

NEWSLETTER

30TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

THE GLORY OF BARTIMAEUS

'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.'

Bartimaeus is in need of healing even though others rebuked him. His calling out to Jesus, was embarrassing to them and perhaps unsettling. How often have I allowed others to suffer in silence? but here Jesus is not at all unsettled by the cries of Bartimaeus. In fact, he calls him over.

How often have I or you when stricken with an illness, financial hardship, disability instead of calling out we hold it all in because we fear we could be rebuked? Bartimaeus, on the other hand, is not rebuked, Jesus responds to his call by inquiring as to what he wants and then proceeds to heal him. This passage from Mark teaches me and you how to handle suffering in my life and in yours.

In Jesus' response to Bartimaeus, shows that God never wanted us to suffer alone. Instead of silencing those who are crying out for comfort, healing or justice, we should encourage them to respond to Jesus' call. It was clear that Bartimaeus was blind, He doesn't decide to heal him of his blindness, but instead, Jesus puts the question, 'What do you want me to do for you.' In asking Bartimaeus what he wanted Jesus is making him make the decision for himself of his healing. To often those in need are not given this kind of agency and Jesus goes against the grain of what is expected. Bartimaeus shows all of us that we can be euphoric in our request to God because he hears our cries and will most certainly respond.

Fr. Christopher

MASS

INTENTIONS

27th October

6pm—Ints of Sick of the Parish

28th October

9am - People of the Parish

11am— Ints of Henryk Suchowierki

For weekday mass intentions, please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confessions on Saturday at 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

Thursday **1st November** the Solemnity of **All SAINTS** Times of Masses here at St Edmund; **Morning 9.15 am and Evening 8pm.**

Friday **2nd November** THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Times of Masses: **Morning 9.15am and Evening 8pm.**

Envelopes are available on the table for you put the names of your loved ones who will be remembered at ALL Masses during the month of November.

Holy HourEvery Saturday

at 5pm

CAFOD Memorial Mass

You are warmly invited to the CAFOD Memorial Mass, in memory of all our Supporters and Volunteers, at the Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, London N14 4HE at **11am** on **Wednesday 7 November**. Refreshments will be served after the Mass.

If you would like someone to be included in our Book of Remembrance, please send us their name by calling CAFOD Westminster on 020 8449 6970 or emailing westminster@cafod.org.uk



THE CLOCKS GO BACK THIS WEKEND.
PLEASE, REMEMBER
AND DO NOT BE LATE FOR YOUR MASS.

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE WILL BE ON MONDAY, 29TH OCTOBER WITH A SECONT SESSION ON MONDAY, 5TH NOVEMBER. BOTH PAR-ENTS HAVE TO AT-TEND BOTH SES-SIONS. THERE IS A £10 FEE. THE COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR HALL AT 7.30 PM. PLEASE, CALL THE OFFICE TO REGISTER.

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading; Jeremiah 31: 7-9,
Psalm - 125: response v 3
2nd Reading - Hebrew 5: 1-6
Gospel - Mark 10: 46-52

1st Reading; Deuteronomy 6: 2-6,
Psalm - 17: 2-4, 47, 51 response v 2
2nd Reading - Hebrew 7: 23-28
Gospel - Mark 12: 28-34

ONE WORLD DAY

Our one World Day was well attended. We all had a wonderful time. I take this opportunity to thank Dianne Winship and all the members of the Parish Social Committee and all the volunteers for the hard work that went into organizing, it's much appreciated by me. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

CONFIRMATION

I want to remind those of our Young people who wish to make their Confirmation that the course will commence here at St. Edmund's on Saturday 3rd November 2018 (4-6 pm). Thank you

First Holy Communion

The First Reconciliation and First Communion Course will be begin here at St Edmund's on Wednesday 5th December with the Parents Meeting (7 pm). Booking Forms will be available from 9th September 2018 and the final date for the submission of the forms is 11th November 2018 to the parish office. Thank you *Fr Christopher*

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND

On the 10th & 11th November

We will have the annual Second Collection for the Sick & retired Priests. I thank you in advance for your generosity.

LOVE IN ACTION

These past five weeks we have looked at Catholic Social Teaching.

