

# The week ahead...

<b>Saturday 27 October</b> Vigil Mass 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Joe Condron and pro populo</b>
<b>Sunday 28 October</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Monday 29 October</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 30	<b>NO MASS</b>	
<b>Tuesday 30 October</b> <i>The Martyrs of Douai College</i>	6:30pm	Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Wednesday 31 October</b> Weekday of Ordinary Time 30	9:30am 7:00pm (All Saints' Vigil)	Mass: <b>Harry &amp; Teresa Coad</b> Mass: <b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Thursday 01 November</b> <i>All Saints' Day</i> (Holyday of Obligation)	9:30am	Mass: <b>Pro populo</b>
<b>Friday 02 November</b> <i>All Souls' Day</i>	9:30am 7:00pm	Mass: <b>Our Beloved War Dead</b> Mass: <b>The Faithful Departed</b>
<b>Saturday 03 November</b> Vigil Mass for 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	5:00pm	Mass: <b>Michael, Catherine &amp; John Evans and pro populo</b>



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## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 October, 2018

### “Courage, get up; he is calling you.”

ONE OF THE REASONS I love scripture so much is that it provides us with a seemingly bottomless pit of meaning because we can approach it repeatedly and, regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves, extract something life-giving and inspirational from the text each time. No matter that scripture was written at a certain time for a particular audience, these divinely inspired words are eternal and never lose their ability to nourish us. Scripture has something in common therefore with great music, literature, painting or sculpture. For example, how many times have you listened to a great piece of music and heard something new in it even though you may have listened to it dozens of times?

Today's text is one such example. On the surface it appears to be a moving story of Jesus giving sight to a blind man, yet another one of Jesus' many miracles and, in fact, the last in Mark's Gospel. A wonderful story, certainly, but one also filled with meaning for us even if we don't consider ourselves "blind". Imagine this blind man, marginalised by society, his means of making a living cruelly stolen from him when he became blind, suffering the indignity of begging, and now hearing that his means of healing was approaching. He ignores the calls of restraint on the part of those around him and somehow makes his way unaided to Jesus and humbly asks Jesus for healing.

A great drama with a wonderful and fitting response on the part of Bartimaeus – to follow Jesus. Do we recognise that there are areas of blindness in us, preventing us from experiencing the fullness of life that God wants for us? Have we, like Bartimaeus, humbled ourselves before Jesus and asked him to heal the blindness in our lives? And, if we do feel that Jesus has responded to our prayerful request, have we made a renewed and concerted commitment to follow Jesus more closely and faithfully?

Another interesting aspect of this piece of scripture is the response of the crowd. Crowds feature quite prominently in the scriptures but we often overlook their role in favour of individual protagonists. Note how the very same people who initially scolded Bartimaeus (possibly because they felt embarrassed at his unseemly behaviour!) change their tune when Jesus responds positively to Bartimaeus's call. This is a reminder to us of the fickleness of crowds, how people will blindly, (and I use the term deliberately), follow a lead even when God himself walks among them.

There is a warning here for us to ensure that we repeatedly ask God for the grace of open eyes and an open heart to his presence as he continues to walk among us, making himself visible to us through various people and circumstances, quite often those that are the most unexpected.

On the surface, a simple story of healing - looked at prayerfully, much for us to contemplate!

*Wishing you a blessed week ahead,*  
Fr Robert



### Confessions available after all Masses or by appointment

**MINISTRIES**  
*Saturday 27 October*

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Ambrose & Pauline Burnside  
Harry Curran

**Readers**  
Greg Mearman  
Brendan Payne

**Children's Liturgy**  
Anne Davies  
Angela Harmston

**Welcomers**  
Halina Holman  
Janet Harrigan

**Music**  
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

**MINISTRIES**  
*Saturday 03 November*

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Gordon & Angela Tosley  
Angela Harmston

**Readers**  
Pat Middleton  
Rowan Payne

**Children's Liturgy**  
Maria Griffiths  
Michelle Dennis

**Welcomers**  
Paul & Anne Kelly

**Music**  
Bill Wilkinson & Choir

**30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Should you have any items for the bulletin or wish to have it emailed to you, please contact the parish via phone or email. Contact details are on the front of the bulletin. Items for publication need to be submitted by **12:00noon on Thursday.**

*We pray for our beloved deceased, including....*

Joe CONDRON  
Dorothy DOWDLE  
Liz JACKSON  
William MURPHY  
Michael MILMORE  
John MIDDLETON  
Walter DRANE

*Please remember in your prayers those who are sick and housebound in our parish....*

*Mary Spears, Rose Crick, Doreen Carroll, Jack Tobin, Tom Taylorson, Margaret Pouton, Vera Lumsden, Pat Harrison, Frances Harland and Sylvia Kelly*



**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid: £203    Loose Plate: £196

**TOTAL: £399**

Mass Attendance: 146

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# What's going on...?

