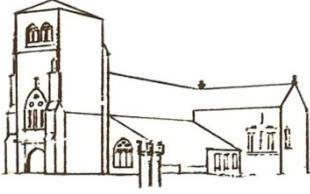


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The Thirtieth Sunday of the Year 28.10.18

Revolution in kindness (as encouraged by Jean Vanier)

...if you want more kindness in the world put it there

Mass this week is as follows -

Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Richard Chandler
Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Gerard Morgan
Tuesday	12.00 noon	Gerry McDonald
Wednesday	6.00 p.m.	Fr. Pat Sexton
Thursday	12.00 noon	Parishioner
Friday	10.15 a.m.	Requiem for Thomas Lowry
	1.00	November List
Saturday	5.30 p.m.	Peter Brackenbury (ill)

All Saints Day, which is a holy day, falls on Thursday. The Vigil Mass will be at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, the holy day Mass itself will be at 12.00 noon.

Friday is **All Souls Day**. Mass will be at **1.00 p.m.** November is the month which we dedicate to prayer for our deceased family, friends and benefactors. We pray in solidarity with them at the awesomeness of coming face to face with God. None of us is worthy. We are aware of our sin. We can only entrust them to God's loving care and identify with them by our prayer.

You are invited to write down the names of all those you wish to remember this November at Mass, and place them in our **November List** box in front of the altar. Mass will be offered every week for those listed. Please do not put any money in your November List envelope.

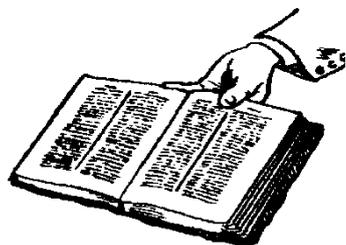
Funerals this week. Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. there is a funeral service in St. Anne's for baby Liusi Danute Stojkova. She was 6 months old and had spent all her life in Alder Hey Hospital. Please pray for her parents Rimgaudas and Ingrida and her brother Luciano.

There is a funeral service on Wednesday for Thomas Sweeney, and on Friday there is a Requiem Mass for Thomas Lowry. May they rest in peace. Please pray for their families.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which we celebrate every weekend -
on Saturday, 4.15-5.15 p.m., and on Sunday, 9.15-10.15 a.m.

There are **confessions** every Saturday and Sunday during the Adoration.

There will **not** be an Alpha meeting this Tuesday. Alpha will recommence next week. The whole parish is invited to LACE to take part in the first of the Synod preparatory meetings. More about this over the page.



Today's Scripture, the healing of the blind beggar Bartimaeus, is the last episode on Jesus' long journey to Jerusalem. That journey had begun with the curing of a blind person at Bethsaida in Galilee. It concludes with this cure of a man also blind, as Jesus is leaving Jericho, the last town before Jerusalem. In this way, the cure of blindness "frames" the journey at its beginning and end. Clearly Mark makes the physical blindness of the two men Jesus heals, a symbol of the spiritual blindness of the disciples, which is the chief concern of Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. The instant cure of Bartimaeus and his readiness to "follow (Jesus) along the way" contrasts sharply with the reluctance of the disciples to come to terms with what awaits Jesus in Jerusalem (suffering and death) and their dragging their heels in the matter of following him there (10:32).

The Gospel of Mark is designed to help believers make this journey over and over, until Jesus' suffering and the sufferings of their own lives, become part of a deeper understanding of the mystery of God's entry into the world's pain and suffering in the person of Jesus.

Like so many other desperate people in the Gospel, Bartimaeus has to surmount a barrier in his attempt to get access to Jesus. The crowd, including presumably Jesus' disciples, try to silence him and shoo him away. The discouragement only makes him cry out all the louder, until at last Jesus, becoming aware of him, stops and asks that he be brought over. The Gospel account highlights the energy of the man's response: flinging off his cloak, jumping up and going to Jesus. Physically he has nothing – now not even his cloak. What he does have is an acute sense of his own need and a deep reserve of faith, which has driven him to break through the barrier so vigorously to get access to Jesus.

Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?" and Bartimaeus' replies, "Master, that I may see again". The request that he makes is one that all who would be disciples of Jesus have to make over and over again throughout their lives – not one of physical sight but one to really follow Jesus with understanding of what his mission is truly about. In this area all lack a capacity to "see" which only divine power can remedy.

And just as Bartimaeus, his sight restored, "followed (Jesus) upon the way", so we will follow him "along the way" of our own lives only if we know our need for a "sight" that he alone can give. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar, becomes then, at this climactic stage of Jesus' journey, a model of discipleship and faith

The next **parish assembly** will be on November 3rd.

First Holy Communion programme. Next meeting is 3rd. November at 12.00 noon.

The Prayer Group - 7.30 p.m. Fridays in the Parish Rooms. You are welcome.

Justice & Peace group. Next meeting 15th. November in St. Bernard's House.

The Men's Group will meet on Monday, 29th. October, at 7.30 p.m. in St Bernard's.

Messy Church – 10th. November. Next Saturday. To meet every 2nd. Saturday

Shared Reader Group. Every Wednesday 10.15-11.45 a.m. In the Parish Rooms.

Divine Renovation (DR) conference. There will be a two day conference in Birmingham on 7-8th. February, Thursday to Friday. Fr. James Mallon will be there. DR is the driving force behind our current Alpha programme and will give greater drive to the renewal arising out of the Synod programme. If you wish to go please let me know ASAP.

