

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 24th October, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B Mission Sunday

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Keep up-to-date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the government website

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-regional-victoria>. Updates are also be available from the diocesan

RECENT DEATHS:

We pray for all the recently deceased especially Kath Harney, (Jack Harney's sister-in-law) Stephen Torney, Nancy Morcombe & David Clark.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Edward Sullivan, Annie Briody, Bernie Collins, Lorn Jackman, John Doyle, Norma Hobson, Mac Bradley, Pat & Margaret Ryan, Alex Henderson, Maurice Fay.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan & and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Readings

Today: Bernadette Franc.

Oct 31st: Anne Beer.

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: John Jess.

Oct 31st: Charlie Franc

Assembly Leader

Oct 31st: Sue Mahony & Jim Mahony.

Special Minister

Oct 31st: Anne Beer.

Music

Oct 31st: Carita Clancy

Church Cleaning, Linen & Flowers

Oct 24th – 31st: Chandler Family

Church Grounds

Oct 24th – 31st: Chandler Family.

Newsletter

October: Carmel Milenkovic 0407 320 759

MASS TIMES – for next week

October 31st LLA 10.00 am

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

CHURCH ROSTER:

Thanks Anne again for compiling the new roster which starts Nov 7th and takes us up until Feb 13th 2022. Also many thanks to those who help fill the positions. Copies are available at the back of the church.

MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the penultimate Sunday in October each year. Mission is at the heart of the Redemptorist charism, and since the congregation was founded, priests and brothers have travelled to communities worldwide preaching the Good Word. Missionaries face a variety of dangers and challenges, such as persecution, personal injury, and sickness. We pray for their ongoing safety, and that their selfless work may make a difference to the people who are barely surviving from day-to-day.

Congratulations Clarrie Johnston on reaching another milestone in your life. We wish you a wonderful and blessed 80th birthday.

(Please let us know if any parishoner/s have a special occasion happening so we can share it with them.)

Praying for “Faithful Eyes”

The story of Bartimeus reminds us that, though we might not see it, we are all in need of healing, of sight, and of faith. Jesus asks each of us: “What do you want me to do for you?” Like Bartimeus, let us pray, “Lord, I want to see.” We pray for the eyes of faith to see who Jesus really is and to follow him ever more closely and faithfully.

DID YOU KNOW ?

- The title ‘Son of David’ was one applied to the longed-for anointed one of God. Its use here indicates that Bartimaeus has recognised Jesus as the Messiah.
- The ‘blind faith’ of Bartimaeus contrasts sharply with the lack of insight and understanding we have witnessed from the disciples in recent weeks.
- Jericho is the main town on the west bank of the Jordan River in the south. It was the crossing point for people journeying from the north and led to the main road up to Jerusalem, 22 kilometres away. Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, and to his death, has almost ended.
- In Hebrew, Bar means ‘son of’ in much the same way as Mac is used in Scotland. When a Jewish boy undergoes his Barmitzvah, he becomes a ‘son of the law’.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Master, grant that I may see.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

24 OCTOBER 2021

HEALING POWER OF FAITH

The exile was a brutal experience for the people of Israel. It was a moment of powerlessness, shame, and disgrace for them. Feeling abandoned by God and bearing the scars of the bitter siege which had preceded their defeat, they huddled together trying to understand how their world, and God's promise, had been turned upside down. Jeremiah who had warned the people of their impending fate can now finally proclaim a word of comfort and hope. They will be brought back to their land. Furthermore, the path God is making for them is not one just for the strong. The vulnerable, the blind and lame, and those in labour will be able to tread this path.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem a blind man calls out for his help. For others on the road, this man is an intrusion and obstacle. But he is the one who demonstrates what it means to have faith in Jesus. As Jesus bravely and compassionately journeys to his death and resurrection it is the blind man who ironically has the eyes to see what is really happening – and the courage and faith to follow.

The compassion of Jesus for the blind man is in keeping with how the letter to the Hebrews sees Jesus' high priesthood. He is the one who offers sacrifices on our behalf, the one who heals our wounds and brings us back into relationship with God and with others. He deals with us gently and with sympathy knowing our vulnerability and weakness.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from
bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was
our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips
there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What
 marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What
 marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we
 were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as
 streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in
 tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**



4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, /
 carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back,
 they come back, full of song, / carrying their
 sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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