

24th October 2021
+30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Parishioners

“Jesus, son of David, have pity on me.”

The words of Bartimaeus, the blind man, from this week’s Gospel present us with the perfect prayer to offer to Jesus. First, this prayer reveals the deep humility of Bartimaeus. By praying this prayer, he expresses the fact that he knew Jesus was the source of what he needed and that he was unable to help himself. Bartimaeus knew that he was weak but that Jesus was perfect strength. Thus, Bartimaeus humbly turned to Jesus in his need, recognising Him as the source of all help. Second, this is a prayer that cries for ‘pity’. Pity is the feeling of sorrow and compassion caused by the suffering of others. Pity is mercy and is the form of love given to one by another who has no need of giving it. In this prayer, Bartimaeus asks the all-powerful Lord to show him kindness and mercy, even though he is unworthy of such a gift. This prayer reveals the fact that Bartimaeus knew he was undeserving of help from our Lord, but he cried out for it anyway in the hope that Jesus would help. And, indeed, He does. Third, this prayer reveals a certain and deep passion. It is not just a request for God’s help; rather, it is a cry for help. It’s a plea and a form of begging. It’s an opening up of one’s soul to God, without concern of displaying one’s own weaknesses or worry that others will witness it or what they’ll think. This shows the depth of the blind man’s prayer. This week we celebrate World Mission Sunday and pray that the message of God’s mercy and love would be heard through the Church by all people throughout the nations. Let us pray for ourselves and for all people for God to help us in our deepest and most urgent needs. Let us also give thanks for the pity and kindness God has shown us and pray that we might be missionaries of that same pity for others.

God bless you

Fr Martin

Parish Synod Volunteer – Each parish in the Diocese is being asked if a volunteer would be willing to represent the parish when gathering comments for the upcoming Synod of Bishops in 2023. Over the next months each parish is encouraged to share their experiences and thoughts on their faith and the Church. If anyone would like to volunteer for this role please speak to Fr Martin.

Fundraising for St Vincent's Nursing Home - If you would like to contribute to the fundraising for St Vincent’s Nursing Home, in memory of Neville Ransley, a valued and loyal Trustee and friend of St Vincent’s Nursing Home you can donate to their JustGiving page by clicking here:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrew-parkin6?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=andrew-parkin6&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=495ef06ce6a94088aa1ac25aef1ad115

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to St Vincent’s Nursing Home, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

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THIS NEWSLETTER IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: -www.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY TO RECEIVE YOUR ELECTRONIC COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER DIRECT INTO YOUR INBOX!



****100 CLUB MEMBERSHIP****

Good luck to all our members!!

MASS INTENTIONS +30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) TOM HENNESSY RIP LD
09:30AM FOR PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM PATRICK DONNELLY RIP LD

MONDAY 25TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

TUESDAY 26TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM JOHN PLACKETT RIP LD

WEDNESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM KATHLEEN MURCHAN RIP A

THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS YVONNE BYRNE

SATURDAY 30TH OCTOBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF SICK & VULNERABLE

FOLLOWED BY

*EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
& CONFESSIONS 10-11AM*

+ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY 31ST OCTOBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARY KELLY RIP A
09:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:30AM OLIVIA (LIV) RUSSELL RIP LD

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TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER +ALL SOULS DAY

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM ALL SOULS
11:30AM FUNERAL OF BRIDGET FERNANDES RIP

WEDNESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM INTS OF ANAND PATEL

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

10:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
THE ROSARY & EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM BRIDGET FERNANDES RIP LD

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

09:00-11:00AM CHURCH OPEN
09:30AM HOLY SOULS

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SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

06:00PM SATURDAY (VIGIL) MARIANNA RIP A
09:30AM HOLY SOULS
11:30AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Parish Office & Newsletter

The Parish Office will be closed during half-term from 25th October 2021, reopening on Monday 1st November. There will be no Parish newsletter sent during this week. The next Parish Newsletter will be sent on Thursday 4th November.

Please remember our sick parishioners in your prayers: Patrick O'Rourke, Bill Smyth, Audrey Farrell, Hilda Minoli, Fr Duncan Adamson, Eileen Ferris, Katie Murchan, Duncan Webster, Pedro Johns, Richard Stoneman, Paul Wazny, Daisy Cunningham, Bianca Malheiros-Fauz, Kundan Singhoraya, Sarah Dunning, Eamonn Kearney, Ruby Bastiampillai, Peggy McMahon, Delores Walsh; for Kitty Goldie and those in our local nursing homes; and for our housebound parishioners, especially Katie Loftus.

Please let us know if you wish to add or remove any names on the sick list.

For those who have died recently: Bridget Fernandes, Anastasia O'Connor, Luigia Pirroni, John Plackett, Patrick Donnelly, Ophelia Dias, Síle Burns, Mary Sheila Fitzgerald, Ron Johnson, Dominic Bann, Brian Berry, Catherine Mary Nolan & Carlos Salazar D'eca.

For those whose Anniversaries occur around this time: Betty Bensted, Anthony Mullin, Suan (Sean) Mullin, John Henrick, Eileen Athanasiou, Tom Mckearney, Ted Blundell, Julia Hoy, Tina Marie Galvin & Kathleen Murchan.

