

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Wing and a Prayer

We understand Bartimaeus' cry for help very well. Most of us have felt just as desperate at some stage in our lives. We know what it's like to lose someone we love, to be drowning in debt, floundering in a miserable relationship or stuck in a dead end job. Then when all our human efforts to change our lives fail, many turn to prayer as a last resort. We might make our prayers in a half-hearted apologetic sort of way. Did it really take dire straits to prompt us to pray? We might not be really expecting our prayers to be heard or answered. Perhaps we don't deserve an answer? Perhaps our prayers are bordering

on superstition. Loaded with all these negative thoughts, we quickly give up when God doesn't seem to take any notice of us. At the end of the day, praying to God doesn't seem a very practical option. We all see the need to do something pro-active when times are desperate, but prayer doesn't figure on our 'action' list. Somewhere along the way we've lost our belief in miracles.

There's an old maxim that goes, "Success is ten percent inspiration and ninety percent perspiration!" Bartimaeus certainly set us a good example in 'not giving up'. So desperate was he to have his sight restored that he prayed long and hard and very loudly. He prayed with persistence and huge faith. There was no way he was going to give up until he got his miracle.

Of course we don't have to wait until we are desperate to ask for God's help. Why go it alone when God is always there to listen to our prayers? At the heart of the gospel is the message that in all of life's ups and downs, God is listening to our cries for help.

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When the world says, "Give up", Hope whispers, "Try it one more time."

~ Author Unknown

PARISH PRAYER - Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love might grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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25th OCTOBER 2015 – 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Weekend Masses – Page 149 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Francis Perrin
Sunday	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Christopher Meehan

Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Dom Gregory Murray Mass

Processional - 6pm – Angelus (said); Hymn 770 – Lord, the light of your love is shining ...

Offertory – Hymn 683 – O worship the King all glorious above ...

Communion - Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence at player's discretion ...

Recessional - 11am – Angelus (said); Hymn 768 – How lovely on the mountains ...

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

Mass Times for the Coming Week (30th week in Ordinary Time)

[Psalter Week 2]

Mon.	10.00 am	Donor's Intention - Feria
Tues.	No Mass today	- Feria
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds.	No Mass today	- Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles
Thurs.	10.00 am	Andre Marcel Auge – Douai Martyrs
Fri.	10.00 am	Tony Goodchild (UCM) - Feria
	5.45 pm	Exposition, Silent Prayer & Vespers
Sat.	10.30 am	Donor's Intention - Feria
	6.00 pm	Teresa Dowson – SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

The Parish Newsletter is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week; back copies can also be viewed on the website.

Anniversaries this week: Fr. Harry Wace, Winifred King, Bernadette Winstanley, Francis Perrin and Marie Jones. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Hospital Visits – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospita (QEII), King’s Lynn, and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St John’s Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

Sick List - Please pray for: Michelle Redmond, Fr Michael Teader, Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Sheila Christie, Robert Nicol, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Ann & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rhonda Darby and Collette Barrow-Nessian.

Money Matters (*O yes, it does!*) – The collection last weekend was £435.17. The Mission Sunday collection was £269.80. Thank you all very much.

Thank you – Thank you very much for your contribution to last week’s World Mission Sunday collection. Your prayers and donations will help missionaries across the world share the Gospel and continue their work in the service of the poor and vulnerable. Please pray for the work of Missio and all those working to offer the love of Jesus, that we may remain strong in our witness to Christ’s love for all peoples. To continue supporting mission throughout the year please go to missio.org.uk or call 020 7821 9755.

Diary Dates for this week –

- Weds. 28th Oct – SVP meets at 2.00pm in the Emmaus Room
- Saturday Club is on half-term. Classes restart on 7th November.

Away this Week – I will be away for a bit this week. On Tuesday, there is the monthly gathering of Ministry to Priests at Clare Priory and on Wednesday, there is a Clergy Study Day at Newmarket. I promise you that we will not be studying ‘the form’.

Sylvia Remmen – The Requiem Mass for Sylvia Remmen will take place at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 5th November, followed by burial at South Wooton Cemetery in King’s Lynn.

Here is a thought: The hardest part of going to confession is the examination of conscience. During Advent, a lot of people like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that is great. Now might be a good time before the rush to spend time preparing for the Sacrament by examining our consciences. Very soon a lot of people will be telling you how many shopping days there are before you know what!

Be Still days at Clare Priory - **9.30am to 3.30pm - Tuesday November 3rd, repeated on Thursday 5th November** - Theme for the day: **The Joy of the Gospel**. Cost £20 to include soup lunch. Please book with Kathy 01787 277326. *For those who live at a*

distance overnight accommodation can be arranged through Kathy.



St Jude and St Simon - 28th October

We pray for St Jude’s intervention in desperate situations and for lost causes. St Simon probably shares the day because both men preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia where it is said they had both been sent. Our invitation to pray for desperate situations is yet another reminder that God is listening to us in our deepest need.

Repository – A reminder that the church shop has a variety of religious items for sale – missals & bibles, mass cards, First Holy Communion cards and gifts, new baby and birthday cards, rosaries, statues, children’s books, candles, etc. Also now in stock – Christmas cards, advent calendars, Nativity sets, and 2016 diaries. All at reasonable prices. The shop is open after weekend Masses and weekdays. Contact Peggy Mealy on 01362 288499 for any help.

Time for a Clear Out for Charity - In the UK the clocks go back 1 hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October. With the onset of winter, think about putting the children’s summer clothes into a charity shop. It’s important to remember that, charity shops raise more than £290m every year for good causes. They also allow people to reuse and recycle their goods, preventing large quantities of stock from entering the waste stream. Volunteers in stores can make new friends and learn new skills as they gain work experience. Lastly, charity shops are a dependable source of good quality items at low prices.

World Disarmament Week - 24th October – 30th October 2015 - Disarmament week is celebrated every year from October 24th-30th. It was founded by United Nations in 1978 with the purpose to control, reduce, limit and abolish weapons of mass destruction. The purpose of celebrating this week is to create awareness about the dangers of arms race, need of reducing weapons and how it affects the environment. The focus is on trying to convince the nations on the need to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, i.e. nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The money saved by not making or buying weapons can be used for development purposes and solving social problems. Remember to pray for our world leaders this week. Ask God to guide their decision making.

We say the ‘Coming Home’ prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers:

Loving Father, we pray for those baptised who no longer or rarely attend Church :that they will understand and experience in their hearts that Christ is the source of unconditional love and reconciliation. We pray for everyone who worships in our parish community: that we may find the right words and means to invite our absent brothers and sisters to return to the practice of their faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.