

Mark 10:52

King James Version

And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

WORDS FOR WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, you give sight to the blind. Lord, have mercy.

Christ Jesus, you make the deaf hear. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you restore us to health. Lord, have mercy.

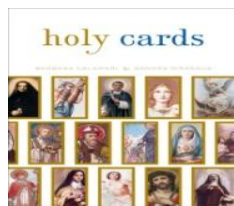
May almighty God give sight to our eyes, let us hear his word, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.



Wirral Foodbank: continues to need your help and support. Details of how to donate to Wirral Foodbank can be found at <https://wirralfoodbank.org.uk/give-help>. People who need emergency food & support can contact the Emergency Food

Hub on 0151 666 5050.

The Parish Newsletter, the Wednesday Word and weekend booking in forms are now on the table at the back of the Church. Please take a copy for yourself and anyone else who would appreciate receiving any of these as you enter the Church. Also there is a selection of Mass cards for the living and the dead, birthday cards, blank cards etc... etc.. Please see Card Rack and put money in the box provided.



If you have a notice for the bulletin please email it to the parish email address or put it through the presbytery letter box **by 12 noon on Thursdays**. Many thanks.



Newsletter



CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) has begun this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead.

This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday 24th October, 2021

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.

30th Sunday in Ord Time	24th	5.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Kevin Fitzpatrick RIP James & Janet McLoughlin Anniv Ints Fr Ray Burke Prayer Meeting
Monday	25th		NO MASS/SERVICE
Tuesday	26th	9.15am	Robert Shaw RIP
Wednesday	27th	9.15am	NO MASS/SERVICE
Thursday	28th	7.00pm	Ints St John's SVP
Friday	29th	12 Noon	Funeral Mass Pat Matthews
Saturday	30th		
The Feast of All Saints	31st	5.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 7.30pm	Ints Bell & Nugent Families Ints Margaret Ellis For Vocations Prayer Meeting

Today is World Mission Sunday... a day of prayer for the world wide mission of the church and for priests, religious and lay missionaries. Thank you for your contributions through the Red Boxes to Missio this Autumn. Fr Anthony Chantry, the National Director of Missio has emailed to say how grateful Missio is for the support it receives from St John's & St Luke's Parishes.

The Month of October- is drawing to a close but please note that due to Covid 19 restrictions please note that The Rosary should not be publically prayed in parishioners homes.

St John's SVP Group- meet in the Day Chapel on Thursday at 6pm, prior to the Mass for SVP intentions at 7pm. After both Masses next weekend the SVP will take a retiring collection for the poor and needy individuals and families of our parishes

Parish Readers - a short meeting has been arranged for Sat 27th Nov at 9.30am in Church. If you are unable to attend please let Dot Humphreys know.

It's good to see so many coming back to Mass. Thank you for doing so. Please note that you still have to book in for weekend Masses using the pink form which is available on the table at the back of church

or by sending an email to stjohntheevangelist@gmail.com Please remember social distancing at all times in and around the church. Face coverings must be worn inside the church and please continue to use the sanitiser when entering and leaving. Please do not come to Church if you have any Covid 19 symptoms, if you feel unwell, or you have been pinged by NHS Track & Trace .



First Sacraments- The Year 4 children from St John's Junior School celebrated their First Holy Communion last weekend. Mrs Mullins, our Headteacher & Fr Bernard thank you for remembering the children, in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

St John's Catholic Pre School

If your child will be 3 years of age by 31st August 2022, they will be able to join us for their Pre School year in September 2022. Please come along to our **OPEN EVENING, Tuesday 9th November 4.00pm – 5.00pm** where you will be able to collect an application pack and view our setting. Please note this is for ADULTS ONLY, we are unable to accommodate children at this time. Any queries please email Bernadette – Preschool@stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Half Term Week – we wish all the children and the teaching/ non-teaching staff in our schools a happy, restful and safe holiday.

Please keep our Sick and housebound parishioners in your prayers and if anyone is in need of a visit / Holy Communion please do let us know.

In Memorium- please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Pat Matthews- Funeral Mass at St John's on Friday at 12 noon. May she and all the Faithful Departed, Rest In Peace.



November Lists: all names for the November List should now have been handed into the presbytery.

The Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm with a particular focus given to those parishioners who have died since last November.



Father Paschal. would like to thank everyone for making his Thanksgiving Mass & social evening, last week so special .He continues to assist Fr Bernard with the celebration of weekend & weekday Masses in both St John's & St Anne's . Fr Paschal is celebrating Mass this Sunday at 11am.

Last Week's Offertory Collection £466.99p... please continue to be generous to St John's Parish.



Traidcraft will be selling Christmas Cards at the back of church after Masses this weekend. Please do support them.

Building Works- Work on the re-modelling of the ground floor of the presbytery has begun and will last for 3 weeks. This work will provide us with much needed, meeting facilities as we emerge from lockdown. **To conform with Health & Safety and Covid 19 Regulations. Richard Crawford the Diocesan Property Manager requests that no one should enter the presbytery 8.30am – 4.30pm Mon-Fri.**

Parish Helpers: we are very much looking for a few additional volunteers to help with the various parish duties. If you would like to become a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Steward, help with the Sunday Children's liturgy, be a Confirmation catechist, become a member of the SVP, be part of the Tuesday morning Church cleaning team etc, please let Fr Bernard know Tel 0151 645 3314 or email stjohntheevangelist@gmail.com