



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week 2 Year B

Sunday 24th October 2021:

6pm* Margaret Simons (RIP)

8.30am: Emma Bannerman (int.)

10.30am: Margaret Geiger (RIP)

1.00pm: Baptism of Giorgio Frangione

6pm: Parish & People (int.)

Mon 25:

(Church open 10am-6pm)

6.00pm: Private Intentions

Tues 26: Sts. Chad & Cedd

(Church open 10am-6pm)

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Antonia Parrocha (Ann.)

Wed 27: NO MASS

(parish office closed)

Thurs 28: Sts. Simon & Jude

10am: Margaret Simons (RIP)

Fri 29:

(Church open 10am-7pm)

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Maurice Hunt (RIP)

(1.30pm: Christian Meditation)

Sat 30:

6pm* Margaret Geiger (RIP)

Sun 31: All Saints

8.30am: Walter Kingsley (RIP)

10.30am: John Brooks (Ann.)

6pm: Betty & Dermot

McNamara (int.)

The blind man cried out, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

This weekend our Lord Jesus is calling each one of us personally, He is looking for us to respond to His call, a call to follow him each day with love and faith. We need to 'encounter' the living Christ in the same way as the blind person in today's Gospel. Have you ever encountered a once in a life-time opportunity you knew you could not pass up? Such a moment came for the blind and destitute man, Bartimaeus. He was determined to get near the one person who could meet his need. Why did Jesus however put a question to Bartimaeus - "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus wanted to draw out of him a personal response of faith and trust in his power to heal and make whole. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognising who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. This coming week may we recognise the Lord Jesus with "eyes of faith" as our merciful Lord and healer? Ask the Lord Jesus to strengthen your faith that you may draw near to him and receive his grace and mercy.

"Our time calls us, urges us, obliges us to gaze on the Lord and immerse ourselves in humble and devout meditation on the mystery of the supreme power of Christ himself. ... The absolute and yet sweet and gentle power of the Lord responds to the whole depths of the human person, to his loftiest aspirations of intellect, will and heart. It does not speak the language of force but expresses itself in charity and truth. ... So often today man does not know what is within him, in the depths of his mind and heart. So often he is uncertain about the meaning of his life on this earth. He is assailed by doubt, a doubt which turns into despair. We ask you therefore, we beg you with humility and trust, let Christ speak to man. He alone has words of life, yes, of eternal life."

(Pope St John Paul II, Inauguration Sermon, 1978)

NOTICES

NEW MASS TIMES

SATURDAY (vigil): 6.00pm

SUNDAY: 8.30am, 10.30am and 6.00pm

MONDAY: 6.00pm (not 6.30pm)

TUESDAY 10.00am, WEDNESDAY no mass,

THURSDAY: 10.00am and FRIDAY: 10.00am

Please note there is no Adoration on Friday 29th October.

SATURDAY RE GROUP: November 6th and 20th, December 4th and 11th. **Where?:** In the JP Room
Time?: 9.30-10.45am

Who is the group for?: We welcome all children from Reception to Y6 who attend non-Catholic schools and worship in our parish.

What will you do?: We start each session with a prayer, reflection and song. We may talk about seasons of the liturgical year, feast days or concentrate on the gospel for the coming Sunday. We then break into groups with more focused teaching for KS1 and KS2 children. Our classes aim to give the children an overview of the RE teaching they would receive in a Catholic school. We do not provide specific preparation for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation, this is addressed elsewhere in the parish.

It would be helpful if each child brings their own pencil case with lead and coloured pencils as we have been advised that, due to Covid precautions, we do not share resources.

LIFE ASCENDING - A Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years: Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. **Next meeting is on Tuesday 19th October after the 10am Mass.** If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Francis on 07951 495192.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021-22 FOR PARISH CHILDREN IN SCHOOL* YEAR 3: is available online. Please email Anita on anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk with your forms.

Please be advised that the closing date for First Holy Communion Applications is Sunday 24th October

***Please note** if your child is not attending a faith school, they must have attended our parish RE Classes for a year before enrolling onto the HC Programme.

MORNING PRAYER: Every Tuesday and Friday 9.30am in church.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: 'Maranatha' every Friday 1.30pm in church.

ADORATION: Every Friday 6pm-7pm in Church (except first Friday of every month).

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

****Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:** Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Amparo Abalos, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Steven Hunt, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens and the Nestor family.

(**please note we are updating our prayer requests. You will see many names have been removed - if you wish for them to be placed back on the prayer list, please email the presbytery - thank you).

Recently Died: Maurice Hunt, Cathy Stayne.

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