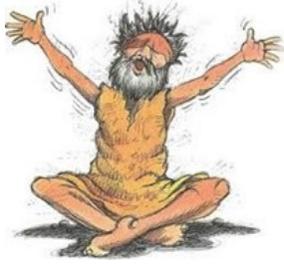


REFLECTION: Master I want to see.



Refusing to be silenced by the crowd, the blind beggar continually cries out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" Jesus finally responds, " 'Call him. So they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.' "

Notice the word used three times in less than 20 words? Call. For Mark's original readers, the word call is very significant. Each is convinced she or he has been called by the

risen Jesus to imitate his death and resurrection. How Bartimaeus answers this call will be a big thing. "He threw aside his cloak, sprang up and came to Jesus."

The beggar responds to Jesus' call as we would expect a perfect disciple to respond. He immediately throws aside what is probably his only possession, his cloak, and jumps up and hurries to Jesus. Jesus isn't someone we put on our schedule for a future, convenient meeting. Our whole life revolves around his calls.

Jesus' next words are very symbolic: "What do you want me to do for you?" Just last week when, after Jesus' third prediction of his passion, death and resurrection, James and John come up and demand, "Teacher we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." At that point -- the only other time in Mark's Gospel --- Jesus asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Zebedee's sons arrogantly ask for the glory seats, a request a true disciple would never make. But today, every reader is bending forward with cupped ears to hear how a real follower of Jesus responds to that question. Bartimaeus' answer is simple, "**Master, I want to see.**" **According to Mark, it's the only prayer a true Christian should ever make.**

The historical Jesus of Nazareth was all about seeing. His ministry revolved around a conviction that God's kingdom is close at hand, right before our eyes. God is working effectively in our everyday lives -- something most people never seem to notice.

They presume God is securely ensconced in heaven, not active here on earth. That's why Jesus demands a repentance of those who receive this good news. They must go through a metanoia, a complete change of their value system.

Notice what Jesus says to Bartimaeus. We'd logically expect him to command, "Receive your sight!" or something similar. But instead, he simply tells him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."

In a sense, Jesus is saying, "I don't have to give you your sight; your faith has already done that. Faith in me enables you to see what I see."

Mark provides us with a glimpse of the perfect disciple. Bartimaeus, Mark tells us, "followed him on the way." That way leads to Jerusalem, to suffering, death and resurrection. Whoever thought a blind beggar would actually show us what to pray for? It's all a matter of noticing what's before our very eyes.



30th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)
CHRIST CHURCH CATHOLIC
CHURCH, HEALD GREEN
Saturday 27th October 2018
(Vigil Mass) 5.30pm
Sunday 28th October 2018 Mass
9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy at 11am)

				<i>Intentions</i>
Sat	27th Oct		Vigil Mass 5.30pm	Bernard Miller Anniversary RIP
Sun	28th Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass 9am Sung Mass 11am	Ellen Linfoot 80th Birthday Parishioners
Mon	29th Oct	Ferial	Mass 10 am	Joyce, Lorraine & Jackie, girls from the National Trust Shop RIP
Tue	30th Oct	Ferial	Celebration of the Word and Communion 10am	
Wed	31st Oct	Ferial	Requiem Mass 11am Bernard Browne (no morning prayer) Vigil Mass 7.30 pm	Leo Baxendale Anniversary RIP
Thu	1st Nov	All Saints Holy day of Obligation	Mass 10 am	William Kinehan
Fri	2nd Nov	All Souls	Mass 10 am	Faithful souls of the Parish
Sat	3rd Nov	St Winefride Secondary Pa- tron of the Dio- cese	Vigil mass 5.30pm	Liam Monagle RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION : (while Fr. Paul is away) is available at -

St Chads: Saturdays after 11.30 am Mass

St Ann's Wednesdays 7-7.25 pm. Saturdays: 11.30-11.55am—5-5.25 pm

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Next Week : THIRTYFIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd November Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

4th November Sunday Mass at 9am & 11am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 1st November

Feast of All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass Wednesday 31st at 7.30pm
Mass at 10am Thursday 1st November

NEXT WEEK 1st Sunday of the Month

COFFEE IN THE HALL— come and join us after 9am Mass /before 11am mass

WELLSPRING— it is time again for the collection of non-perishable groceries, toiletries etc for the homeless people at the Wellspring. There is a list on the notice board of items they need, and also items that they do not really need.

