

ST. JAMES' & ST. JOSEPH'S

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30th Sunday of the Year (Year B) 25th October 2015

New Sight

Jeremiah the prophet foretold the time when God would visit his people in a special way. The restoration is described in terms of the return of a great caravan of God's people to Jerusalem from their place of exile. The extraordinary characteristic of the caravan is that it is composed of the weaker members of society—the ones who have a special claim on God's favour. Thus we are prepared for the story in the Gospel of blind Bartimaeus, and the restoration of his sight expresses the realisation of Jeremiah's prophecy in the coming of Jesus. In the context of the Apostles' misunderstanding of Jesus' kingship, the humble request of Bartimaeus (for sight, rather than princely honour) shows that he, rather than the Apostles, understands the true meaning of Jesus' authority. The title "Son of David" recalls the prophecy of Nathan (2 Samuel 7, 12-14) when God promised that David's line would last forever.

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and all the patients in Wrightington Hospital. Send them help, O Lord, and comfort from your Holy Place.

We pray for all those who have died recently, May God the Father welcome them into eternal life promised by Christ His Son, the Lord of life. We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

MASSES

Saturday	24th October	6:00pm	George & Andre Manwaring
Sunday	25th October	9:30am	Geraldine Harvey
Monday 26th October	10:30am	Requiem	Margaret (Peggy) Rigby
Thursday	29th October	9:30am	Fred Lyth
Friday 30th October	11:00am	Requiem	May Fitzgerald
Saturday	31st October	6:00pm	Tony Darlington
Sunday	1st November	9:30pm	Winifred Hagan

Neighbourhood Prayer

This week you are asked to pray for all those living in Speakman Drive, Heyes Street, Canal Row and Mill Lane No's 1A-11 & 2-36

Mission Intention for October is:

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

Holy Communion to the sick and housebound

Appley Bridge. Starting next Friday at 10:00am

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Weekend Masses at Saint James' Orrell

Sunday: 11:00am & 6:00pm

Confessions @ St. James' Saturday 10:00am-11:00am

Confessions @ St. Joseph's Saturday 5:15pm-5:45pm

Rota for cleaning church

Please can Group 3 clean the church this week
i.e. Phil & Catherine Scarth.

Next Sunday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints and is Lamp Sunday.

Second Collection

Next weekend 31st Oct/1st Nov there will be a second collection for LAMP i.e. Liverpool Archdiocesan Missionary Project. For

the past three decades Liverpool priests have volunteered to serve in Latin America, standing alongside the poor and deprived, and have been supported by the people of the Archdiocese. Please be generous with your prayers and financial support. Thank-you.

Nugent Care

We have received a letter of thanks for the Parish Donation of £74.90 to help the work of Nugent Care. "The mentioned monies have gone towards the Archdiocesan Rosary Appeal"

If you would like to know more about the work that they do in the Archdiocese contact Michele Duckworth on 0151 261 4498 or e-mail mduckworth@nugentcare.org

The Brick

Thank you to all who continue to support 'The Brick' by leaving your items of food and toiletries in the bin at the back of church. We need cereals, soups, toiletries e.g. soap, toothpaste etc. plus tinned meats and fish. Please remember your plastic bags. Thank you.

Pious Lists

There will be box on the Altar from next weekend for you to place the names of your dear departed family and friends in, please do not put money in the envelopes as they will be destroyed at the end of the month. If you wish to have Masses said please hand them in to Fr. Gerry. All deceased will have a special remembrance during each Mass in November—Month of the Holy Souls.

Visits to the sick and housebound

If you know of any sick or housebound parishioner who would like to receive Holy Communion, please will you let Fr. Gerry know and one of our Eucharistic Ministers will visit them.

The Call, the Mission, the Journey

Last year the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales invited parishes to reflect, as requested by Pope Francis, on the themes emerging from the Extraordinary Synod on the Family. The Call, the Mission and the Journey aimed "to help people celebrate marriage and family life, whilst recognising the difficulties that families encounter." The document offered material for reflecting on scripture and on the teaching of the Church on marriage and family life, as well as six questions to facilitate parish and family conversations. The Catholic Bishops have issued a report sharing some of the feedback received to the recent process of spiritual discernment. It can be found at <http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk/Home/News/Family-Survey-Responses>.

Rotas

We will soon be doing the rotas for the six months January to July 2016.

If there are any changes to your circumstances please will you let Joe Lee know on 01257 255978 or Mary Culligan on 01257 421566. Your commitment is greatly valued, and we are always on the 'look-out' for volunteers to help keep the running of our church viable.

Quote: The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.