



## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**J**esus said,  
"Go, your faith has saved you."  
And immediately  
his sight returned  
and he followed him along the road.  
(Mark 10: 52)

Most of us can see but we're still blind in many ways. We're blind to the needs of others. We're blind to the goodness of God all around us. We're blind to the way we behave. The blind man Bartimaeus asked Jesus to return his sight. If we did the same, what would we see?



**Feast of All Saints**  
This Thursday  
1st November

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**Commemoration of the  
Faithful Departed  
- All Souls' Day**  
This Friday  
2nd November



Aid to the  
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**Aid to the  
Church in Need**

is an international  
pastoral aid organization

of the Catholic Church, which yearly offers financial support to more than 5,000 projects worldwide. It aims to help Christians in need wherever they are repressed or persecuted and therefore prevented from living according to their faith.

This weekend Rachel Buckley will speak about their work. There will not be a collection for this charity but at the end of Mass there will be a variety of religious items for sale.

**THIS  
TUESDAY  
at LACE**

**SYNOD 2020**  
Archdiocese of Liverpool

**Sefton Park 30th October from 7.30pm – 9pm.**

**FAITH IN FOCUS:  
THROWING OFF HIS CLOAK**

The odds were stacked against Bartimaeus. He was blind. He was a beggar. He lived in Jericho, a town meaning "cursed". (Joshua cursed it when he captured it.) His name means "son of Timaeus" and the word "Timaeus" means a "nasty or corrupt man". The blind beggar, son of a good-for-nothing, living in the cursed city.

On the day when Jesus came to town Bartimaeus probably wasn't expecting anything special to happen. But he capitalised on his assets. He might have been blind but he wasn't deaf and he had a strong voice. When he heard it was Jesus of Nazareth he began shouting out to catch his attention.

Bartimaeus wasn't bothered about public opinion. They all told him to shut up but he shouted out all the more. He knew that this man Jesus could make things better for him. So he shouted all the louder. Being helped was more important than being thought respectable.

Beggars wore a special coat or cloak of camel hair that got them noticed more easily. When Jesus told the people to bring him over Bartimaeus threw the cloak off. He was going to be seen for what he really was, not just a beggar. He jumped up and went over to Jesus to beg his mercy and favour. The story ends with his sight being restored and him following Jesus along the road...without his cloak.

What's your handicap in life? Is it some physical illness? Are you held back by your environment? Is it perhaps some spiritual blindness or habit that you're desperate to overcome? Do you let yourself be put down by what others think of you? Do you feel sometimes like you've got a cloak? Do you want to be helped and if so what do you do to make it a reality? How do you capitalise on what you do have; you might be blind but you've got ears and a tongue.

Sometimes we have to take the plunge and throw off the cloak that drags us down. Because until we shout out to Jesus, there's little chance of our blindness being cured.

## Feast of All Saints *This Thursday 1st November*

All Saints is one of the Holydays, obviously not a feast of the Lord, which still occurs on a weekday and not transferred to the Sunday.

**2 Masses:** • St Patrick 10am • OLMC 7pm

## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed - All Souls —this Friday 2nd November

This is not a Holyday but like Ash Wednesday, many parishioners like to go to Mass on this day.

**2 Masses:** • OLMC 10am • St Patrick 7pm

**November List:** There are sheets at the back of our churches for people to enter the names of their deceased relatives and friends who will be remembered in all our Masses during November.

## Synod 2020

### Meeting at LACE, Tuesday 30th October 7.30-9pm.

All invited to come and find out more about the Synod.

The meeting will cover:

- What is a synod?
- Why are we having a synod?
- Who will be part of the synod
- How every parishioner can be involved.

I hope as many of our parishioners as possible will go to this meeting. Our usual evening Mass will be at an earlier time to enable people to attend this—I will be able to take 3 or 4 people in my car.

**Synod Membership** Each parish in the diocese is asked to send one delegate to the Synod. Suggestions are welcomed as to how we choose our representative.

