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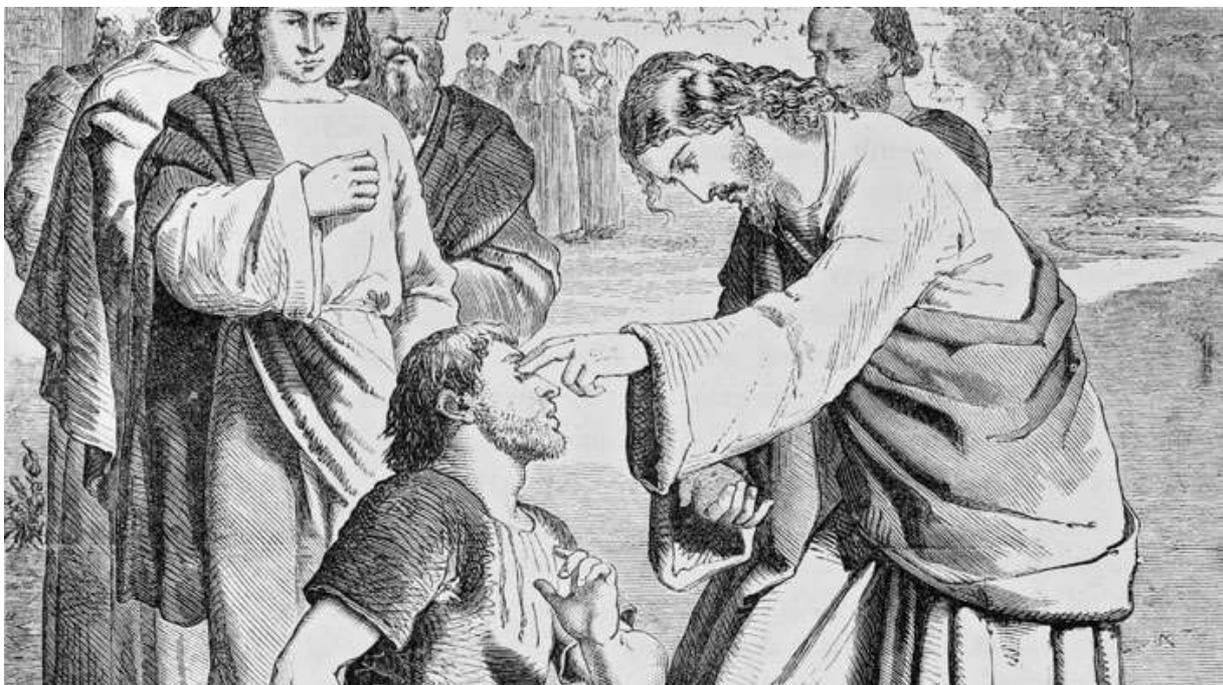
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 October 2018
“And immediately his sight returned and he followed him
along the road.”

Mark 10, 52

ALL SAINTS Masses on Wednesday 1 November: 09.15; 19.30 hrs. This is a Holy Day of Obligation and the members of St Anne's school will be at Mass in the morning.

All Souls Thursday 2 November: Masses at 09.15, 12.30. 19.30 hrs. During the evening Mass we will also remember and pray in a special way for those parishioners who have died in the past year.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Henley Road Cemetery: This will take place on Remembrance **Sunday 11th November** at 3pm. Assemble in front of the Chapel/Crematorium.

Kidmore End Cemetery: Sunday 11th November at 2pm led by Deacon Brian Theobald.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Nick Fogg, the local chairman of Aid to the Church in Need will be speaking about the work of ACN for a short time at the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass this weekend.

THANK YOU for all the donations for tea and coffee on a Sunday morning. As you can see, £105.57 was banked this week.

CAMINO SPONSORSHIP

Eddie is collecting from the last few people who sponsored him this weekend.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£170.07	Loose	£474.41
Standing Orders			£484.00
Missio			£247.53
Coffee			£105.57

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember and pray for all those who have died. At this time we particularly remember those family members and friends who have been dear to us and have been an important part of our lives.

Everyone is welcome to the Mass of Remembrance, where we particularly focus upon those who have died in the past year in this parish. Their families have been specially invited. During the Mass, the families will be invited to light a candle, and the names of the dead will be read out.

