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Saturday 26th/Sunday 27th October 2024
30th Sunday of Year B



OFTEN THE BLIND see more than those who have sight and this is not a contradiction. There are more ways of seeing than through the eyes.

In today's Gospel we meet a man called Bartimaeus. He had never set eyes on Jesus - he was blind - yet he had more faith in Jesus than many of those who saw Him. The fact that we have two good eyes does not mean that we see what is important in life. Sometimes the problem is not that we cannot see but that we will not see. It is only with the heart that we see rightly.

Let us pray that Christ may deliver us from the many forms of spiritual blindness that plague our lives and which prevent us from following Him.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS - FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

There will be Masses at St. Clare's for this Holyday as follows:

Vigil Mass at 7.00 p.m. and Masses at 9.30 a.m. (with the school) and 7.00 p.m.

POPE'S MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER

For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

FOOD BANK APPEAL

Please continue to bring in items for the Salvation Army Food Bank. They are desperate for tinned and dried food (but not pasta and cereals). Also welcome are tea, coffee, sugar, UHT long life milk and meals in a tin e.g. meat plus anything for homeless people with no cooking facilities.

They are not, however, allowed to accept alcoholic drinks. There are Boxes at the back of church.

AGAIN, WE APOLOGISE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MASSES THIS WEEKEND

NEXT WEEK ON WEDNESDAY AT 10.15 A.M. THERE WILL BE A REQUIEM MASS FOR AGNES JORDAN

ON FRIDAY THERE WILL BE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM 9.45 A. M. TO 10.15 A.M.

THE CHURCH IS STILL OPEN FOR BAPTISMS AND FUNERALS BY APPOINTMENT WITH FR. JOHN MARK OR DEACON JIM

TO SAVE ANY CONFUSION OR RUMOUR

BISHOP PAUL STATES THAT THE PARISH OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT HAS NOT BEEN CLOSED

FR. JOHN MARK REMAINS PRIEST IN CHARGE

FR. JOHN MARK IS WELCOME TO ARRANGE SCHOOL MASSES IN CHURCH DURING THE WEEK

THE CHURCH CAN BE OPENED DURING THE WEEK FOR PRIVATE PRAYER FOR INDIVIDUALS AND THE SCHOOL

THIS WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER THERE WILL BE A REQUIEM MASS FOR AGNES JORDAN

STARTING THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AND EACH WEDNESDAY THEREAFTER THERE WILL BE A PARISH MASS AT 10.15 A.M. ATTENDED BY OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLEASE REMEMBER BISHOP PAUL AND ALL THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. GREGORY'S IN YOUR PRAYERS; THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION CAN SOON BE FOUND TO ADDRESS THIS VERY SAD AND DISTRESSING SITUATION IN ORDER THAT WE CAN RESUME OUR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MASSES

OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

If you prefer to sign a Standing Order or undertake a Bank Transfer, please use the following details:

A/c Name: Parish of St. Gregory, Preston
A/c No: 81335332
Sort Code: 40-27-02

Please make sure you add your name to the payment, especially if you are a Gift Aider so we can claim back the tax.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is continuing in the present weeks. For those who wish to learn more about how to hope and act with Creation - rooted in Laudato Si and Laudate Deum, there is an online talk from Fr. Josh Kureethadam, who was the Coordinator of the Sector of Ecology at the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. Fr. Josh will share not only a sense of awe and wonder before the grandeur and majesty of the universe but also a deep sense of concern for the increasingly precarious state of our common planetary home. For details of how to register for the talk contact Menchu, menchu@virginmedia.com

The Season of Creation also calls for us to act and a further leaflet is available about Global Day of Action on the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, which parishes are encouraged to support and to raise with political leaders in advance of the next UN Climate Change Conference in November, COP29.

READINGS NEXT WEEK

Monday	SS Simon & Jude	
	Paul/Ephesians 2 vv 19-21	Luke 6 vv 12-19
Tuesday	Paul/Ephesians 5 vv 21-23	
	Paul/Ephesians 6 vv 1-9	Luke 13 vv 22-30
Wednesday	Paul/Ephesians 6 vv 10-20	
Thursday	Luke 17 vv 31-35	
Friday	All Saints	
	Apocalypse 7 vv 2-4, 9-14	John 3 vv 1-3
	Matthew 5 vv 1-12	
Saturday	All Souls	
	Isaiah 25 vv 1-9	Paul/Romans 5 vv 5-11
	Mark 15 vv 37-39	
	31st Sunday Year B	
	Deuteronomy 6 vv 2-6	Paul/Hebrews 7 vv 23-28
	Mark 12 vv 28-34	



YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

for Sam Dowd, Jackie Lyons, Donald & Ingrid Whiles, Michelle Riley, Raine Tallon, Gerard Renaudin, Rudolph Carlisle, Members of the Wood and

Madden Families, John Allen. Maureen Sharrock, Harry Oulton, John Monty Black, Martin Gee, Margaret Nuttall, Agnes Partington, Teresa Durnian, Bill Hughes and all who are sick.

For the housebound and those in hospital.

For carers and all who are anxious for the health of their loved ones.

For the relief, comfort and solace of all refugees and the homeless.

For missionaries and for all victims of strife and terrorism.

For peace in all the troubled areas of our world.

For our clergy and all our parishioners.

Our Lady, our Mother, comfort of the afflicted, pray for them.

For all who have died recently, especially Agnes Jordan; for all whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



RED A.P.F. BOXES

Will everyone who has a Red Box please empty it and pass the

money with their name to Deacon Jim. If you wish Jim to collect it from your home then please ring him. Once we have all the money, it will be sent to the A.P.F. Missions. Thank you.

FEASTS NEXT WEEK

Monday 28 th October	SS. Simon & Jude
Friday 1 st November	All Saints
	(Holyday of Obligation)
Saturday 2 nd November	All Souls
	(Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

NEWS FROM CASTLERIGG

- We are taking very late applications to join the team at Castlerigg so if you know anybody who is interested, please have them get in touch with Jack Regan: - director@castleriggmanor.co.uk
- By popular request, we are bringing back the 'Friends of Castlerigg' scheme - your opportunity to get directly involved in our work and support us for just £10 a month or as much as you can afford. Supporters will be invited to an annual "Friends" day here at Castlerigg and those giving £10 a month or more will also get a free entry to our monthly lottery. More here... <https://castleriggmanor.com/friends-of-castlerigg/>