**Clergy Training Fund Appeal:** In place of the homily today a pastoral letter from Bishop Séamus will be read by way of launching this year's Clergy Training Fund Appeal. We will hold this collection next week but it will remain open until 25 November. Gift aid envelopes and annual reports are available at the rear of the church.

**All Saints' Day:** No doubt you are aware that All Saints' Day is a holyday of obligation. Two Masses will be celebrated here, a **vigil Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday** (31 October) and the usual time of **9:30am on Thursday** (01 November). Please note that there will be a Mass on **Thursday at 12:15pm at St Cuthbert's in Durham**.

**All Souls' Day:** Although All Souls' is not a holyday of obligation, two Masses will be celebrated on this day to give all those who wish to pray for their deceased family members and friends. Both Masses will be celebrated on **Friday, 02 November at 9:30am and 7:00pm**. Please note that this means the usual **7:00am Friday Mass is cancelled** for this coming week only.

**Coffee Morning Fundraiser for HCPT:** This is to be held here at St Patrick's on **Saturday, 17 November from 10:00am - 2:00pm**. Funds raised will assist the HCPT Lourdes Group 25. Coffee, cake, raffles and stalls. Tickets are **£1.50** each and available after Saturday evening Masses. Please support this worthy cause!

**Social Committee Fundraiser:** The Social Committee would like to thank all those who gave raffle prizes and who supported last Friday's fundraiser. A total of **£498.00** profit was made. Thank you also to Irene, Judith and Angela of the Social Committee for their hard work!

**The Finchale Partnership:** The Partnership Development Group met in September. At the meeting, the PDG discussed a proposal for the amalgamation of parishes in West Durham, and plans for Partnership events over the next few months. The full minutes of the meeting are available on the our partnership webpages currently hosted at <https://www.stcuthberts-durham.org.uk/the-finchale-partnership/partnership-development-group-information>

**Partnership Matters:** October/November edition now on noticeboard along with "Sharing Your Ideas". These can be emailed to you.

**Christian Initiation:** Congratulations to Donna who was baptised and confirmed here at St Patrick's last Wednesday. Please continue to keep the newest member of our community in your prayers. A special thank you to the Wednesday Ladies who organised such a wonderful celebratory morning tea and thank you to those who also showered Donna with many gifts and lots of love!

**Daylight Saving:** Please note that **this weekend** sees the end of daylight saving for this year. Please don't forget to gift yourself that extra hour of sleep on Sunday morning by turning back your clocks one hour before bed tonight!

**Permanent Diaconate:** The permanent diaconate is well-established in our Diocese now, and the deacons come from all walks of life and live out their ministry in a variety of ways. The Council of Deacons is running a series of information evenings across the diocese, to offer an opportunity to come along and find out more about the diaconate. The Council of Deacons is sure that the Holy Spirit is calling forward men to the diaconate. The information evenings will offer an overview of the four-year formation period, insight from current deacons as to how they live out their ministry, and offer a chance to ask questions. Anyone interested to know more is invited to come along to one of the sessions. Wives of those interested in the diaconate are welcome to attend. The details of the three information evenings are as follows:

- Wednesday 07 November, 7:00pm: St Hilda's Resource Centre, West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE15 7PY.
- Wednesday 21 November, 7:00pm: English Martyrs and Ss Peter and Paul, Redhill Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS19 9BY.
- Thursday 22 November, 7:00pm: St Michael's, Durham Road, Houghton-le-Spring, DH5 8NF (in the meeting room)

If you are unable to attend any of these evenings, but are still interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate, please look at the diocesan website: <http://www.rcdhn.org.uk/vocdeacon/vocdeaconabout.php>

**Rosary Group:** A reminder that a group of parishioners meet regularly after the 9:30am Mass on Thursday to pray the Rosary. Feel free to join them!

