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Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Gospel (Mark 10: 46 – 52)

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

Reflection

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem.

In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David.

Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

Second Collection for Missio: Sunday 24 October

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith (APF) assists each one of the Catholic Church's 1,062 mission dioceses and territories to provide pastoral care and preach the Gospel effectively. The APF works with the Mill Hill Missionary Society; funds for the Missions are collected through the famous Red Boxes which can be found in 200,000 homes and have helped raise millions of pounds for the missions.


Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Celebration of Mass

You no longer need to contact the office and book a place but we shall continue to record names as a precaution. We shall try to ensure that anyone who wishes to be "distanced" can be – in which case please arrive early

Hand sanitisers will still be used and face coverings are strongly recommended

Friday 22 October	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley
Saturday 23 October	5.30pm	Mass	Nympsfield
Sunday 24 October	10.30am	Mass	Dursley
Wednesday 27 October	9.00am	Mass	Dursley
Thursday 29 October	10.00am	Mass	Nympsfield
Friday 30 October	7.00pm	Mass	Dursley

For a Synodal Church

Pope Francis has launched what some describe as the most ambitious attempt at Catholic reform for 60 years

A two-year process to consult every Catholic parish around the world on the future direction of the Church began at the Vatican this weekend

The consultation process, called *"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission"*, will work in three stages:

- In the "listening phase", people in parishes and dioceses will be able to discuss a wide range of issues. Pope Francis said it was important to hear from everyone, including pastoral workers and members of consultative bodies, both men and women
- The "continental phase" will see bishops gather to discuss and formalise their findings
- The "universal phase" will see a month-long gathering of the bishops at the Vatican in October 2023

The Pope is expected then to write an apostolic exhortation, giving his views and decisions on the issues discussed.

On Sunday 17 October Bishop Declan launched the Synod in our own diocese when he celebrated Mass at the Cathedral.

Parishes are now asked to nominate delegates to a Diocesan gathering on Saturday 20 November

Parish Council

St Dominic's Parish Council met this week for the first time in eighteen months to discuss a range of issues:

- Following changes in the Deanery, we will continue to have only one Mass on a Sunday
- We will work towards restarting Little Church after half term
- We also hope to restart the choir and Café Dominic
- In order to do these things we do need volunteers – so if you feel able to help, please collect a form at the back of church or download the form from the website
- We have so far only had one fundraising event for this year's charity of *Stella Maris* – so we are planning another raffle before Christmas
- Next year's charity will be a Churches Together project to support Christian pupils at Rednock School
- Some major work needs to be done on the Hall to upgrade the roof and provide better insulation

Current Council members are:

Father Philip, Deacon Domenic, Colin Archer, Laura Gardiner, John Hudson (Chair), Louisa Rubin, Peter Tarski, Pat Uglow, Sue Whitney

Raffle in aid of *Stella Maris*

We are planning a Christmas raffle for to be drawn hopefully at Café Dominic on the Sunday before Christmas.

Tickets will be £1.00 each and the raffle will be similar to the last one. We will ask parishioners to send cash in a named envelope and numbers allocated.

If anyone would like to donate a prize it would be very much appreciated. Thank you

Laura Gardiner

Friends at Christmas

Would anyone who would like to be involved with 'Friends at Christmas' coordinating, cooking, helping, entertaining, and or driving...etc? If so, please would you contact Rev. Fiona at revfionacrocker@gmail.com by 6th November.

Friends at Christmas is an opportunity to prepare a meal, entertainment and gifts on Christmas Day and possibly Boxing Day. Together as Churches we can make this happen but we do need someone to coordinate the project.

Our Parish

PLEASE PRAY for those who have died recently

Diocesan Prayer Link:

Holy Rood, Swindon

Churches Together Prayer Rota:

St Bartholomew, Nympsfield

Parish Prayer Rota:

The congregation at Dursley