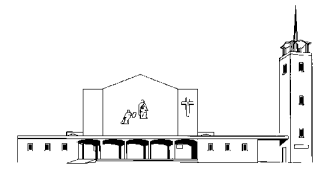




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YEAR B

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH OCT 2024

Gospel: *Mark 10: 46-52*

Master, let me see again.

When I was a post-graduate, I volunteered as relief warden in a hostel for overseas students, drawn from some 180 different nationalities. Meeting so many people from different cultural backgrounds changed my life, not least my palate. My fellow residents were generous in their hospitality and insisted on introducing to me their different international flavours. One of the students there was a blind Indian lawyer who had lost his sight at the age of ten, after he had placed a tin over a fire-cracker. In spite of tremendous obstacles, he had successfully qualified as a lawyer. Now he had additional obstacles, of getting used to a new country (he had never flown before or left India) and a new environment where he had to fend for himself, including doing his own cooking. Unfortunately, some of his fellow Hindu students who held to a strict doctrine of karma cold shouldered him as they believed his blindness was the working out of his fate. Karma says that you get what you deserve because of what you have done in a former life. This is contrary to what Jesus teaches. First there is no former life, to which we in this life are held to account. There is only this life and the life to come. Whilst sickness can be caused by us not following what God wants, Jesus teaches us that we should not jump to the conclusion that all sickness is as a result of sin. Conventional wisdom held that if you had some disability or sickness it was invariably caused by personal or familial sin. Jesus overturned that view. While we certainly reap what we sow, Jesus came to save and to set us free from the consequences of our actions. This is totally different from the karmic notion, where there is no escape from its cycle, condemning the person to work out in this life what they did in a previous incarnation. In karma there is no forgiveness of sins. In contrast, for those who confess their sins, and acknowledge the saving claims of Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness and no condemnation. Jesus came to set free and save what was lost. Karma offers no grace, no hope and no freedom. Gradually I was able to introduce Jesus to my blind friend. As he couldn't see, touch was very important to him, and so he naturally wanted to hold the cross, to know what it was like. Like other blind people, he had a heightened faculty of his other senses of touch and hearing. Perhaps Bartimaeus in today's gospel was the same. He seems to have had a heightened sense of hearing, and was definitely going to use his voice to make his presence felt. 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me'. True to human nature the bystanders tried to silence him, but truth cannot be silenced. Why did Jesus ask him, 'what do you want me to do for you?' Wasn't it manifestly obvious? Perhaps Jesus wanted to extract from his Bartimaeus' lips an act of personal faith? Or was Jesus trying to ascertain if he really wanted to be healed? It may seem strange but sometimes we hold onto our condition because it has become part of our identity, almost a defence mechanism. We are told that Bartimaeus' sight was miraculously restored as soon as he asked Jesus to restore his sight, and when Jesus told him that his faith had saved him. His physical sight was restored, but he was given the even greater sight of spiritual restoration. It was his faith in Jesus which had saved him, not the restoration of his physical sight, even though the miracle of his seeing again had taken away his spiritual blindness. Bartimaeus encountered Jesus and saw wonderful things through the faith which he acquired. My blind friend did not receive his physical sight back but he received spiritual sight. He told me that someone who is blind can see things which a normally sighted person cannot and even more so, now that he knew the living Lord. Like Bartimaeus he started to follow Jesus. As someone who has worn glasses from the age of six, I can't claim to have great eyesight, yet even so I give thanks for being able to see. But even more do I give thanks for the spiritual sight which I received on encountering through faith, the grace of the Son of David, who had pity on me. I once was blind but now I see, as we sing in Amazing Grace. To present the world with the claims of such amazing grace is what our mission is all about. It is also at the heart of Missio, whose evangelistic and humanitarian work we are called to graciously support this weekend. Many people are calling for pity in our world. Let us not be like the crowd outside Jericho who tried to silence and ignore their cry for help.



Fr Julian

PRAYER & LITURGY



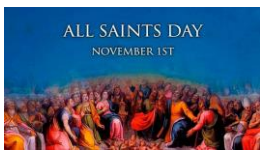
MISSION RED BOX APPEAL: This weekend we welcome Fr Philip Amek MHM to give a Red Box Appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for

World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the church around the world where it is young or in need. There will be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. Envelopes are attached to the newsletter and will be collected after Mass or can donate by using the QR code.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will only take place on **Friday evening** next week.

ANNA AMODEO of Highbury Avenue died recently. Details of her funeral will follow in due course.
May they rest in peace.