## The Kids' Bulletin

### Psalm 126 Word Puzzle

Fill in the missing letters. Then use the letters to fill in the blanks at the very end. The number at the end of each line tells you where the letter goes.

When the \_\_ord brought back (8)  
 the captives of Z\_\_on, (7)  
 we were like men \_\_reaming. (11)  
 Then our mouth was \_\_illed with laughter, (6)  
 and our t\_\_ngue with rejoicing. (17)  
 Then they said among the n\_\_tions, (3)  
 "The Lord \_\_as done (15)  
 g\_\_eat things for them!" (4)  
 The Lord has done great \_\_hings for us; (14)  
 we are g\_\_ad indeed. (9)  
 Restore our fortun\_\_s, O Lord, (5)  
 I\_\_ke the torrents in the southern desert. (13)  
 Those that so\_\_ in tears (12)  
 shall reap re\_\_oicing. (16)  
 Although they go forth \_\_eeping, (1)  
 carrying the s\_\_ed to be sown, (2)  
 They shall com\_\_ back rejoicing, (10)  
 carr\_\_ing their sheaves. (18)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
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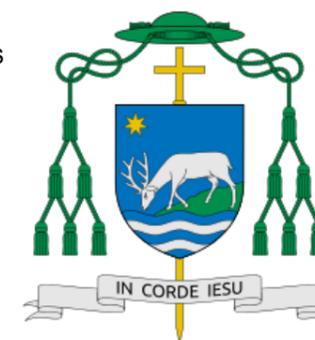
## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### Blessed John Body - 03 November

John Body (sometimes spelled Bodey) was born in Wells, Somerset, in 1549, and was a student of Winchester College and New College, Oxford. He became a fellow in 1568, but was deprived of his fellowship in June 1576. Thereupon he went abroad to study civil law at Douai College, and returned to England in February 1578. Arrested in 1580, he was kept in iron shackles in Winchester gaol, and was condemned to death in Winchester in April 1583 along with Blessed John Slade, a schoolmaster (whose feast is celebrated on 30 October). The verdict was considered unsafe, and both were tried again in Andover on 19 August 1583 and the death sentence confirmed. John Brody was hung, drawn and quartered in Andover on 02 November, 1583. He was beatified by Pius XI in 1929.

His feast is celebrated in the Diocese of Portsmouth.

(Information taken from [Universalis](#))



### ~ CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DH7 ~

#### Pope Francis' Mission Statement for October

**That consecrated Religious men and women may actively seek to be present among the poor, the marginalised and those who have no voice.**

*"In the name of Jesus we can make known, through our witness, that peace is possible!"*



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#### *Prayer Group & Bible Study*

**Prayer Group** meets Tuesday **20 November** at St Patrick's, Langley Moor, 9:30am - 10:15am.

**Gospel Study** meets Monday **12 November** at St Andrew's Methodist, Brandon, 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Refreshments available before the meeting.

The **Advent Study Group** will commence on Friday, **23 November**, 2pm - 3pm. This group will meet weekly. The York course "Life to the Full" will be used. More news to come!



### DID YOU KNOW...?

**...that "Bar" (as in Bartimaeus in today's Gospel) is an Aramaic word meaning "son" or "son of"?**

Aramaic was the language spoken by Jesus and there are several instances of names with the prefix "Bar". Apart from Bartimaeus in today's Gospel we encounter Bartholomew ("Son of Tolomai") and Peter is referred to as Simon Bar-Jonah (Matt 16:17) by Jesus. Barnabas means "Son of Consolation".



### "QUOTE OF THE WEEK"

"Why does the Lord advise us to pray, when he knows what is needful for us before we ask it of him? This can puzzle us, if we do not understand that our Lord and God does not want our wishes to be made known to himself since he cannot be ignorant of them; but he wants our desire to be exercised in prayer, thus enabling us to grasp what he is preparing to give."

**St Augustine of Hippo** (354-430)  
 Bishop and theologian  
 From *Letter to Proba*



## SCHOOL NEWS

### First Holy Communicants

Please keep our children, preparing to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and holy Eucharist, in your prayers - Michael, Jack, Izabel, Adan, Ella, Ian, Christian, Jamie, Belladoune and Vaidotas.

### School Re-opens

School re-opens, following the half-term break, on Monday 29 October.



**PLEASE PRAY...** for the following intentions throughout Autumn as requested by Bishop Séamus: **Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.** Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer...