FRIENDS of the HOLY LAND

Talk on 8th November 7.30pm at St Vincent's Church Bramhall SK7 3EX

Patrick Revans, Friends of the Holy Land facilitator for Shrewsbury Diocese will be speaking about this ecumenical, apolitical movement & how their work can be supported. All warmly invited— contact Hazel Dove 0161 483 8200

Looking for something to do New Years Eve that's not going to cost a fortune?

Family party in the church hall 7.30 pm start. Carriages after midnight!
Food included, bring your own drinks
£12 per adult, £8 children, under 2's free
Give your name in at the office.

CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

October Tombola and Jewellery please leave them in the porch or office. We also need people to sell raffle tickets after each mass from the 20th October please give your name to Carole /office

GIVE A CHILD A CHRISTMAS

For under privileged children up to 17 years of age in Manchester and Cheshire.

Donations can be left in the church office. Thank you.



REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY APPEAL

Poppies are now available in the porch, please donate.

Stockport Marriage Care are looking for volunteers

Are you looking for some rewarding voluntary work? Stockport Marriage Care assists parishes to prepare couples who want to get married. We are looking for help in facilitating our one day courses. We aim to provide the best possible opportunity for couples to prepare for a successful, lifelong marriage. Feedback from couples tells us that they gain a great deal from the course.

We focus on topics such as: exploring expectations; communication; conflict management; sacrament of marriage, vows and promises; nurturing the relationship.

Would you be able to help? We are looking for both male and female volunteers. We provide training and on-going support to equip you to work as part of a team. If you would be interested please call John Worth, Head of Centre, Stockport Marriage Care, email stockport.admin@marriagecare.org or phone 0161 94 6428

HELP—WE STILL NEED YOU

I.T. SAVVIE?

We are looking for someone to maintain our Website. Graham has done it for years now and we need someone to take over. Experience is the key.

AUTUMN LEAVES NEED CLEARING from the grounds before anyone slips on them

So we need one or more volunteers. You know it won't take long.

We also need a Parish Caritas Rep to co-ordinate our activities in raising the profile of Caritas. Could this be you? !!!!!



VACANCIES

Caritas Shrewsbury currently have 2 vacancies: Family Support Social Worker and Refugee Project Worker. Both positions are part-time, and a great opportunity for the right person. For further details and an Application Pack, please contact

us: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk ('Job Vacancies' can be found under the 'News' Section) / Tel: 0151 652 1281 / [in-fo@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk)

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MISSION TEAM

Salary £27,000 to £35,000 dependant on experience

Due to relocation the Roman Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury is looking to recruit a Director of Youth Mission Team to engage with young people in schools and parishes across the Diocese.

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) comprises of full-time employees and lay & clergy volunteers, led by the Director.

The successful candidate will be a faithful practising Catholic, happily living their faith and willing to give positive witness to young people and to serve as a representative of the Bishop and Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Job description, advert and application form can be found here: <https://www.symt.org.uk/job-opportunity-director-shrewsbury-youth-mission-team/>
Completed applications should be returned to pauline.mcculloch@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Deadline for applications is **November 2nd**
Interviews are **November 6th**

Saint Ambrose College –Hale Barns

Caretaker required from November 2018. 40 hours per week -will follow flexible shift pattern, some evening & Saturday morning work. Salary SCP18-21 (£18,870-£20,541) Closing date 7th November
www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk
Email recruitment@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk Tel 0161 980 2711

PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND



May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

ROSARY Monday to Friday at 9.30am.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH is prayed prior to 10 am weekday Mass or Service of the Word & Communion.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

This group meet each Monday at 2pm in the Meeting Room but **NOT on Bank Holidays.**

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Andrea Lomas will not be available until Tuesday 20th November, to discuss Baptisms & Weddings.

WELCOME

We welcome EVA PATRICIA BROWN and JACOB LAL COLLINS who are to be baptised this weekend.

Please pray for them and their families.

PARISH DRAW Nov 2018—Oct 2019

Less than 100 members so far & only one week to go. It is proposed that the start of the draw year is delayed until January to give more time for YOU to apply. THANKS TO THOSE ALREADY SIGNED UP; LET FR PAUL/CATH COHEN know if you object to this. Application forms will remain in the porch and can be handed in to the Piety Stall/Office or presbytery letterbox.

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE IN THE PORCH AFTER EACH MASS THIS WEEKEND

We have fabulous raffle prizes: £100 hamper, cheese hamper, £40 vouchers for Cibo in Wilmslow, Clinique makeover plus more.

CHURCH CHOIR

Practice in the hall on Mondays at 7.45pm. New members welcome