

CATHOLIC PARISH OF WESTBOURNE NEWSLETTER



27 OCTOBER 2024

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

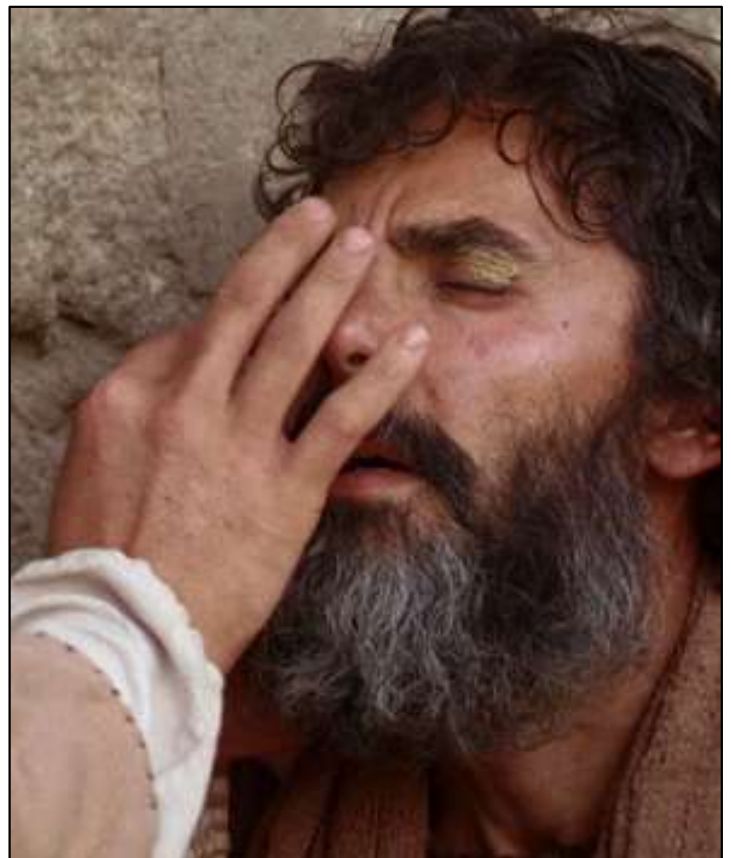
Lord, have mercy

We read in this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 10:46-52) that, while the Lord passes through the streets of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus addresses him, crying out loudly, *"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"* This entreaty moves Christ's heart, who pauses, has him called, and cures him.

The decisive moment was the personal, direct encounter between the Lord and that man who was suffering. They are before one another - God with his will to cure and the man with his desire to be cured. Two liberties, two converging wills: *"What do you want me to do for you?"* the Lord asks him. *"Let me receive my sight,"* replies the blind man. *"Go your way; your faith has made you well."*

With these words, the miracle is realized - God's joy, man's joy. And Bartimaeus, who had recovered his sight, recounts the Gospel and then, *"followed him on the way"*. That is, he becomes his disciple and goes up with the Master to Jerusalem to take part with him in the great mystery of salvation. In the essential of its passages, this account evokes the itinerary of the catechumen toward the sacrament of baptism, which in the early Church was also called *"Illumination."*

Faith is a path of illumination; it starts from the humility of acknowledging one's need of salvation and arrives at the personal encounter with Christ, who calls [one] to follow him on the way of love.



On this model, the itineraries of Christian initiation have been established in the Church, which prepare for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist.

In places of past evangelization - where the baptism of children is widespread - catechetical and spiritual experiences are proposed to young people and adults that enable them to undertake a path of rediscovery
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MASS TIMES

Sunday 27 October - 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

Tuesday 29 October - 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am

Wed 30 October - 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am

Thursday 31 October - 30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

10.00am

Friday 1 November - ALL SAINTS

10.00am
10.30am - *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Sat 2 November - COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

10.00am

Sunday 3 November - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.00am
11.00am

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SUNDAY MASS READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (FROM PAGE ONE) of the faith in a mature and conscious way in order to assume later a coherent commitment to witness. How important is the work that pastors and catechists carry out in this field?

