

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR B
24 October 2021

Praying for 'faithful' eyes

How often in life do we find among a group of people, for example family members facing a crisis or drama, that different members see and interpret the situation so very differently. Indeed, different family members can have diametrically opposed views on what is happening before their very eyes. They don't see the same thing! Seemingly, some don't or can't see!

We see this same phenomenon over and over again in the gospel accounts of Jesus' life. So many people witnessed the miracles that he worked, observed the life that he lived, and heard the teachings that he gave, and yet only some really saw.

In fact, Jesus is surrounded by blindness. The scribes and Pharisees saw him as flouting the religious authorities and traditions they held dear. They saw, and yet they didn't see! Some disciples saw and followed him for a while, but then drifted away. They didn't get it! Even the closest disciples didn't really get what they saw in Jesus. James and his brother John, for example, implored Jesus to place them at his side in his kingdom.

Today's gospel is a classic example. Towards the end of Jesus' public ministry, many people flocked around Jesus, keen to see what he was doing, but it is only the blind beggar Bartimeus who truly sees Jesus. Hearing from people in the crowd that "Jesus of Nazareth" was passing by, Bartimeus calls out, "Jesus, son of David" (a messianic title, indicating that Bartimeus recognises Jesus as the longed-for Messiah). Blind though Bartimeus is, he is the one person in the story who actually sees who Jesus really is! He is physically blind but he sees with 20/20 spiritual vision!

Jesus then calls Bartimeus to him and asks, "What do you want me to do for you?" Bartimeus replies, "Master, I want to see." Jesus then heals him and tells him that his faith has saved him. Bartimeus then follows Jesus. He becomes a disciple. He walks the talk. He lives his faith.

But the people observing all this, all sighted people, didn't know they were blind. We too are often blind and don't know it. We can be blinded by fear or by injury or hurt. We can be blinded by preoccupation with material possessions or status, for example. We can really struggle, especially in hard times, to hold onto our faith in God and trust in God's love and care for us.

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.

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This week in the Parish 24-31 October

Please note: There are No weekday Masses this week.

Saturday 23	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 24	30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Saturday 30	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 31	31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS	
Monday 1 Nov	ALL SAINTS DAY - Yr B 9:00 am - Rosary & Prayers - Sacred Heart Chapel
Tuesday 2 Nov	The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day)



SEATING IN THE CHURCH

Please remember to turn over the small 'Please Sit Here' card where you sit in the church during Mass. This tells the volunteer cleaners where someone has been sitting during Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday : 5.30pm - 5.50pm
Sunday: 7.30am - 7.50am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Mills, Madonna Marshall, Bede Shortis

ANNIVERSARIES:

Archdeacon John Dalton (1st Parish Priest of Murwillumbah 1903-1911), Monsignor John Henry FitzPatrick (Parish Priest Murwillumbah 1936-1963), Peter Hasrouny

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Vince Kean, Margaret Chiesa, James Wallace

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL RAFFLE...

Tickets for the Christmas Carnival Parish Raffle will be available soon.

To be drawn on the first weekend in December.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2022 Josephite Calendars have arrived.
On sale at the Parish Office.
\$10.00 each.

2021 HSC EXAMS

Please keep all Year 12 students in your prayers as they prepare to sit for their Higher School Certificate examinations next month.

Readings for today and next Sunday:

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Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year B

Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

READING ROSTER

30/31 October - 31st Sunday in Ord Time - Yr B

6pm Vigil: Mike Brennan

Sunday 8am: Philomena Zambelli

Sunday 10am: Mary-Ann Thackray

WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of Wednesday Word, with this weekend's readings, are available for you in the Church.



Painting by Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834 - 1890) of Bartimaeus kneeling before Jesus.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

FR ANTHONY ON LEAVE

As you know, Fr Anthony has been on annual leave for the last couple of weeks.

Fr Anthony has asked that we let you all know that his leave will be extended whilst he undergoes more tests for an ongoing health issue.

Please keep Fr Anthony in your prayers.

We thank Fr Michael Nilon for his continued support with weekend Masses over the coming weeks.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD| Deacon Prodencio Bognay

Please keep Prodencio in your prayers over the coming weeks as he makes his final preparations for Ordination to the Priesthood.

Some of you may have heard that the Ordination was to take place on Wednesday 17 November. We've been advised earlier this week that there will be a postponement of the Ordination until a later date. As soon as we know the new date, we'll let you all know. The Ordination will be celebrated at St Carthage's Cathedral Lismore as soon as covid-19 restrictions allow.

REFLECTION...

Jumped up Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. *He* knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. *We* believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

- Fr Michael Tate

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when her partner cast she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name and images altered to protect identity



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WAYS TO GIVE:

1. Envelopes – available for you in the bulletin and at the Church this weekend. Please POST envelope directly to address listed on envelope or place in 1st or 2nd Collection Plates
2. Visit Website – give online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand
3. Text GIVE to 0488 854 436 and then follow instructions.

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM (125)

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exalt in the name of our God

- Psalm 19:6

WEARING OF MASKS

A reminder to everyone:

**you are required to wear a mask indoors
when attending Mass**

If you have an exemption from wearing a mask, you are required to carry the exemption from your doctor or a statutory declaration, and to produce this exemption when asked by a regulatory officer.

* Please be respectful to people who are not wearing a mask as the reasons for not wearing a mask are not always visible or obvious.

MASS - What you need to know

- ◆ all Masses are celebrated in Sacred Heart Church (*entry via main entrance only*) – country churches remain closed
- ◆ QR check in on arrival or give your name and contact details to our hospitality team
- ◆ you are required to wear a mask inside
- ◆ please use the hand sanitiser provided
- ◆ seats are marked where you can sit
- ◆ please observe 1.5 m social distancing when coming forward for communion
- ◆ distribution of communion is strictly **BY HAND** only
- ◆ no congregational singing
- ◆ church cleaned after each Mass
- ◆ covid-19 safety plan of action in place

Queries or concerns, please contact Mary-Ann in the Parish Office.

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube](#) channel - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father

almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



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