEFIBRILATOR TRAINING Bernadette Burns has kindly offered to do some defibrillator training for both Churches either on a Thursday morning at 10am or Saturday/Sunday from 1pm. Please email the parish office with your preference and Bernadette will go with the majority. mcarmeljbosco@hotmail.co.uk

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA 8TH FEBRUARY 2025
The Church commemorates the life of St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK. Charities across the UK and our diocese are working hard to raise awareness of what Pope Francis describes as 'a crime against humanity' and has produced a range of resources to help you learn more. Resources can be found by visiting santamartagroup.org/resources

PILGRIM'S PASSPORT Create new family traditions this Jubilee year by picking up our family friendly guide to Jubilee churches in the Diocese of Salford. With fast facts, thought-provoking questions, and different activities, our Pilgrim's Passport is the ideal companion to help families pray and journey together this Jubilee Year. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pilgrims-passport/> or visit one of our Designated churches to begin.

LAMPS At Mount Carmel & St. John Bosco this week the Sanctuary Lamps & Our Lady's Lamps burn for Emma Yates.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED A young lady (Tanya) who lives on Old Road has secured a grant to renovate the garden that backs on to Boggart Hole Clough,. At the junction of Old Road, the garden is on Rochdale Road opposite. She is interested in getting a group of local volunteers together. If you are interested in improving the area, place your name and number on the sheet in the Narthex at Mount Carmel. If there is sufficient interest we will arrange a meeting.

SAFEGUARDING Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult when going to the toilet. Thank you.

EXPLORING THE JUBILEE LOGO

1. The cross is the ultimate symbol of hope, reminding us of Christ's light in the darkest of times; his victory over death itself.
2. These figures represent all humanity from the four corners of the world. Each one holds onto another in solidarity, with the first holding on to the cross.
3. The waves of the stormy sea represent the many difficulties we encounter on the pilgrimage of life, difficulties that often demand a greater sense of hope.
4. The cross takes the shape of a sail at the top, transforming to an anchor at the bottom-a great symbol of hope that keeps us centred through the storms of life.

MASSES & PRAYERS RECEIVED THIS WEEK

LATELY DEAD Maureen Walsh, Fr. David Young, John Emma Yates, Joseph Ouesph, Georgina Martins, Philomena Delee, Barney Carroll

BIRTHDAY MEMORIES Bernadette (Snowy) Parr, Kath Horsfall, Linda Parkinson

ANNIVERSARY Richard Walsh, Patrick Joseph Farragher, Agnes Kelly, Malcolm Robinson, Frank Williams, Angela Kidd, Brian Rourke

SICK Jim Sharples, Angela Neale, Mary Fox, Elaine Hill, Pat & Richard Ryan, Gary Webb, Laurie Edwards, Sharafat Ali, Germaine Priestley, Ada Lee, Anne McCullagh, Paul Yates (Australia), Jennifer McFadden, Pauline Millington, Jean Walsh, Mary Fox, Kathleen Smyth, Paul Tamburro, Susan Fox, Lesley Carter, Becky Jenner, Angela Morris, Chris Dronsfield, Elaine Turnbull, Daylen Birkbeck, Regina McCahill, Canon David Ryder, Charlie Twist, Roy Glover, Kerry Tierney, Dianne Garner, Martin Gray, Angela McNally, Barry, Agnes Lewis, Christine Clare, Anne Massey, Jessica Twist, Anthony Royle, Isabel Dean, Rosemary Guilfoyle, Louis Walsh, Joan Horgan, Wendy Kwiokowski, Patricia Mason, Corrine Henshaw, Ismael Cervenak. JJNoel Dent, Angela O'Connor, Robert, Rui De Castro, Eduarda De Castro, Dylan Branco, Jean Woolfenden