



PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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SUNDAY 24th October 2021 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

Gospel: **Mark 10:46–52**

Today's Gospel explains how Jesus shows mercy and compassion by healing the blind Bartimaeus. On hearing that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, Bartimaeus loudly expressed his trusting Faith in the healing power of Jesus by shouting his request, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me." When Jesus invited him to come near, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak sprang up and came to Jesus. His meeting with Jesus gave Bartimaeus the gift of spiritual as well as physical sight, and the former blind beggar became a disciple of Jesus.

Life message: Instead of remaining in spiritual blindness, let us pray for spiritual sight. Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness. Hence, we need the light of the Holy Spirit to end our darkness and grant us proper spiritual vision. Let us learn to recognise the causes of our spiritual blindness. Anger, hatred, jealousy, evil habits, addictions etc. make us spiritually blind, and they prevent us from seeing the goodness and presence of God in our family members and neighbours. Hence, let us learn to think about and see the goodness in others without becoming unkind, critical, or judgmental. We are blinded by greed when we are never satisfied with what we have and incur debts to buy luxury items. Hence, let us pray to have a clear vision of Christian values and priorities in our lives and to acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in ourselves and in our neighbours. A clear spiritual vision enables us to see the goodness in others, to express our appreciation for all that they have been doing for us, and to refrain from criticizing their performance.

Readers

Sat 6:30	Sun 09:30	Sun 11:00
Hugh Stickland	Guy Churton	Katie Turner

If you wish to join the Reader's Rota, please complete the form in the porch.

Confessions on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

Mass Intentions If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

Adult Catechism in preparation for the sacrament of Baptism runs after 11am Mass on Sundays. As we progress, we may consider alternative times which may suit more people.

First Holy communion preparation starts on the last Saturday of this Month (30th of October) by 11am. The venue is in the Church. We are lucky to have a capable teacher who will assist in the preparation. We therefore ask the parents to bring their children who have reached the age of receiving the Holy communion to join in the preparation.

Sat 23 Oct	06:30 PM	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Parishioners
Sun 24 Oct	09:30 AM		Peace in the world
	11:00 AM		Conversion of Souls
Mon 25 Oct	10:00 AM	Monday in the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	For the Youths
Tue 26 Oct	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	Raymond Feegrade
Wed 27 Oct	No Mass	Wednesday in the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	private Intentions
Thu 28 Oct	10:00 AM	Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles	Sanctification of Priests
Fri 29 Oct	10:00 AM	Friday in the 30 th Week in Ordinary Time	For the Sick
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 30 Oct	06:30 PM	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving
Sun 31 Oct	09:30 AM		Thanksgiving
	11:00 AM		Thanksgiving

Announcement. Remember to submit the names of the departed members of your family and friends for masses through the month of November. Write as many as you can and place it in the basket in front of the Alter. Mass stipend is appreciated.

Prayer for Climate Action If you would like to take part in the session next Monday afternoon you can obtain the Zoom link be e-mailing 1108steward4@gmail.com. There is one more session before the start of COP26. As the conference approaches we might remember Pope Frances referring to the world as 'our common home'.

We pray for the world, our common home; that through God's grace we may hear its cry of the damage done and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy.

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 that world leaders will put the needs of marginalized 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.

Foodbank The Foodbank has now re-opened so that we are able to meet and speak with clients. Appropriate Covid protection measures are however still in place. Thank you for your continuing donations. Items we are short of are listed on the Foodbank website www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk. We are always short of shopping bags. Please leave any you can spare in the church porch.

Fairtrade Coffee Morning The local churches' Fairtrade group are hosting a coffee morning at Bargates Hall on Saturday 30th October from 10 until 12pm. Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale as well as Traidcraft products. Come and join us for coffee and cakes!

Weekly Collection We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday	17 October	-	£276.30
Weekly Standing Orders		-	£103.50

It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account .

Covid 19 Test Kits the Local Health Authority has asked us to continue distributing Lateral Flow Covid test kits through our parish community. You can find these at the back of church. Please help yourselves.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.