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps. In this month of October, especially dedicated to the mission, we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation.

We invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary so that missionaries of the Gospel will multiply. Intimately united to the Lord, may every baptized person hear that he is called to proclaim the love of God to all, with the testimony of his own life.

ALL SOULS. November is fast approaching, the month we traditionally dedicate to praying for All Souls, the faithful departed we have known and loved who are now completing their pilgrimage of faith beyond death.

As we have done previously, envelopes are available on the small table by the font in which you can place the names of those you would like to remember and pray for. Please place your envelope upon the altar.

THANK YOU for your continued generosity.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

MASS READERS PRACTICE SESSION. This will be supervised by Canon Alan Griffiths on either Wednesday 6 November or Sunday 9 November following Mass. This is an important session as we will be discussing the new Lectionary's translation and text format. It is not a straightforward reading.

ST. WALBURGA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MOORDOWN. We are welcoming applications for children due to start school in September 2025. We are inviting parents and children to a '*Stay and Play*' session on Thursday 7 November from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. We are also holding school tours and information sessions for parents. Please contact the school office on 01202 528811.

YOUR PARISH CONTACT DETAILS. Help us to keep our database up to date by letting Peter in the office know of any changes. Thank you.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH. This year's lunch will be on Saturday 7 December at the Hermitage Hotel. Further details to follow. Please keep this date reserved in your diaries.

PLEASE REMEMBER all the sick and housebound in our parish: *Mairead Holbrook, Cecilia Agnes Grimston, Geoffrey Dixon, Christopher Browne, Teresa Wraith, Elizabeth Lubrow, Win Sheridan and Yolanda.*

COULD YOU HELP CAFOD? Your desire for a better world will help promote CAFOD's work, connecting your community with those overseas and enabling our sisters and brothers in the poorest places in the world to lift themselves out of poverty.

"When people are in need, giving money is not the only way to help. With volunteering, you give your time and skills to make a difference." CAFOD parish volunteer.

Please contact Jo Lewry for more information by email jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447. Thank you!

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER. *For a shared mission.* We pray that the church continues to sustain in all ways a synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY. There is a definite freshness to the air and the leaves are changing colour. The summer break, you may have had the opportunity to enjoy, seems a distant memory and the decreasing amount of daylight is noticeable. Like each season, autumn has its attractions, even if it means that winter is just around the corner. October is traditionally the month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary, developed in the High Middle Ages period and the reason that October came to be devoted to its recitation, is primarily because the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on 7 October.

EXHIBITION OF THE REPLICA LIFE-SIZE SHROUD OF TURIN. Visit the Bournemouth Oratory before Sunday 10 November to view this first-century burial cloth of a man crucified and crowned with thorns. Address: Bournemouth Oratory, 1 Albert Road, Richmond Hill, Bournemouth, BH1 1BZ. All welcome.

VOCATIONS. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. Email him at vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

MASS INTENTIONS. If you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one, please speak to Fr. Leslie. He can be contacted on 01202 764027 or emailed at ladams@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

GETTING MARRIED? Congratulations! Please note that you need to give 12 months' notice. Please speak to Fr. Leslie or contact Peter in the office for further details.

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"Go; your faith has saved you"



As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, *'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.'* And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, *'Son of David, have pity on me.'* Jesus stopped and said, *'Call him here.'*

So they called the blind man. *'Courage,'* they said *'get up; he is calling you.'* So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, *'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,'* the blind man said to him *'Master, let me see again.'* Jesus said to him, *'Go; your faith has saved you.'* And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

VOLUNTEERING. Please speak to Fr. Leslie if you have a few hours to spare. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who support the parish.

DIOCESE SAFEGUARDING TRAINING - Saturday 9 November. Further details are to follow.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a Catholic, either someone who is not baptised and wishes to be or someone baptised in a non-Catholic Church who is interested in being Received into Full Communion with the Church, please speak to Fr. Leslie.

PRAYER FOR PEACE. God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East. Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of calm and openness. Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of hope.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let the nursing staff know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplaincy. Fr. Leslie would also be happy to administer the Sacrament of the Sick before you are admitted.