

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today is Mission Sunday. It is an invitation to go forth and share our Christian faith with everyone, people close by and people far away, and help them to meet Christ and share in his Good News.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

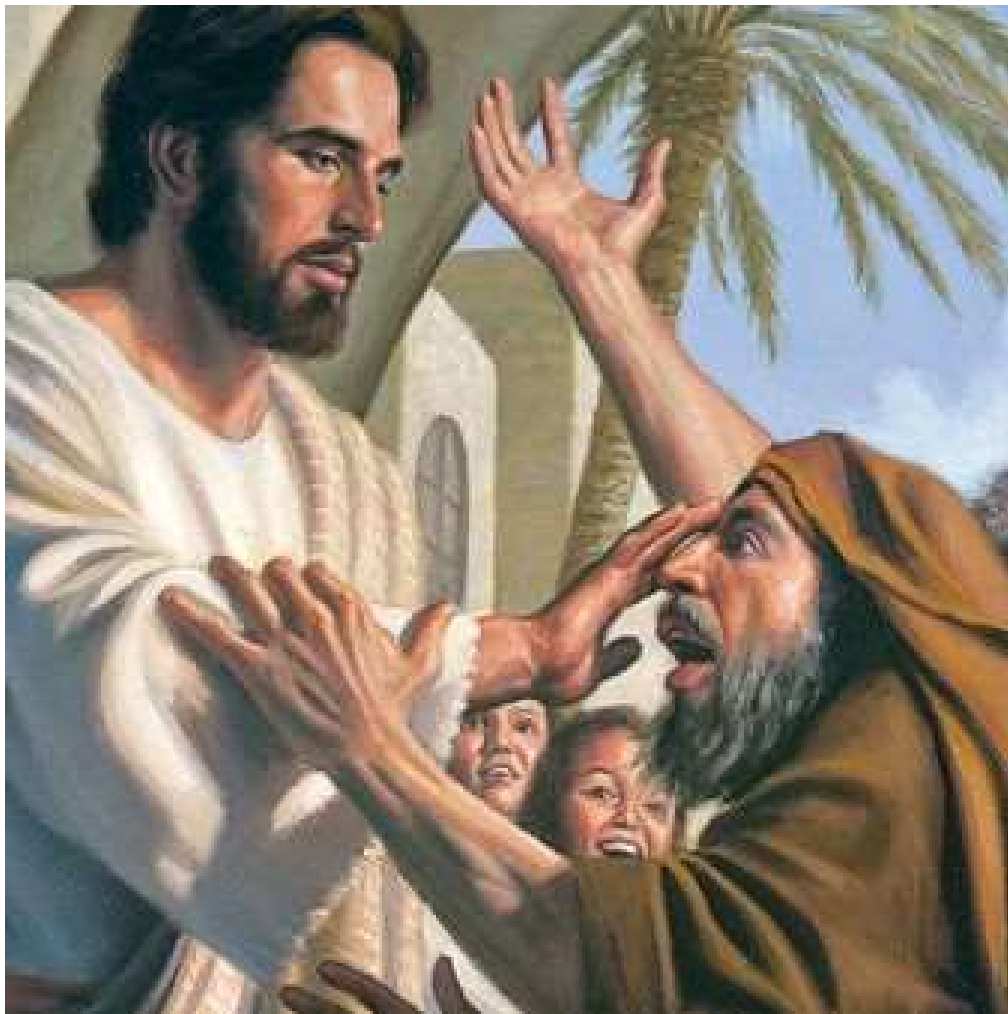
The gathering of the people back to the Lord is a sign of the homecoming that God desires for each one of us.

Hebrew 5:1-6

Christ, the high priest, offers prayer and intercession to the Father that we might have life in its fullness.

Mark 10:46-52

The healing of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is a sign of the gift of faith which alone comes from Jesus so that we may be his friends.



Reflection

As Jesus and his disciples journeyed to Jerusalem, they passed through Jericho, the city of Israel's triumphant victory over their enemies through God's intervention (Joshua 6:20). Jesus had been teaching his disciples about the necessity of renunciation and about his sacrificial death (Mark 9:43-10:45). However, they still did not understand the meaning of Jesus' words and were blind to his message and mission.



As they were leaving Jericho, a blind beggar shouted out to Jesus for pity, using the Messianic title "Son of David." Although some people ordered him to be quiet, Bartimaeus shouted out all the more. His faith was rewarded when Jesus beckoned him to come over. Casting aside his cloak, his sole possession, Bartimaeus rushed over to Jesus, and he was cured immediately. Indeed, the blind man had greater faith than the disciples of Jesus, and he followed him, it says, on "the way" ("The Way" was an early name for the Christian faith).

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Pope Pius XI instituted World Mission Sunday in 1926 at the request of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Mission Sunday calls us to a renewed commitment to our responsibility to spread the Gospel message. Since the Church is by her very nature missionary, evangelisation constitutes a duty and a right for every one of her members (Vatican II *Lumen gentium*, and *Ad gentes*).

The Lord calls us to go beyond ourselves and to share with other people the blessings we have received, beginning with the gift of faith, which cannot be considered a private privilege but must be seen as a gift to be shared with people who have not yet received it. Such activity will benefit faith itself since faith is strengthened when it is shared. (Pope John Paul II, 1992).

SIR DAVID AMESS MP RIP



Sir David was very much a local boy. Born and brought up in Plaistow, he was educated at St Anthony's Catholic school, Forest Gate and St Bonaventure's Catholic School, Forest Gate. He was very much formed by his Catholic Faith and by Catholic Social teaching.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

St Anthony Novena



The St Anthony Novena is now up and running again. To do the nine Tuesdays before Christmas, you will have to start this Tuesday or next Tuesday – but you can, of course, start any Tuesday.

**EVERY TUESDAY AT 12.15pm –
Holy Mass followed by St Anthony Novena**

For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission



WHAT IS SYNODALITY?

In the last week, over 80 people attended a deanery day of formation in Stratford. This is just one example of “journeying together in communion, participation and mission”.

SYNODALITY is how we are Church, and Pope Francis wants us to be more synodal at every level of the Church which is why he has convoked a synod about synodality itself.

Last Sunday, Bishop Alan launched a “Synodal Process” in our diocese, the first phase of a process which will conclude in Rome in 2023. Pope Francis is encouraging us to be more synodal, calling each and everyone of us to have a say in how the Church could change by discerning together the signs of the times and dreaming about where we would like to be.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, a fantastic chance to have a voice.

SYNOD PRAYER

**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.**

**With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.**

**We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.**

**All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.**

Amen.

The next meeting of the Newham Deanery will be the Day of Recollection and Formation for Readers.

At St Francis Stratford beginning with Holy Mass at 10am and ending with Holy Hour at 3pm.