The topics we covered:

Week One: Dignity (The main thread and, in a certain sense, the guiding principle...of all of the church's social doctrine, is a correct view of the human person and of their unique value' St John Paul II)

Week Two: Solidarity and Peace (Solidarity, is not a feeling of vague compassion...it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself...to the good of all and of each individual because we are all really responsible for all'. St John Paul II)

Week Three: Preferential Option For the Poor: (Our Faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society's most neglected members' (Pope Francis, Joy of the Gospel)

Week Four: Care of Creation: (The book of Genesis tells us that God created man and woman entrusting them with the task of filling the earth and subduing it, which does not mean exploiting it, but nurturing and protecting it, caring for it through their work' Pope Francis)

Week Five: The Dignity and rights of Workers (There is no worse material poverty...than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work' Pope Francis)

On the Weekend of 3rd /4th November we will be looking at; Community and Participation, after Half Term. In the meantime could I encourage you all to go through the flyers and prayer cards and think about each of the topics covered thus far.

11th November immediately after the 11 am Mass we gather in the School Hall for the Workshop lead by Caritas Westminster. Where you would decide as to the Mission of the Parish going forward. Tea's and Coffees will be served in the School Hall. Please, join us. Thank you.

Fr. Christopher

17th November 18

Would all Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and All Catechists put this date in your diary. Fr. Javier will be here at 10 am to speak to all of you about 'Understanding Scripture'. It's a good way, for us to prepare for Advent/ Christmas. Could I ask you please, to RSVP without delay to Chris Murray, as we need to know the numbers? Many Thanks.

Fr. Christopher

Diocese Finance Manager vacancy

Are you or someone you know a qualified and experienced Financial Reporting Manager? Would you like to use your skills in the Church and be based in our offices in Victoria? Please see the Diocese website for details: <https://redow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>



Is God calling you to the priesthood?

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Adoramus

Would ALL Eucharistic Ministers collect the copy of Adoramus Extra which is now available in The Sacristy? When you have collected the copy, kindly place a tick against your name so we know who has taken the copy. Thanks



Rosary Group Meeting Month of the Holy Rosary 07th, 14th, 21st, 28th October

**Meet by the statue of Mary,
after 11am Mass, every Sunday**

*A plenary indulgence may be gained by
praying a full Rosary in Church or as a family*

*There will be a new theme
for our rosary prayers each week*

Beginners Welcome

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available
Prayer Meetings held every 1st Sunday of month
Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

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The office may be contacted by phone:
Monday to Friday 9am-2pm
Closed on Bank Holidays

NEW PARISHIONERS — Please fill in a “Registration Form” from the Church porch and hand it in to the Office or to the Parish Priest.

BLESSING OF HOMES — Contact the Parish Secretary to book a date and time.

COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND — Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for a visit from the Caring & Sharing Group.

BAPTISMS — Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – **Next baptismal course will be on Mon 29 October & Mon 5 November 2018 - 7.00pm.**

Please, call the office to reserve your space. Please, note that all baptism will be during Mass.

WEDDINGS — Contact the Parish Priest by email or letter, **even if you wish to be married elsewhere.** Please give full names, contact details, religion of each party and whether or note either of you has been married before. The Church normally requires six months notice of weddings.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO INTO HOSPITAL? — If you are admitted as a patient, please ensure the Chaplains’ Office is informed you would like to be visited by a Catholic Minister. This has to be done by you or a relative.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS — The Parish is completely committed to the protection from abuse of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. The Parish Protection Officer is Mrs Diane Winship and she should be contacted directly on 07799-414-806 if you have cause for concern. The Diocesan Protection Officer may be contacted on 020-7798-9350/07803-634-236, by email to peterturner@rcdow.org.uk or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER — The newsletter is available electronically, enabling you to remain in touch even when you are away on holiday or on business—as well as reducing our ecological footprint. Email the Parish Secretary to arrange to added to the distribution list.

LOOP SYSTEM —The Church is fitted with “Loop” sound systems – please switch to ‘T’.

SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES for present financial year

are now ready for collection in our If you notice any misspelling in you name/surname or the address, please, let me know by email on millwall@rcdow.org.uk. Also, if you want to donate by envelopes, you can let me know via email and I will prepare a box for you.

During the week the boxes are available form the office.

Katherine

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: 504.39, envelopes: 458.96, total: **963.35**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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