ALL SAINTS' DAY is on **Friday 1st November** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be at 9.15am, 2pm and 8pm. There is no Friday abstinence on the 1st November. If you are a minister, reader or altar server and can assist at the Masses, please contact the presbytery.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER is for a shared mission. Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently including Anna Amodeo and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time including Ignazia Tagliavore, Wanda Marino, Vincenzo Graffato, Pietro Perzia, John Brown and Francesca Di Maria.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Gabby Hanley will be running the Children's Choir at the 9.15am Mass on Sunday mornings. The children choir will be on **27th October, 10th & 24th November at the 9.15am Mass.**

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be held at the 9.15am Mass on **3rd & 17th November.**

PRAYER GROUP will be meeting on **Thursday 7th November** at 7.30pm in the crypt and will continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month.

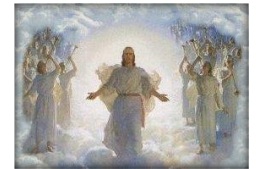
ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING will take place on **Saturday 16th November at 11.30am** for all servers and anyone who is in year 3 and above who would like to become a server. You must be attending Mass on a regular basis to qualify. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery.



NOVEMBER LIST OF THE DECEASED: Lists for you to write the names of your departed relatives and friends are beside the newsletters. Please return the lists to the presbytery, along with any Mass offering. During November, the lists will be kept on the altar and at least one Mass a day will be offered for the Holy Souls. Therefore, few other Mass intentions can be taken for November.

MASS FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PAST YEAR **Saturday 2nd November 6.30pm** will be a special Mass at which we remember and pray for the deceased of the past 12 months. Written invitations have been sent to the bereaved families of those whose funerals have been celebrated here in the parish, but all are welcome to attend.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS AT CEMETERY: Fr Julian will lead the annual visit to the Ware Road cemetery to pray the Rosary for the deceased members of the parish on **Saturday 2nd November at 11.30am. Please meet inside the main gate.** Fr Julian will attend Woollensbrook Cemetery on **Saturday 9th November at 11.30am.**



PARISH TRIP TO ST ALBANS ABBEY will be on **Friday 13th December.** The coach will leave the church at 9am and leave St Albans at 3pm. We will have Mass at the Abbey at 12 noon.

The price of the coach is £13 per person. If you would like to come, please contact the presbytery.

HOUSEBOUND & SICK PARISHIONERS

PLEASE TELL US IF ANYONE IS HOUSEBOUND, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO THEY CAN BE VISITED & HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME.

IF YOU GO IN TO HOSPITAL: If someone is sick in hospital, please let us know here at the Presbytery, and/or ask the staff on the ward, so that your loved one can be visited whilst in hospital, and receive Holy Communion and any other Sacraments from the Chaplain. Chaplains are: Lister, John O'Neill 01438-285138 or 07876-526935; Princess Alexandra, Fr Felix Adiele 01279-973183.

CATECHETICS

COME AND SEE will continue on **Tuesday 5th November at 7.30pm** for all who want to learn more about becoming a Catholic, or if you missed one of the Sacraments or if you simply want to renew your faith.



YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025: The next meeting will be on **Monday 4th November from 7-8pm** in the crypt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The next meeting will be on **Sunday 3rd November**.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2026: If your child is in year 2 and is interested in making their First Holy Communion in 2026, please do contact the presbytery to register your interest.

SCHOOLS

ST CROSS SCHOOL - RECEPTION INTAKE 2025/26 ADMISSIONS: If your child reaches five years old between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026, you should apply for a place within 2025-2026 Primary Admissions. Prospective parents are invited to come and join a small group of other parents for a tour and insight into the life of our school. During your visit you will be made welcome and be able talk to the Executive Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher. If you would like to book a tour, please call the school office (01992) 467309.



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL - VACANCY FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS: We are seeking Foundation Governors for our school. You would need to be a practicing catholic and also **not** have children currently attending the school. Our Governors are highly committed, talented and aspirational and form a Governing body which sees its purpose as one of service to our School community and wider community. For information contact Rebecca Faulkner HeadsPA@stmarys.net

JUSTICE & PEACE & PRO-LIFE

ASSISTED SUICIDE: Copies of the Cardinal's letter are still available from the table at the back of church.

