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**LITURGY**

**First reading:** Jeremiah 31:7-9

**Response to the Psalm:** What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

**Second reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia, I am the light of the world, says the Lor, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 10:46-52



**Dear Parishioners**

The readings this Sunday reminds us of the 'joy' that Jesus brings to his people. In the Gospel Bartimaeus, the blind man, kept calling to Jesus but others rebuked him as if to say "Don't bother Jesus, he's too busy to worry about you." The blind man paid no attention he kept calling for help and, eventually, Jesus cured him.

I think we, too, sometimes convince ourselves that God and His son Jesus wont help us. We are not physically blind but most of us have problems. Our problems are not great theological dilemmas but just everyday situations. The mortgage payment is due, the tuition fees for school, the job just isn't what we thought it would be, loneliness. Our young people too have worries, will the date for Saturday night turn up and will they like me, my grades at school aren't as good as I should like them to be. Maybe they have even more serious problems, how there life is being cluttered by drugs or alcohol and will their parents find out. Whatever your problems turn to Jesus and ask him for help. Shout it out, like Bartimaeus, let him know! He is asking each of us to turn to him. Jesus expects us to come and see, and to grow in faith. Some people walk through life with their eyes wide open, yet comprehend little of its meaning because they are inwardly blind or have tunnel vision. The physically blind are well aware of their handicap, the spiritually blind are usually not!

This weekend when you go to communion ask God to help you, just take a few moments to think of one or two things God can help you with and ask God for help in your particular situation.

Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimaeus answered, "I want to see." Jesus said, "Go your way, your faith has saved you."

Immediately he received his sight and followed him on his way.

**That can happen to all of us.**

**God Bless, Fr. Benedict OSB**

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**Rev. Deacon Peter Griffiths**



**30<sup>th</sup> Week of Year (B)**

**Week commencing Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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### Masses

|                           |     |                                            |                                                |
|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct  | 5pm | <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year B)</b> | Danny Scally RIP                               |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct. |     | <b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday<br/>(Year B)</b> | People of the Parish                           |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct  |     |                                            |                                                |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct |     |                                            | Clive Rickhards                                |
| Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct  |     |                                            | For a sick person                              |
| Thur 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct |     | <b>SS Simon &amp; Jude<br/>(Feast)</b>     | Tony Lyons RIP                                 |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct  |     |                                            |                                                |
| Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct  | 5pm | <b>ALL SAINTS</b>                          | Derek & Janet Sollis<br>Golden Wedding<br>Ann. |
| Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct  |     | <b>ALL SAINTS</b>                          | People of the Parish                           |

**Mass is celebrated privately daily.**

**If you would like a mass offered for a particular intention, please email the parish or put a note through the door of the presbytery.**

#### **Those Who Have Asked for Prayers:**

Derek Sollis, , Georgette Cowell, Dolores Flynn, Fred Chadfield. Mary Cross, Alan Clatworthy, Anthony Woodhouse, Chanel Mullings, Clive Rickhards

#### **Those who have recently died:**

Richard Flynn, Denis Charlton, Mary Gardner, Charles Maries, Sheila Hall, Donald Newell, Helen Meaney Bridget Clarke, Sylvia Flanagan, Robert McCarthy, Pamela Young, Norah O'Neill-Thomas, Susanna Westmeath, Nell Bridge. Doleen Evans, Jean Monica Tucker, Fr. John Fallon, Judy Husband Graham Janes, Elizabeth Watton, Maurice Andrews, Max Stoddart. Tony Lyons.

**Parish Safeguarding: Mrs. Helen Woodhouse**

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### **PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present  
in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.  
I love You above all things  
and I passionately desire  
to receive You into my soul.



Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my soul  
so that I may unite myself wholly to You  
now and forever. Amen

*Based on a prayer of St Alphonsus Liguori*

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Saturday or Sunday**

We eventually had just over 60 votes and Saturday won nearly four to one. Mass, therefore, will stay on Saturdays and hopefully we can add Sundays in due course.  
Please pray that we don't have the reintroduction of greater restrictions!

**Fr. Benedict OSB**

#### **Prayers for the Sick**

If you wish to have someone added or removed to/from the prayer list please let Father know and keep him informed as the list will be updated every three months. Thank you