

**PARISH OF
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**SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2021
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizeable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity. When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the haemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	St Patrick's	6.00pm	Beresford & Clayton Families
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30am	Winefride Ward RIP
	St Mary's	10.30am	People of the parish
Tuesday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Douglas Bell RIP
Wednesday	St Mary's	10.00am	Stanley Wilson RIP
Thursday	St Mary's	12.15am	Cath Harker RIP
Friday	St Patrick's	10.00am	Tracey Mount RIP
Saturday	St Mary's	10.00am	Deryck Bates RIP
	St Patrick's	6.00pm	People of the parish
Sunday	St Mary's	8.30am	Philomena Brown RIP
	St Mary's	10.30am	Sheila Sawford RIP

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

- Saturdays - St Mary's, **10.30am to 11.00am** in the **confessional**
- St Patrick's, **5.20pm to 5.45pm**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Louis Rowan, Argo Ashton, Winnie Coupe, Vincent Murray, Zoe Jarman, Matthew Hoey, Mary Bland, Alan Anderson, Karen Guerrero, Dorothy Chadwick, Donald and Margaret McQuaker, Win Cowell and the sick and housebound in the parish and those in local hospitals and nursing homes.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Please pray for:

Ernest Brackley, Winifride Matilda Wilkinson, Kathleen Edwards, Gladys Nelson, Margaret Susan McMahan, Haydn Ellison, Christina Teresa Cook, Kevin Philip Quinn, Marion Douglas, Anthony Higgins, Josephine Connolly, Rita Mary Baron, Margaret Hornby, Michael James Glendenning, Bernard Leslie Bird, Mary A Murphy, Denis Reidy, Maria de Fatima Ramos, Alan Armstrong, Daniel J Cremen, Francis Charles Fahy, Michael Fielding, Patrick Gallagher, George Hull, Anthony Francis Kellett, Thomas Kennedy, Patrick Jack Gallacher, James Bell, Mae Gibson Bird, Teresa Ann Cuthbertson, Edmund Douglas, Mary Doyle, Edward John Goodwin, Geoffrey Marshall, Teresa McCourt, Caroline Cave Murray, Helen Ahern, Sarah Ann Hindle, Bernadette Speight, Laurence Barratt, Stella Marguerite Huish, Frances Brooksbank, Carol Aimson and all those whose anniversaries occur between 24th and 30th October.

PARISH NEWS

Warm welcome: To those who are returning to Church for the first time since lockdown.

Congratulations: to Iain Omeife and Olivia Standen baptised in the last week.

Visiting those at home: This week I have begun to visit those people who are still at home for whatever reason. This is really time consuming with having to take COVID-19 tests before visiting those at home. With this in mind in the short term I will be making phone calls and writing to those at home, as well as making limited visits each week.

Children's Liturgy: Good News! Children's Liturgy is starting up again from Sunday 7th November at 10.30am Mass at St Mary's. We leave from church to go to the hall and then return at the offertory. Parents are very welcome to come in with little ones. Hope to see lots of children celebrating the word of God together. Children preparing to receive the sacraments might find this useful and fun!

Holy Souls intentions: November envelopes are available at the entrance and exit of both churches. Please include a list of names of those you wish to be prayed for, plus a donation, in an envelope, and place it in the basket at the doors or post it through the letterbox at St Mary's. Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls during the month of November.

COVID 19 – UPDATE: We are becoming increasingly aware from news reports that infections are on the rise and there is slow movement with regard to booster jabs. This means that we should not be complacent in our actions as we move forward to a more normal liturgy celebration. Everything that we are currently doing is to avoid people being bunched together. From this weekend we can use both the entrance and exit doors when leaving either Church. For St Patrick's those at the front can leave via the sacristy and those at the back via the main doors. At St Mary's looking towards the Altar, those on the left can leave via the small door that we have been using to exit. Those on the right can leave via the main doors and those in the middle can use either door. This change will help with the flow of people leaving and avoid people being bunched together. From Tuesday 2nd November we will no longer have stewards at the weekday Masses; there will be a printed list and you just need to put a tick next to your name when you enter church. If your name is not on the list, we ask that you write your name and contact details on the sheet provided and indicate if you will be a regular at the Masses so we can add your name to the list.

Baptism: If there are members of your family that have been delaying having their children baptised due to COVID, please give them a reminder that baptisms are available and how important it is to have their children baptised. Please ask them to email to arrange a meeting with myself on admin@sjhnp parish.org.uk

Tea and Coffee after Mass: I might have missed an email or someone might have told me in passing that they would like to help to start this up again; if you have said that you would be willing to do this again, please see me. Or maybe the people that did this before are no longer around - if this is the case, can some people volunteer to help restart this social interaction in our parish? Remember, for many, this might be the only interaction they are having.

Re starting groups: Social committee: I am looking for a few people to form a social committee which will meet four times a year to plan social events in the parish. If you feel that you would like to be part of this committee, please make contact with me either by phone or email.

Help Needed: As many will have noticed at weekday Masses at St Mary's we do not have a sacristan. The role of the sacristan is to get things ready for Mass and to clear up after Mass, to keep things tidy in the sacristy, along with a few other small duties. Normally the sacristan would arrive about 20 minutes before Mass to get things ready. We need people to cover Wednesday – Thursday – Saturday – Sunday (8:30am). We are looking for a few people to cover this role on a rota basis so people are able to cover for each other when the other is not available. If you are interested in helping with this task, please contact Fr Darren either after Mass or by phone or email.

CAFOD: Many thanks for all the donations for the Family Fast Day - the total raised was **£2,730.64**

OTHER NEWS

Diocesan Directory: Anybody wishing to order the 2022 Diocesan Directory please let the parish office know either via the admin email - admin@sjhnparish.org.uk - or by phoning 410501. Standard copy £4.50, Ring bound copy £5.25. We'll only order the number requested; the cut off for ordering will be next weekend.

Train as a Relationship Counsellor with Marriage Care: Catholic Marriage Care are the largest faith-based relationship support specialists in the UK. They are looking for empathetic listeners who would like to train and volunteer with them as relationship counsellors and make a world of difference to couples and families. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

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