## With You Always - First Holy Communion

First sessions begin this week:

- St Patrick's School: Tuesday 30 October 5.30pm St Patrick's Church
- St Finbar: Wednesday 31st October 4pm, OLMC Church. This meeting is also for **children from other schools.**
- Holy Family: Thursday 1st November, OLMC Church

It is vital that all those who will receive their first Holy Communion in the summer of 2019 come to this first meeting. Anyone unable to come should see me as soon as possible.

**OLMC/St Patrick Fund Raising** Next Meeting 10th January 2019.

**GIFT AID** Leaflets about 'Gift Aid' will be given out next weekend—delay because of the talk on **Aid for the Church in Need.**

**St Patricks—Raffle** Prizes welcoming for the forthcoming raffle.

**Knights of St Columba** charity social on 10 November 2018 at Our Lady Mount Carmel Club High Park St Liverpool L8 8XD.

*John Southworth*

## MASSES AND SERVICES

### IN CHURCH THIS WEEK

- No Mass on Monday.
- Tuesday Mass at the slightly earlier time of 6.45pm. (Talk on the SYNOD at LACE at 7.30)
- All Saints on Thursday—extra Mass.
- All Souls on Friday—extra Mass.

### Sunday 28th October

#### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Parishioners	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Cecilia, Joe & Henry Roberts	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Leonard Marnell	OLMC

### Monday 29th October

9am	NO MASS	OLMC
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### Tuesday 30th October

NB Earlier time—6.45pm	John Wilcott	OLMC
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### Wednesday 31st October

10am	Tom O'Hara	St Patrick
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### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Thursday 1st November

10am	Robert Ledson	St Patrick
7pm	Gary Yates	OLMC

### Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Friday 2nd November

10am	Molly Merivale	OLMC
7pm	November List	St Patrick

### Sunday 4th November

#### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm	Teresa Campbell	OLMC
Sun 9.45am	Mary Robinson	St Patrick
Sun 11.15am	Parishioners	OLMC

### Thursday Evening Service 7pm

**REPLACED BY THE MASS FOR ALL SAINTS**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30pm	OLMC
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### Bonus Ball / Mount Carmel and St Patrick

The bonus ball for Wednesday 24th October was no 17  
Winners won £30 each

### Collections

*Many Thanks*

### Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Envelopes £1 Loose £1

**St Patrick** Envelopes £106.12 Loose £164.95  
Box £15 Brick £10

### Please Pray For.... Those who have died:

**The sick:** Betty Flannery, Tony Robinson, Carol Pickford, Betty Billingsley, Tommy Duffy, Audrey McKenna, Ian McCafferty, Betty Christian, Bernard Duffy, Helen Melarange, Jack Davies, Joan Higgins, Michael McNicholas, Billy Thompson, Freya Matheson, Rene Humphreys, Clifford Browne, Gary Hollinson, Jackie Heath-Anderson, Ted Cunningham, Anne Deuchar, Charlotte Rice, Irene Finneran, Lisa Balshaw, Mary Kewley, Claire Kearney, Lyn Barton, Betty Devine, Kathleen Devine, Joseph Baxendale, Ann Chapman, Nadia Kent, Susan Roberts, Alex Sielski, Lee Foster, Denise King, John Dunning, Emily Rolands, Angela Kent, David Majoury, Donald Smith, Pius Laizer, Maria Jones, Mary O'Toole, Sally Wilkins, Michael Murphy, Margaret Chung, David Stevenson, Thomas & John Paul Conroy, Keith Holden, Kathleen Crownly, Joanne Fairbrother, Eileen Edwards, Erin Caulfield, Lisa Ginley, Lillian O'Connor, Owen Hall, Anne Brannigan, Thelma Mainwaring, Cheryl and Lenny Hart, Sheila Chapman, Elaine Gorry, Alexandra Reid, Winifred Williamson, Kathryn Reid, Wally Williams, Chrissy White, Nicholas Maher, John Hodson, Terry Macklin, Muriel Minshull, Maureen Ryan, Mary Ryan, Regna Lewis, David Shea, Steven Binks.