



Gospel Mk 10:46-52

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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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.

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The Living Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

24 October 2021

First Reading Jer 31:7-9

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.

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

You are a priest forever 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.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,*

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

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Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday: 6pm
Preceded by Rosary/Novena - 5.30pm
Wednesday - Friday: 9am
Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:
Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:
Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24 October 2021

Welcome Back!

It is with great joy that we can now hold our regular Masses.

Please spread the word and make sure that others know.

COVID restrictions still apply! You are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated -
for your own sake and for the very vulnerable (elderly and young children)

Month of October - Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

The prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Jesus Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so powerful.

Free Rosary beads and Rosary prayer cards are available at the back of the church.

Please pray for guidance for the **Plenary Council** members.

Euthanasia

Please express your objection to the voluntary assisted Dying Bill 2021 - contact your local state MP and encourage family and friends to do the same.

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services (SCECS) have taken over the OSHC facility to provide **before, afterschool and vacation care** to our primary school children. This new service will commence on Monday 1 November. Interested? please **contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628** or

Email: scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au or contact our primary school office.



Confirmation 2021

Please pray for our Confirmation candidates.

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First Holy Communion - Unfortunately, due to lockdown and other restrictions, there will not be sufficient time to prepare our children to receive their First Holy Communion this year.

All going well we hope to celebrate this Sacrament early next year.

The preparation for FHC will begin mid-November this year.

Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters

All rosters (although mainly not used this year) are due for renewal at the end of November.

If you would like to serve (continue to serve) on any of these rosters please email:

parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com by 5 November. Thanks.



Supporting our Parish -

Our parish relies on donations to cope financially.

The parish has incurred substantial financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid. Please think about how you can help. *Special donations will be greatly appreciated.*

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office re making a donation.

OR

Please consider joining the **planned giving program** - if you'd like a set of envelopes, please email

parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

For those already registered -the new sets of envelopes are available to collect from the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police.

If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or

Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to

report crimes to the police. **St Mary's Safeguarding Officer:** Veronica Denning - 0407 231 262

There is a folder of Safeguarding information available in the church - parishioners are welcome to view.



+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariq Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: John Ball, Terry Webster, Robert Moran, Peter Peitsos, Ray Etteridge, Mervyn Thompson, Craig Goodchild, Dick O'Reilly, Michael Smith, Jean Graham and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Bronislawa Bellach, Ivy Dadich, Georgette Thomas

Sick List - To include your loved one's name in the sick list, email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Anniversary List - To include your loved one's name in the anniversary list, please email name and date/year of passing to: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

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Reflection

Nagging is not an effective tool for change.

Only prayer and God's love
will do the job.