



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2021

Jesus' departure from Jericho signals the beginning of his final journey to Jerusalem and the passion that awaits him there. Mark takes a break from his terse writing style to describe the healing of the blind Bartimaeus in detail.

In both Old and New Testaments, blindness is often a symbol of ignorance, particularly the ignorance of unbelief and lack of insight (see Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 15:14; Romans 2:19). The servant of the Lord was to open the eyes of the blind (see Isaiah 42:7). Thus, healing blindness became a mark of the Messiah.

The story of *Bartimaeus* (the name in Hebrew or Aramaic means "son of Timaeus"; it is translated for the Greek-speaking audience) is the story of a simple healing by Jesus, another example of his election by God and his compassion for others. A deeper interpretation focuses on the beggar's shout to the "Son of David" and on his identification of Jesus as "my teacher" (*Rabboni*, the same word used by Mary Magdalene in John 20:16). This suggests that the one who is blind sees more clearly than those who are sighted. Still another emphasis can be placed on the closing line, "Immediately he received his sight and followed [Jesus] on the way". Coming just before the entry into Jerusalem and the passion, the story of Bartimaeus provides a sterling example of Christian discipleship, particularly after the difficult teachings on divorce, ambition and riches. Finally, note the question Jesus asks: "What do you want me to do for you"? It is the same question he asked James and John when they wanted to be placed at his right and left hand. In both cases, the availability and vulnerability of Jesus as he awaits the answer gives some indication of the openness we must have toward others who call on us. The faith of Bartimaeus, his willingness to speak the deepest desire of his heart and his immediate response of following Jesus remains a constant source of inspiration for the Church.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Times
Sunday 24th October 2021

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 24 th October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) World Mission Day
Tuesday 26 th October	St Cedd Bishop, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese
Thursday 28 th October	Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles - Feast
Sunday 31 st October	All Saints - Solemnity Holyday of Obligation

Timetable of Masses:

Sunday Masses 10am & 12pm

Both the 10am and 12pm masses are now open for *People's Physical Participation*.

Weekday Masses

Mondays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Tuesdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Wednesdays	9am	Eucharistic Service
Thursdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Fridays	9am	Mass for Parishioners
Saturdays	9am	Mass for Parishioners

As the pandemic is still not gone away completely, we are still asked to be careful with regard to safety procedures. So please continue wearing masks and keep safe distance and sanitise your hands.

Masses & Intentions This Week

Sunday 24 th October	10.00 am	Patrick Markey – RIP/Anni
	12.00 pm	Geraldine Patterson – RIP/Anni (donor – Patrick Patterson)
Monday 25 th October	9.00 am	
Tuesday 26 th October	9.00 am	
Wednesday 27 th October	9.00 am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 28 th October	9.00 am	
Friday 29 th October	9.00 am	Rr Rev Monsignor Van Meenen – RIP
Saturday 30 th October	9.00 am	Audrey Eileen Pollard – RIP
Sunday 31 st October	10.00 am	
	12.00 pm	

Parish Notice Board

November Envelopes

Mass is celebrated every day during the month of November for our deceased families and friends. We remember our dead and traditionally write their names on a 'dead list' to be prayed for during all Masses for their eternal rest and peace. It is a beautiful tradition, rich in religious and human symbolism. All are welcome to send in the names of their deceased loved ones by using the brown envelopes available at the back of the church. Please place the envelopes into the wooden box in front of the Altar. Thank you.

RIP

We were very sorry to hear of the recent death of Judith Salisbury. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

2nd Collection – World Mission Sunday – 24th October 2021

Please help yourself to an envelope at the back of the church for World Mission Sunday next week.

First Holy Communion Programme : Autumn 2021 - Summer 2022

The above First Holy Communion Programme will commence this coming Autumn. Would parents of children who are parishioners of English Martyrs, and who will be Year 3 and above in September 2021, please sign and take an application form for completion from the back of the Church. Please return the form, along with a copy of their Baptism Certificate, to Fr Britto at the Presbytery. Closing date will be Sunday 17th October. Thank you.

Confirmation Programme 2021-2022

Those who are in Yr 10 and above and are willing to go through our confirmation programme please register your interest by signing our form at the back of the church.

RCIA 2021-22

If anyone is interested in joining our community of Faith in the Catholic Church, please send me an email letter and contact telephone number to be enrolled for the RCIA program.

English Martyrs Donations/Financial Support for your Parish

For those who wish to pay direct from your bank account to the Parish funds, you can now use the following Bank details in future:

HSBC UK

Catholic Church Hornchurch English Martyrs Account No. 11019198

Sorting Code 40 13 22

Kindly make your monetary contributions by cheque in the following way:

1. For 'Mass intentions' to the parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Stipend' account only.
2. For all other donations and contributions to the Parish, please make your cheques payable to 'English Martyrs Catholic Church'.
3. Any personal remuneration for Father should be payable to 'Fr. Belevendran'.

Parish Finance

Sunday 17th October 2021 Gift Aid £ 59.00 Loose plate - £166.65 Total £225.65

Cafod Family Fast Day £29

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound in our Parish: Kathleen Clifford, Anna Heneghan, Paul Hogan, Pat Lark, George Malaj, Sheila McCurdy, Sheila Murphy, Rachel,

Mary Scully, Mary Thurgood, and Mary Wright. Rose Yates, Claire Ryan in Emerson Court and John Buckley.

Communication Desk

Catechists Training and Resource Day – 6th November

Being held at Sacred Heart of Mary School, the day will be an opportunity for Catechists to come together and receive input from different organisations including Caritas Brentwood and the BCYS. For more information on all of our events please see www.bcys.net

A message from CAFOD:

Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received. cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis
Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that the world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26
May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

Youth Gather – 23rd October

One day Youth Gather at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There will be input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbaa. This event will be for Year 9 and above.

The Brentwood Ursuline convent High school

For sixth form students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 4th November 2021 from 6.30pm-8.30pm. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 6.30pm.

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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