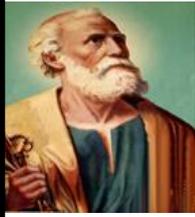




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Parish Diary



**THIRTEITH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B**  
**WORLD MISSION DAY**

*‘We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard’ (Acts 4:20)*

**Main lesson from the readings:** *The First Reading (Jer 31:7-9) carries a message of joyful hope for the exiles in Babylon. The Lord will save what’s left of his people and bring them back from exile. The Gospel story of Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52) is as much a call story as a healing story. Bartimaeus was in a sad state. Blindness is terrible affliction. He was sitting by the side of the road, on the margin of life. He was forced to beg, and so was totally dependent on the charity of others. His situation was hopeless. After being healed Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. He is presented as a model of faith. Bartimaeus serves as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. Through faith, they can have purpose energy and direction in their lives. And enthusiastic following of Jesus results in a happy and fulfilled life. The incident invites us also to join Jesus on our own way of the cross: ‘Take heart. Get up, he is calling you’.*

**The Synod of Bishops:**

What is the Synod about? ‘For synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.’ The Holy Father wants the Church to grow in three key areas: Communion, Participation and Mission. By growing together in Communion, the people of God deepen their participation in the life of the Church and so become more effective missionary disciples in the world. The purpose of the Synod is to help us grow together and so equip us to call more men and women to enter into life with the Lord Jesus. With the Lord as our guide, the Church continues her mission of inviting others to join the Way. At the practical level, this will involve people gathering for prayer and conversation at every level of the Church, local, diocesan, and universal. This is the first time that the whole Church has engaged in such a threefold listening process ahead of a Synod of Bishops. The fruit of the discernment at the local level will then feed into the discussion at the diocesan level, which in turn will feed into a continental phase featuring national episcopal conferences. Finally, the fruits of this discernment will be presented to the Holy Father when he meets with the bishops of the Church in October 2023.

**Prayer for the Synod:**

‘COME HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS OF YOUR FAITHFUL AND KINDLE IN THEM THE FIRE OF YOUR LOVE. SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT AND THEY SHALL BE CREATED. AND YOU SHALL RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.’  
COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME!

**Saints of the week – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Feast**

## Mass Times and News

<b>SUNDAY: 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY - YEAR B</b> <b>9am:</b> Intention of Violet O' Connor <b>11pm:</b> For the people	<b>THURSDAY: 28<sup>th</sup> October – Sts. Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles, feast</b> <b>9:15am:</b> Mass
<b>MONDAY: 25<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:15:</b> No Mass	<b>FRIDAY: 29<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:15am:</b> Mass
<b>TUESDAY: 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>7:30pm:</b> Mass	<b>SATURDAY: 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>Vigil Mass: 6:00pm – For the people</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY: 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:15am:</b> Mass	<b>SUNDAY - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - YEAR B</b> <b>9: 00am:</b> Rocky Djelal RIP – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary <b>11:00am:</b> Anthony Cunningham RIP

**Synod of Bishops in 2023:** in preparation to the Synod, Pope Francis has asked the whole Catholic Church worldwide to engage in a process of discernment under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. In our Archdiocese, Archbishop John is inviting everyone to respond to the invitation of Pope Francis and take part in the initial diocesan listening phase of the Synod. The Archbishop is calling us to take part in the listening phase of the Synod which Pope Francis has invited the Whole Church to join. As the parish of St Peter and the Guardian Angels we will be holding a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> October 7pm. For more information about the Synod visit our parish website or <https://rcaos.org.uk/synod>

**RCIA:** Adults seeking baptism are invited to join the RCIA programme which is a series of meetings every week for one hour. It begins in November and ends at Easter. The different aspects of our Faith and Catholic Life are explored in these sessions. And every help is given to discern what the Lord is asking of the individual concerned.

**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](http://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](http://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.***

**Pope's prayer Intentions for October:** we pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

**A Prayer to Guardian Angel:** *Angel of God, My Guardian Dear, to whom His love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and to guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

**COLLECTIONS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> October £292.22; 10<sup>th</sup> October £493.62, Prison ministry £50.10; 17<sup>th</sup> October £354.46.  
**THANK YOU!**

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