If you have a friend or family member, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are invited to add their name to the list.

Please pass on this information to the parish office by Wednesday 31st.

JOHNSON ASSOCIATION

This exists to support secular clergy of the Archdiocese in need. Please give generously on **4th November** when a second collection will be taken after all Masses. Gift aid envelopes are available this weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Norah Alumkal and Santiago Serck both of whom were baptised last weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

RECEPTIONIST AT BLESSED HUGH FARINGDON

Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 12pm
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Closing date - 12pm, Friday 2 Nov.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): We take sight and our ability to hear totally for granted. To be blind and/or deaf cuts us off from our world or severely limits our relationship with our environment and our capacity to communicate. We need only think of the distress of Beethoven whose increasing deafness meant he could not hear the majestic music he composed, or the heroic struggle of Helen Keller. In a particular way hearing and seeing are central to the faith story. God turns to his people on Sinai with the cry: “Listen, Israel”, before then instructing them verbally on how to live their lives virtuously, lives which ultimately are aimed at seeing God “face to face” (1 **Corinthians** 13, 12). What happens then when Jesus heals the senses, enables the blind to see (again) and the deaf to hear? In the synagogue of Nazareth as he launched his mission, borrowing words from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus announced that he had come “to open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf” (**Mt.** 11, 5 following **Isaiah** 35, 5). Many of the miracles worked by Jesus during his public ministry involved healing of the defective senses. It is worth mentioning that Jesus restored the sense of touch to the man with the withered hand (**Mt.** 12, 10). The communication of the biblical God with his people is expressed through metaphors: seeing, hearing, speaking, seizing. This capacity to communicate, to enter into dialogue, distinguishes the God of Abraham from the false gods who have neither mouth, nor ears, nor nose, etc. (**Psalms** 115, 4 – 7). When Jesus restores their senses to them, he assures people that theirs is a living God, actively engaged with his people.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 31, 7 – 9: Jeremiah is known as “the prophet with the sorrowful countenance”, but here the tone is very different to the rest of his writings. It is full of peace, exultation and rejoicing – no hand-wringing, no moaning. This extract is taken from Jeremiah’s *Book of Consolation* and the sign of restoration of good fortune (and the end of exile) is that the lame will walk, the blind see.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 5, 1 – 6: The high priest was an exalted figure in the life of Israel at the time of Jesus, someone who belonged to a quasi-royal class. And yet the anonymous author of the Letter to the Hebrews (thinking of Jesus) casts the high priest as someone taken from among men to be of unique service to them. He stands with them, he is in solidarity with them. He is in touch with his own weaknesses.

Gospel: Mark 10, 46 – 52: This is a remarkable story. Despite attempts to silence him, the blind Bartimaeus, who might have heard of Jesus’ declaration of intent to open the eyes of the blind in nearby Nazareth, persists in begging Jesus to have pity on him. Jesus replies by calling him – is this a call to come closer to him or to follow him? In any case, Bartimaeus approaches Jesus, is cured by him, and we are told his sight returned immediately and he followed Jesus along the road. Mark does not tell us how long he stayed with Jesus but he may well have been a member of one of the early Christian communities, now that he was able to see.

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 149-150

Masses and Intentions

Thirtieth week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 27th October 10.00 People of the parish
Feria in Ordinary Time

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark)

Saturday 27th October 17.30 Chris & Tony Gaughan RIP

Sunday 28th October 10.00 Jim Rand RIP

18.30 P. Hill

Monday 29th October 09.15 The Gough family

Feria in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 30th October 09.15 Steven Brannigan

Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 31st October 09.15 Lisa Brannigan

Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 1st November 09.15 Michael & Nora Daly

Solemnity: All Saints (school Mass)

(Holy Day of Obligation) 19.30 Private intention

Friday 2nd November 08.00 Holy Souls

Commemoration of all the

Faithful Departed (All Souls) 12.30 Holy Souls

19.30 Deceased members of the parish

Saturday 3rd November 10.00 Deceased members of the

Feria in Ordinary Time Catenian Society

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B (Mark)

Saturday 3rd November 17.30 Assunta Smyk RIP

Sunday 4th November 10.00 People of the parish

18.30 Derek O'Donnell RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
 16.45 - 17.15

Exposition
 & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45