Children's Liturgy

Bertie and Polar hear about a man who is helped by Jesus and doesn't give up even though he is not being heard.....

<https://youtu.be/rjDwzjJEfWM>

Red Box Appeal: This weekend we welcome Fr Brian Oswald MHM to give the five-yearly Red Box Appeal. Through the Red Box we are for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission-Missio and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries through the red box.

First Holy Communion 2022

A reminder that applications and Medical forms are now available in the main entrance of the church. The forms are also available on the Parish website

[https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments.](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/eastcote/sacramental-prep/receiving-the-sacraments)

Please remember to include a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate and return application forms to the Parish Office by **30th October 2021**. More information will follow on the format of the classes.

November Dead During November, Mass is regularly offered for the deceased. If you would like deceased family and friends remembered then make a list and, enclosing an offering, deposit the envelope into the special box on the sanctuary. The lists and envelopes will be made available from **Sunday 31st October** on the welcome table.

Catechetical co-ordinator – St John Fisher Parish in North Harrow are seeking to recruit a catechetical co-ordinator to develop, support and co-ordinate the catechetical and sacramental programmes and courses in the parish and so to facilitate growth in the faith life of the parish and her parishioners. 18 hours per week at £15 per hour the role involves Sundays and some evening work. For more details visit <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/parish-catechetical-mission-co-ordinator-harrow-north-parish/>

The **LIFE ASCENDING** group meet on **Wednesday 27th October 2021** at 2.30pm in the Library. Their welcome extends to all Christians in their middle to later years. Please come along on Wednesday.

St Vincent De Paul Society- 24TH October 2021

The SVP are resuming face to face meetings this weekend. If you would like to find out more about the work they do please join them after the 9.30 Mass in the Anglim room.

Hillingdon Food Bank: The next collection will be on **Wednesday 27th October 2021**

World Mission Sunday This weekend, World Mission Sunday, celebrated on **Sunday 24th October**, has as its theme 'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20). This day is an opportunity for the Church to unite in prayer for its missionary activity, and collect funds to support Catholic communities around the world living in poverty and deprivation. For more information, please visit www.missio.org.uk/wms.

Virgin Money- Important news about giving online to St Thomas More

You may have already heard that **Virgin Money Giving** – the online donation platform used throughout the diocese – is to close in November 2021. While the diocese is working towards alternative online donation systems, we thought it wise to make everyone aware of what this situation means for St Thomas More Church.

What does this mean for you? During the pandemic online giving has become increasingly important for many parishes. **From 30th November** these monthly donations will be cancelled automatically by Virgin Money. If you are someone who makes an occasional or regular donation online by Virgin Money, you may now be wondering how you can continue supporting the parish. We will be setting up new online giving tools but this will take a little time to arrange. But before we get to that point, it is worth remembering that the best way to support the parish is by standing order.

Giving by Standing Order Regular giving is the financial bedrock of the parish. It also costs the parish less to manage than online giving so your money goes further. If you would like to support the parish we would ask you to consider setting up a regular donation in this way. If you would like to know more about standing orders please contact Parish Office 0208 866 6581 or email eastcote@rcdow.org.uk. We will be happy to help you with this process.

Appeal from the School of Joy in Bethlehem - The School of Joy in Bethlehem produce olivewood items, and used to distribute their produce to pilgrims to The Holy Land, but now, because of Covid 19 , Coronavirus, there are no more pilgrims visiting. If anyone is interested in helping them and ordering items from them in order to help their missionary service to children with special needs to keep going you can make an order of Christmas ornaments, Nativity sets, Angels, crosses, and many other items. You can select your items from their web page: www.schoolofjoy.org

Little Amal to visit Westminster Cathedral Little Amal, a 3.5m puppet of a refugee girl, is walking from the border of Turkey/Syria to Manchester, in search of her mother. On her journey she will visit Westminster Cathedral on Monday 25th October at 2pm, where she will be welcomed by Cardinal Vincent. All are invited to join the Cardinal for this welcome liturgy and to learn more about migrants and refugees. Please be seated by 1.45pm. For further information about Little Amal's journey is available at <https://www.walkwithamal.org/>.

Diocesan Mass following the Pandemic: On **7th November** at 5.30 pm Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate Mass at Westminster Cathedral, for all those who have died during the pandemic, all who mourn them, all who have been bereaved or traumatised, those who were ill and those who cared for them, including all in the medical profession and care workers. All are welcome to this Mass, especially doctors, nurses, care workers and all health care professionals.

Catholic Teachers Online Event: The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting an evening to engage with Catholic teachers and leaders currently working outside Catholic education on 23rd November from 6pm to 7.30pm. It will provide information about how best to prepare for a role in a Catholic school and an opportunity to meet with current Catholic school leaders. There will also be an opportunity to register for a mentoring programme which will support those on their journey into Catholic education. To book, scan the QR code on the attached poster or visit <https://courses.rcdow.org.uk/event/calling-all-catholic-teachers-event-23rd-november-2021/>