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**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY YEAR B**



***MASTER, LET ME SEE AGAIN!***

Jesus sets out on the road to Jerusalem for the last time, to face suffering and death. As He sets out with frightened disciples, He stops to work His final healing - giving sight to a blind beggar. All humanity cries out in this man: heal our blindness, let us see the world in truth, not illusion. Let us no longer remain blind to the suffering we inflict on the innocent, the poor, the outcast, the powerless, the child.

Jesus, let us see the world in its beauty and behold you at the centre of everything! Open our eyes to see the beauty of Your Presence in beggar at the door, the addict in our streets, the stranger in our midst. Open the eyes of our hearts that we might gaze with insightful eyes of love and bring healing to a world locked into structures of selfishness and greed that dispossess the poor of the world from their rightful share in the world's resources and the world's hope! Master, give us the courage to see! Really to see! And to change!

**SUNDAY: Mass at 10.00 a.m**

**MONDAY: *Feast of St Simon and St Jude, Apostles***  
**No Liturgy**

**TUESDAY** *Adoration* at 6.00 **Service of Word and Communion** at 6.30 pm

**WEDNESDAY:** *Adoration* at 6.00pm **Service of Word and Communion** at 6.30pm

**THURSDAY:** *Adoration* at 11.30am **Service of Word and Communion** at 12 noon

**FRIDAY: *All Saints Day (Holiday of obligation)***

*Adoration* at 11.30am **Masses** at 12.00 noon and 7.00pm

**SATURDAY: *Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed***

*Adoration* 11.30 **Parish Requiem Mass** 12.00 noon.

**Mass in Spanish** 3.00 pm

**TODAY** [1] **On the Thirtieth Sunday of Year B** we see Jesus His final healing - giving sight to a blind beggar. With the beggar, we cry out to Jesus : heal our blindness, let us see the world in truth, not illusion. Let us no longer remain blind to the suffering we inflict on the innocent, the poor, the outcast, the powerless, the child.

[2] We all know to the humanitarian disaster that has overtaken the peoples of the Middle East because of the Israel's war with Palestine, Gaza and Lebanon. CAFOD and the other agencies have launched a joint Appeal to respond the crisis of millions of displaced people enduring intolerable conditions. Over two weeks we will have **a Retiring Collection for CAFOD'S work with other agencies to bring some hope and rescue to the Middle East**

**NEXT SUNDAY** **The 31<sup>st</sup> week of Year B**

[1] We hear strange command! You cannot 'command' love, only invite it, encourage it, live it. God in this 'three-fold command of love' simply asks us to live our human nature - for we are made by Infinite Love, as the image and likeness of Infinite Love and destined to find endless fulfilment in Infinite Love for all eternity. This is the heart of our Christian faith, because it is the heart of God in Christ - the only thing that matters is that we love.

[2] **Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship** at 3.00pm - all welcome.

**THOUGHT FOR ALL SAINTS DAY**

Holiness is not just for the heroes for whom we erect statues and paint icons! They are part of the 'great cloud of witnesses' that encourage and inspire us. But holiness is for us as well - ordinary and extraordinary mums and dads, uncles and aunts, friends and co-workers, brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. Everyone of us is called to holiness. Called to be holy is God's call to become our true selves, to be who we are - and to be me in Christ, in truth, in love, in compassion, in mercy, in the struggle for justice. Ultimately the call to holiness in Christ is no more and no less than the call to be human - thoroughly human. As St Teresa of Avila said - 'the royal road to God is through humanity'. The world needs saints - the world needs us, young people and older people - all to be saints letting love be the power and driving force of our lives. Not 'perfect' plaster saints, but real flesh and blood people - in Christ!

**DIOCESAN PRAYER** The Diocese prays today for Parishes in Communion for Mission of The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Charlton Kings, their Pastor Fr Mark Moran, their Administrator Mrs Linda Portwain and all their community.

**PRAY FOR THIS WEEK'S PARISH MINISTRY OR MISSION**

We pray today for our **Parish School of St Nicholas of Tolentino**, led by our Head Teacher Mrs Rachael James. Giving thanks for the excellent and hard work of all the staff in educating and caring for our children and the pastoral care of many of our families, we recognise the school as a special part of the Mission of our parish and the wider Church, offering the special contribution of Catholic Christian education to our inner city community with all its diversity. We value children and families of different faiths and beliefs who seek to educate their children with us. We have a number of Muslim families who have chosen our school for their children.

**COLLECTIONS**

G.A.Envelopes £5.00+ Loose £145.12+ S.O £ 165.88 total: £311.00 - thanks!