SOCIAL & MISCELLANEOUS

5TH HODDESDON BROWNIES will be celebrating their 50th Birthday Party on **Wednesday 13th November**. There will be a Thanksgiving Service at

Brownies

7pm in church, followed by tea and cake in the crypt. Everyone is welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

GROUP: If you've experienced a bereavement please feel welcome to come to the parish support group. We are not a counselling service, but can always point people in that direction, if it is necessary. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 7th November at 2pm** in the presbytery.



SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP:

The next meeting for those undergoing separation or divorce will be held on **Wednesday 6th November from 4.30-6pm** in the presbytery. Participants should be attending Mass.

CHURCH CLEANING: Pat Kavanagh, Sue Alvey & Val. Thank you for your help.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES can be viewed online <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs>.

FINANCE

PARISH FINANCE: Thank you to all who continue to give regularly by standing order, or by envelopes. For those whose finances are more stable at present, please consider your parish giving, to help the parish out. Please see the link below <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/hoddesdon/donate/> for the details, or fill in [this form](#). For a Standing Order, here are the necessary details:

Account Name:	WRCDT Hoddesdon
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Account Number:	31264370

NO CASH? You can make your offering here by scanning the QR Code with your smartphone. Alternatively, there is a contactless device at the left-hand exit door of the church. If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.



Mission Prayer

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Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Loving God, inspire us to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet.' Nourished from gathering around your table, may our communities reflect your unconditional love, so that all are welcomed with open arms, and the most vulnerable find refuge, care and compassion.

May our prayers and generosity bring strength to missionaries, enabling them to share the joy that faith brings, so that everyone, everywhere, may experience your hope and love, renewing and healing our world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy this week	Today's Liturgy
Saturday 26^h October Sts Chad & Cedd, Bishops 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Vincent & Michael Byrne RIP</i>	Page 149 in the Mass books 1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 <i>I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.</i>
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Pietro Perzia RIP anniv</i>	Ps 125 — What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.
Sun 27th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN O.T 9.15am Mass <i>For the Parish</i> 11.15am Mass <i>John Brown RIP</i>	2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-6 <i>You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.</i>
Mon 28th October SAINTS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Costanza Teoli & Gaetano Alfieri RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel Accl. Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!
Tues 29th October Blessed Martyrs of Douai 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Christine Hurley RIP</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52 <i>Master, let me see again.</i>
Wed 30th October 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Bill Pollard RIP</i> followed by coffee in the crypt NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT WEEK'S READINGS THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)</p> 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 2-6 2nd Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28 Gospel: Mark 12: 28-34
Thurs 31st October 7.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8am Mass <i>Theresa Delaney's intentions</i> NO Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)</p> Saturday 10.30 – 11am & 5.30 – 6.15pm Sunday 8.45 – 9am & 10.45 – 11am or ask Fr Julian at any other time.
Friday 1st November ALL SAINTS (NO abstinence from meat for those aged 14+) 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am Mass <i>Vera Brown RIP</i> 2pm Mass <i>Sr Leonard Azzopardi</i> 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8pm Mass <i>David Green RIP</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROSARY</p> The Rosary is often prayed in the Lady Chapel after weekday Mass and Saturday 10am Mass.
Saturday 2nd November ALL SOULS DAY 9.30am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament 10am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK</p> Any parishioner sick, frail, or going into hospital for major surgery, can ask Fr Julian for the Sacrament of Anointing at any time.
4.00pm Italian Mass* 6.30pm Mass <i>Deceased of the past year</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE</p> Catholics must approach their parish priest at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.
Sun 3rd November THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN O.T. 9.15am Mass <i>Vincent Byrne RIP anniv</i> 11.15am Mass <i>Holy Souls</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Westminster Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 233699</p>
* Vigil Mass of Sunday	
REGULAR EVENTS	
Tues 29th 1 pm Lunch Club, crypt	Tues 29th 2.30pm Warm Spaces, crypt

NEWSLETTER ITEMS TO PRESBYTERY IN WRITING, BY FAX, OR E-MAIL BY 9AM THURS WITH YOUR NAME & PHONE NO. — NEW PARISHIONERS Please take a parish membership form & information leaflet from the box in the porch. The completed forms should be posted through the presbytery letterbox. **MOVING HOME?** Please post new details through the presbytery letterbox. **PARROCCHIANI:** Si pregano tutti i parrocciani di prendere i questionari (uno per ciascun famiglia) che si trovano vicino al tabellone degli avvisi. Una volta compilati, i questionari devono essere riconsegnati depositandoli nella cassetta della posta vicina alla statua di Sant'Antonio