



PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Millbrook

Fr Benjamin writes ...

“Master, let me see again”. This is possibly one of the most heartrending cries to be found in the Scriptures. In calling out to Our Blessed Lord, the blind man speaks the cry of every Christian heart, “let me see again.” Let me see again the innocence of my Baptism, let me see again the purity of soul that You give me when You forgive my sins. Lord, let me see Your face again. It is the natural cry of all of us who, having known the face of the Lord, find ourselves turned away from Him. We cannot see Him – and we miss Him.

The beautiful question the Lord put to this desperate soul, is also one addressed to each of us: “What do you want Me to do for you?” This is a very personal question, not so much in the sense that it applies to each of us individually but that it comes from the Lord personally: “What do you want *Me* to do for you?” Only the Son of God could give the man his sight. Only the God incarnate could help him to see his God.

It is only the Lord Jesus Christ Who can give us the greatest gift we seek, which is the sight of God. Each day that we spend on earth must be a response to this gift and a constant seeking of the Face of God, in innocence, in purity, and of course in self-giving love. There is a desperation in the man’s voice that relates a trauma of not seeing God. We must not underestimate the traumatising effect of things that blind us from seeing God – that which we see on the internet, that which we hear in harmful lyrics of music, and that which we say and do against one another.

There is, however, a way out of this blindness, and that is to say to Our Blessed Lord, with all our hearts, “Lord, let me see again”, let me see you again and never let me be parted from you. When the Lord gives us the sight of His beautiful Face, of His holiness and love, through His forgiveness and gentle words, He gives us the assurance that we are not in darkness, we are not alone – God is for us, and God is with us.

God bless you all and may the light of His Face shine upon you.

PRO LIFE INTENTIONS

All public prayers of Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy in the Church during the week will be for pro-life intentions.

October is the Month of the Most Holy Rosary

Endeavour this month to pray at least one Rosary every day, preferably as a family. Please pray for the salvation of souls; for those who are sick and those who care for them; for vocations to the Sacred priesthood and for the Holy Catholic Church. Please particularly pray for the sanctity of human life to be upheld throughout the world.

Please pray each day for our priests and seminarians and for vocations.

Adoration (Thursday evening until Saturday evening);

Rosary, Vespers and Benediction (Sundays 4pm)

outdoor **Rosary** Monday 9am, Tuesday 10am

Stations of the Cross (the Church is open from 9am until 6pm daily)

First reading**Jeremiah 31:7-9****I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble**

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm**Jeremiah 31:7-9****I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble****Second reading****Hebrews 5:1-6****'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.


Gospel**Mark 10:46-52****Go; your faith has saved you**

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.

SECOND COLLECTION**SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER****BAMENDA****NOVEMBER MEMORIAL CANDLES**

November Memorial Candles are now available from the repository in the Louis Suite and from the office. We are pleased to be able to keep the price to £5.

The candles will be arranged in front of the statue of St Joseph throughout November and as long as they last. Please do not re-arrange or add any candles as they will be organised to meet all of the safety standards required. If you do have a preference which week you would like your candles to be burning please indicate and we shall do our best to accommodate your wishes.



HOLY FAMILY, SOUTHAMPTON

Parish Notices

Euthanasia Bill

It is extremely important that as many people as possible write to their MPs asking them to speak against the proposed introduction of Euthanasia. There are proforma letters at the back of the Church and in the office but MPs respond much more favourably to personal letters. All letters must include your name and address as MPs will only deal with correspondence from their constituents. If you need help with this please contact the office.

Adoration

We are seeking regular Faithful Adorers of Our Blessed Lord

**Fridays 11am-12 noon
Saturdays 12 noon -1pm
Saturdays 2pm -3pm.**

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” (Matthew 26:40)

Confirmation

We are now taking applications for those **young people** wishing to undertake preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation—please complete this link <https://forms.office.com/e/jpMVZbmUOM>

For those **adults** who would like to become a Catholic, and those **adults** who are not yet confirmed, you are invited to join us on Mondays at 7pm in the Louis Suite.

Please contact ministry@holyfamilysouthampton.org.uk

Baptism

Parents & Expectant Parents – you are invited to register online for your child’s baptism : [Baptism | Holy Family Parish \(holyfamilycatholicchurch.co.uk\)](#) Once you have registered, we will contact and arrange to meet you. We will discuss preparation for this sacrament and the dates for the baptism.

Let there be Light—Angels and Saints Party

All Saints Eve 31st October 5-7pm.

We shall be holding a party for the youngsters on All Saints Eve. There will be food and games, followed by a candlelight procession and night prayers in the Church.

All children are invited to come to this Christian celebration. Parents are welcome to come along to help.

Please complete a registration form so we know numbers (and allergies etc).

The evening will be free, but donations are always welcome and please bring a plate of food to share.

Job vacancies in the Diocese <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/jobs>

THIS WEEK AT HOLY FAMILY



Holy Mass OF = Ordinary Form, EF = Extraordinary Form

27 Oct (Sun)	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	John Paul Urbina (Int) Natty Twomey (RIP)
28 Oct (Mon)	Ss Simon & Jude	7.30pm (OF)	Villars Family (Int)
29 Oct (Tues)	Feria	9.15 am (OF)	Fr Jean-Patrice Coulon (health) Deidra McDaid (RIP)
31 Oct (Thur)	Feria	7.30 pm (EF)	Mary Prendergast (RIP)
1 Nov (Fri)	ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION	9.15 am (OF) 7.30pm (EF)	James & Mary James (RIP) John Paul Urbina
2 Nov (Sat)	Commemoration of ALL SOULS Vigil	9.15 am (OF) 12 noon (EF) 2.00pm (Polish) 6.30 pm (OF)	Holy Souls Holy Souls People of the Parish
3 Nov (Sun)	THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00 am (EF) 10.30 am (OF)	Clare Officer (Int) Nichols family (Int)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 26th Bring and Share Social 7pm 27th Rosary Rally, Portsmouth 2.30pm 31st All Saints Eve Children's Party 5.00pm November 1st All Saints—Holy Day OF Obligation Masses: 9.15 (OF), 7.30pm (EF)	November 2nd All Souls Masses: 9.15 (OF), 12 noon (EF), 2pm (Polish) 2nd Youth Group 3-6pm 2nd Men's Group 17th Blessing of Graves 30th Bring and Share Social
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Confessions (when there is Mass) Saturday: 5.30—6.20 pm Monday & Thursday: 6.45—7.20 pm Tuesday & Friday: 8.30—9.10 am Eucharistic Adoration Thursday 8.00 pm to Saturday 6.00 pm Rosary, Vespers & Benediction for Vocations Sunday: 4.00 pm	Groups/Activities in the Louis Suite Outdoor Rosary —Mondays at 9am; Tuesdays 10am Sewing Group - Tuesdays at 10.00am Gardening Club - Tuesdays 10am until 12 noon Mother's Prayers Wednesdays at 2.00 pm Lunch Group Fridays, fortnightly at 12.00 noon: NEXT LUNCH: 1st November Youth Group 1st Saturdays 3.00-6.00 pm Catholic Men's Group 1st Saturdays at 7:30 pm Bring a Plate to Share Social Last Saturdays at 7.30pm
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