



SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

30th Sunday Ordinary Time (B)

27th October 2024

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Mass Times Sundays: Vigil (Sat.) 6.00 p.m., 8.30 a.m., 10.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Weekdays (including Bank Holidays): 8.00 a.m., 12.15 p.m. & 6.00 p.m.

Livestream (All Masses): www.carmelitechurch.org & YouTube: "Kensington Carmelite Church"

Confessions: Sat: 11.30 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. & 5.00 – 5.50 p.m. Weekdays: 5.40 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

Priests in the Parish: Fr Thaddeus Ekuma, Fr Matt Blake, Fr John Williamson,

Fr Joseph Odiahi

Safeguarding Rep: Franca Bren

Reflection

SINCERE EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN GOD

Faith, a divine gift, helps us to believe without doubts God's manifestation of himself. We are assisted by grace to transcend what ordinarily we would cast in the realm of doubt or despair. We become equipped, undisturbed by our everyday experiences. The story of blind Bartimaeus' meeting Jesus is surely an expression of faith, even when he had reasons not to go further making his request known. This could be us too us in our experiences in life. Experiences when he had to cry out to God for help, when we feel we must go against all odds to cry out for solutions. It requires first, acknowledging our need of God. God always wants us to see how close he is to us even in those moments of confusion and pain. A lot of people were following Jesus, they could be people who have seen him work miracles and wanted to see mor or just wanted to fill up the

number. Whether they were convinced about who Jesus is or not we do not know. At least, something about Jesus and also about themselves brought about the connection. But for us we can, in truth, ask, whether our coming to Christ is sprung from our deep appreciation of God and our expression of faith.

Bartimaeus did not see Jesus because he was blind, but only heard. It did not matter to him the direction that Jesus was but how loud he could shout, loud enough for Jesus to hear him. He called, "Son of David". He did not let his difficulty to prevent him from reaching out to Jesus for help. It is important that we are not weighed down by our conditions, preventing us from reaching out to God in faith. The Lord hears whenever we call. Though Bartimeaus had not the opportunity of seeing him, he believed he is able to let him see

again. He threw off everything and went, a way to say, yes! this is my opportunity. He went straight to tell Jesus his desire—let me see again. Indeed, his faith was put to the test and he became a happy man afterwards. That is expectation based on sincere conviction. This faith will not be undermined even with the scolding he got from the crowd; for the more they scolded him to keep quiet, the louder he was. Our own crowd may not be too far from us. Our attachments or whatever may be a challenge are capable of preventing us from encountering Jesus completely. Faith helps us to break through the barriers of doubts to leaving everything as God would want it be, which is always of spiritual benefit to us.

Jesus who cares for the weak and oppressed heard his cry and called him to himself. They are his friends, those who count themselves as

nothing, who draw near to God all the time because they know without him they are nothing, who take his words to heart and live by sincere faith in Him. Jesus invites us to speak to him, to tell him our heart desires, for he is our friend and brother. The prophet Jeremiah

reminds us, "The Lord has saved his people, I will comfort them; guide them to streams of living water." Are we ready to break through the crowd, our situations and go to him and follow him? Jesus asks us, "what do you want me to do for you?" And in faith we say, "Son of

David, let me see again." 'Let me see again' can become our everyday plea to God to make us docile, hear to his invitation to follow, to cooperate with his grace and be able to surrender totally to his care and love.

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NOTICES

ALL SAINTS DAY – 1ST NOVEMBER

On the Solemnity of All Saints, 1st November, our Masses will be as usual on Weekdays (8.00am, 12.15pm & 6.00pm). The 6.00pm Mass on that day will be a Solemn Mass in remembrance of all Saints.

2ND NOVEMBER – SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS @ 12.15PM

On All Souls Day, Saturday, 2nd November – the day we start our month-long commemoration of the dead – we will have a solemn requiem Mass at 12.15pm to remember all our dead relatives and friends. You are all invited to this Solemn Mass.

All Masses for the rest of November will be dedicated to remembering all those who have been named on the Altar Dead List. **If you wish to submit a list for these November Masses, please use the envelop provided at the back of the church.**

BILL ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the **29 November**. We know that assisted suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: cafod.org.uk/give

CARMELITE TALKS – 31 OCTOBER

Like-minded friends in Carmel – 4.00pm

Speaker: Audrey Hamilton

Our Lady our Patroness – 5.00pm

Speaker: Teresa Lynch OCDS

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School, North Finchley - Sixth Form Open Evening - Thursday 7 November 6-8pm

The Sixth Form at St Michael's is a place where the pursuit of academic excellence and academic curiosity are at the heart of all we do. We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening when you will have the opportunity to listen to subject specific talks and a talk by the Headteacher, Mr Stimpson. The evening will start promptly at 6pm. Teachers and current students will be available and happy to discuss subject content and life in the sixth form.

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Offering	£1623
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Fr Thaddeus