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 31st Oct Parish Finance committee 7.30 (Zoom)  
 1st Nov **All Saints (Holiday of Obligation)**  
 2nd Nov **All Souls (Commemoration of all the faithful departed)**  
 Parish Requiem Mass 12noon & Mass in Spanish 3.00pm All welcome  
 Readers' training for new lectionary 9.30 -12.00  
 3rd Nov Mass with the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship at 3.00pm  
 9th Nov Joint Committees' meeting 9.30-12.00 noon  
 Jesus Youth prayer vigil, starting with mass at 8.00pm  
 10th Nov Remembrance Sunday, remembering all victims of 110 years of war  
 21st Nov Parish Pastoral Council 7.15 pm  
 Education Mass at the Cathedral 6.00 pm  
 24th Nov Feast of Christ the King, Baptismal Sunday  
 27th Nov Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTS) meet 12.30pm  
 31st Nov Readers' training for new lectionary  
 1st Dec **First Sunday of Advent & Introduction of the New Lectionary**

**JOURNEY OF FAITH 2024/25 HAS BEGUN** It has been agreed that we meet in the Assisi Centre at 5.30pm each Thursday. This group explores our Catholic Christian Faith both for those thinking about becoming Catholics and for Catholics who wish a renewal or deeper understanding of their faith. **This includes adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed in the Holy Spirit. Please contact Richard or Mary for more information or just come along!**

**PREPARING FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM** Parents seeking the baptism of their children are asked to inform Eustace Tameh or Christopher and Epiphania Chipato or Fr Richard as soon as possible. The next baptismal Sunday will be November 24<sup>th</sup>, Feast of Christ the King.

**CALLING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

We would like hear from those of our young people (13 years or older by January 2025) who have not yet been confirmed in the Holy Spirit and want to think about whether God is calling them to this commitment. There may also be some adults who have not yet be confirmed and would like to consider making this step to complete their Christian Initiation which began at Baptism. We expect to celebrate Confirmation in the Spring of 2025, so

young people and adults who are interested, please contact Astrid or Margaret in the Parish office to register your interest.

**EDUCATION MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL** On November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.00 pm, Bishop Bosco will be offering mass for everyone in the diocese involved in education – children, parents, teachers, governors,

**HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED ALL THE THINGS THAT NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR OUR SUNDAY MASS?**

Would you like to help to prepare for our masses? We need someone (or a few people) who could come a bit earlier on a Sunday and learn where things are stored, what needs to be set out for mass, how to check on supplies and to do all the little jobs connected with the Sacristy. Might you be one of those people? Come and talk to Mary after Mass!

**CALLING ALL LAY READERS (PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD) - NEW LECTIONARY**

On the First Sunday of Advent, 1st December, the New Lectionary will be introduced. The same selection of Biblical readings it uses both a different translation and a different lay-out. **It is important that all Readers become familiar with the Lectionary so as to proclaim the Word effectively - clearly and with faith.** Readers are asked to attend two training sessions, 9.30-12.00 on **Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **Saturday November 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please make it a priority as part of the your ministry. Thank you for your co-operation in this. **If you feel called to this Ministry of Proclaiming the Word, please contact Reagan or Richard and attend these sessions.**

**SUNDAY USE OF THE LADY CHAPEL AS A 'SAFE CRY AREA' FOR OUR CHILDREN**

The use of the Lady Chapel on Sundays is part of being a welcoming Church who values our little children and children who have special needs. There have been a few issues recently, so there is a short meeting **after Mass today** for families who regularly use the Lady Chapel on Sundays to discuss how we can better respond to all of our children's needs and support their families.

**ARE YOU A SKILLED DESKTOP PUBLISHER?**

We'd like to have a think about redesigning our parish bulletin. Would you like to help? Do you have lots of ideas? Please speak to Fr Richard or to Margaret, or contact the parish office (email on the front of the bulletin)

**NOVEMBER - A MONTH TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE DEAD** We remember not only the dead of the wars that have been the scourge of past 100 years, but in this month all the Faithful Departed, all 'who have gone before marked with the sign faith' and indeed all of deceased humanity for all are precious in God's eyes. Please take a Memorial Sheet today and fill in the names of all whom you want to be prayed for and remembered at every Mass celebrated in the parish this November. They are with the Bulletin this week. Our prayer for them becomes part of God's loving them into the fullness of their lives!

**GLOBAL SYNOD ENDS TODAY ... OR JUST BEGINS!** The final Report has been published and the Assembly in Rome has concluded. Now it is up to us!