Parish Assembly. Next Saturday in our parish rooms at 10.00 a.m. The whole parish is asked to take part. These are exciting times. The way ahead with the Synod will play a major part in the discussion. It calls for the prayer of all of us

Please keep our sick friends in your prayer -Teresa Murphy, Sophia Purnell (aged 7), Rose Cody, Frank Hall, Ann Marie Ashley, Luba Sajkalova, , Chloe Woo, John Reynolds, Steve Casey, Pat Brown, Pat Dalton, Adam Dean, Stephen Woo, Nancy Goss, Saadat, Ken Otu, Flo Coffey, Sister Win, Ann McMahon, Bernie Connolly, Andy Murphy, and the many who have asked for our prayer this week. We pray for people in pain – many among our congregation. We would like to know of anyone at all who is housebound. We also take Holy Communion to the Marmaduke Street Care Home (Lotus Care), Arundel Park Nursing Home, Redford House (Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust) on Upper Parliament Street, to the Granby Hub, and to the Liverpool Women’s Hospital. If you seek prayer for your sick family and friends please let us know. We can take Holy Communion to them and celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick.

Gary Sweeney and Tommy Lowry have died recently. Please pray for them.

Money Report . The collection last weekend was **£473.51**. Add on **£624.80** from standing orders and tax returns to make a total of **£1,098.31**. Thank you all very much.

Our parish has talent (series three). Sunday, November 18th. It is always great fun. Thank you, those many people who, in the past, have come forward and celebrated your talent in many and varied ways. Now do so again, encouraging others who have yet to venture on to our stage. Please see Lol about it.

Shared Reading. Every Wednesday morning in the parish rooms. Interested in learning more about how the shared reading groups work? visit www.thereader.org.uk

Christmas Fayre. The Christmas Fayre will take place in the Parish Rooms on Saturday 24th November from 12 noon.

We are appealing for toiletries, gift sets, wine and spirits for the tombola. We also need non-perishable food for the hamper, and sweets and chocolates for the children's lucky dip. But please no clothes or bric-a-brac. Please could contributions be handed into church after Mass on the previous weekend to the Fayre. All proceeds will be for the Parish.

Shoebox Appeal. For those participating in the Shoebox Appeal, there is a list at the back of church for you to take home which gives ideas on what to include.

OLIVE WOOD CARVES FROM THE HOLY LAND (BETHLEHEM).

“We are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which is based in Nottingham, and works alongside the St. Vincent De Paul society for orphans and elderly people in the Holy land. Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the holy land to stay at work as olive wood carves is one of the most important source of income for them, as 90% of the Christians rely on this sale. So by selling their produce here from the olive wood (rosaries, crosses, cribs and religious statues) on their behalf, this will prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there are only forty one thousands Christians left in the area”.

They will be on sale in our church on the weekend of **10/11 November** after Mass.

Good furniture needed. Thank you for responding so generously to our appeal for furniture for two families. There are still essential needed. So please contact us with what you have to offer.

Everyone is invited by the Archbishop to LACE on Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. to discuss how best to prepare for **the Synod**. I strongly recommend that we get there very early in order to get a seat. This is the start of the most important process I have known within our Archdiocese.

Care Of Our Common Home. Recycling : important information. All tins, jars and bottles need to be thoroughly rinsed before going into recycling because if they are contaminated with food, they will be rejected and still end up in landfill - the very thing we're trying to avoid. Greasy cardboard is also rejected, so egg boxes etc need to be clean.

Whitechapel Centre. The Centre was founded in 1975 to meet the needs of homeless people in Liverpool. It opens 365 days a year, providing services to rough sleepers, people living in temporary accommodation and those at risk of being homeless. Last year they worked with 2,814 people to end or prevent their homelessness. How can we help? We can fundraise, donate money, food or clothing (take to the Centre between 11.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m). Underwear and socks for women and men are needed especially as winter approaches. Volunteers are needed to help cook, sort clothes, offer activities, fill out forms. Either phone David or go on line www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk

St. Anne's School. There will be the official opening and blessing of our Quiet Space/Garden on Wednesday, 7th. November at 9.30 a.m.

J & P. We will soon be marking the centenary of the armistice which ended the First World War on 11th November, 1918, a war in which it is estimated some seventeen million people lost their lives and countless others had their lives ruined as a consequence of injuries, psychological effects or bereavement. Not long after the war broke out, the writer H.G. Wells published a book entitled, *The War That Will End War*, which became a frequently repeated phrase. Sadly, as we all know, it did no such thing. On 11th November, we will remember not only those who died in the First World War, but all those who have died in wars since. A recent article in *Justpeace*, the magazine of Pax Christi, discussed the importance of remembering those who have died in war, 'to remember the past if we are to have a better future.' There is a long tradition in England of wearing a red poppy, which was a flower which grew on the battlefields of Flanders as a sign of remembrance.

Many people also like to wear a white poppy in remembrance of all victims of war, soldiers and civilians in all countries, and as a sign of commitment to peace. We do not have a source of red poppies, which in any case are readily available, but we do have some white poppies which are at the back of the church. Please feel free to take a poppy and leave a donation in the box provided.

Little Mick's Spot (paws for thought). I must tell you how chuffed TD was about the fuss you made of his birthday, and he is getting on a bit! You'd have thought that at his age he'd have been past such things. I don't mind him being old provided he can give me the life to which I have become accustomed!! Any way you gave him so many surprises which seemed to go on and on. He wasn't surprised at your kindness and generosity. He's used to that. He just experienced a wonderful out pouring of love when he read what you wrote on his cards. He is very grateful. Now for my business. I am meeting my brother Spike on Friday afternoon. When we were kids he used to bully me, even if I were bigger than he was. My gentle nature, you see!! I'll be pleased if we can be friends. I'll let you know next week how we got on. Thanks again for looking after TD.

