

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

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Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM

In today's reading, blind Bartimaeus models what discipleship entails. In his poverty he calls out to Jesus knowing that only Jesus can give him what he truly desires. When he is healed, he leaves behind all he has and becomes a follower of Jesus on the way that will lead to the cross.



The Gospel describes Bartimaeus as sitting by 'the way', and at the end of the story he follows Jesus 'on the way'. This term, 'the Way', appears to be one of the earliest names for the Church – 'followers of the Way' (see Acts 9:2; 19:9, 23; 24:14, 22). When Mark uses this term, on a number of occasions it is more than simply a description of a path, but has the theological sense of 'the way of discipleship'. Where the disciples are blinded by their ambitions, Bartimaeus sees clearly and he willingly leaves his things behind, throws off his cloak and takes up the position of a disciple – a follower on the way. This episode is far more than a simple healing miracle; it is really a lesson in discipleship and it makes a sharp contrast with the ignorance and ambition shown by Jesus' disciples throughout his journey.

Bartimaeus is able to name his deepest need and seek the one who can fulfil this. Can I leave aside the external trapping that can distract me from following my heart's desire?

The reading from Hebrews continues the image introduced last week – that Jesus is the great High Priest. Remember, the recipients of this letter are most likely to have been Jewish Christians and they would have been very familiar with this powerful image. As an image it refers to the Risen Christ's role as an intercessor before the throne of God. Within Judaism at that time there was speculation about such heavenly intercessors.

On the Day of Atonement, before the High Priest offers the sacrifice for the sins of

Israel, he first sacrifices a bull to make reparation for his own sins. Only when he has been through this purifying ritual is he able to officiate in the rituals to make atonement for the sins of the people. The High Priest was therefore one with the people, although chosen and set aside for a special role, just as Aaron was chosen, not Moses, to officiate as priest during the

time of the Exodus.

The early Christians came to understand that in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, the Scriptures of Israel were being fulfilled and so turned to the Scriptures to shed light on these events. In this Letter the author cites from two Psalms. The first is a Psalm to celebrate the enthronement of a new King of Israel:

'I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.' I will tell of the decrees of the Lord, He said to me, 'You are my son; today I have begotten you.' (Ps 2:6-7)

The special relationship between God and the king was likened to being adopted by God. This Psalm was frequently used in the New Testament to affirm Jesus' special relationship with God.

The second citation is from Psalm 110 which is a Psalm celebrating the anointed King of Israel, and in his role, the King also functions as a priest to represent the people before God.

The Lord sends out from Zion your mighty sceptre... The Lord has sworn and will not repent, 'You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' (Ps 110:2, 4)

Using these two citations, the author affirms Jesus' special, exalted relationship with God, while at the same time as King and Priest he carries the needs and sufferings of his people. These words aimed at encouraging this community in their struggle to keep faith in the midst of suffering and persecution.

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

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Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

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Special Ministers	Sat 6.00pm	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 7.30am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Christine Carvalho	Edwin Carvalho
	Sun 7.30am	Les Price	Carol Nicklette
	Sun 9.00am	Tony Pitchford	Giselle Shankar
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		M Prentice, H & F Tay	Kas Luczak, G Shankar

Parish Calendar		
Oct Mon 25	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary time) Church
Tue 26	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 28	8.00am	Mass (Sts Simon and Jude) Church
Fri 29	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary time) Church
Sat 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 30 in Ordinary time) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 31	7.30am	Sunday Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church



Tuesday 2 November
Starts 11.00 am to 2.00 pm
If you are coming please put your name down on the list in the foyer
WEAR YOUR HAT.



Healing Mass

The Prayer of Liberation and Intercessory Ministry invite you to a Healing Mass on Friday, 5 November, at Our Lady's Assumption Church, 356 Grand Prom, Dianella. 6:00pm Praise (with Reconciliation avail), 7:00pm Mass & Benediction. Further info from John on 0404 194 788 or Emma: emma@trinitaslegal.com.au

2022 Columban Calendar



If you wish to place an order for the 2022 calendar, please write your name and contact details on the list in the foyer.

Cost: \$9.00 Payment is required when the calendars arrive.

Safeguarding Workshop

It was very informative, positively challenging, and most importantly increased our understanding of child abuse and what is required to keep children and vulnerable adults safe. In all there were 41 participants on the day, 25 from the Manning parish and 16 from other parishes.



November is a special time to pray for the dead. We will have the November Book of Remembrance out near the Baptismal Font for you to write down those you wish to pray for and remember in the Month of November.

There will be two masses on Tuesday 2 November - the usual 8.00am Morning Mass and a 7.00pm Mass for those who are working.



World Mission Sunday

Today Catholic Mission 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 as a young pregnant woman she was abandoned by her partner. Without this programme, many vulnerable women like Churai will have nowhere to turn when in need of love and support.

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, you are invited to give generously to

continue this life giving work, and many other similar Church run programmes around the world by using the appeal envelope, or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/thailand

Reach out. Give life.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

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

Hebrews 5:1-6

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

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

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 for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Bartimaeus' popularity increases immediately with the attention he receives from Jesus. One minute the crowd is scolding him to keep quiet, the next minute they are reassuring him and urging him to go to Jesus.

Jesus' gift to Bartimaeus is not only his sight but also his status in the community. By reaching out to the outcasts of society, Jesus brings general acceptance to them. How might you be able to bring general acceptance to the 'outcasts' at your school? What would happen if those students seen as unpopular were suddenly being given sincere attention and friendship by popular students?

Bartimaeus' response to Jesus' healing is to become his follower. Jesus tells him, 'Be on your way'. Bartimaeus chooses then to follow the way of Jesus.

If Bartimaeus had been given sight, and yet failed to recognise God's blessings in his life, would that have been much of a success story?

You have been given many blessings by God. Do you always recognise your good fortune? Are you grateful to God for all you have? How are you a success story? What response would Jesus want you to give, as a demonstration of your thankfulness for all you have been blessed with?

Next Sunday Readings

31 October 2021

Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

CHILDREN'S CORNER



The Lord helps those who are less fortunate - the poor, the sick and people who are sad. Write or draw about something nice you could do for someone who is poor, sick or sad.

A large white rectangular area with a blue border, intended for children to write or draw their responses to the prompt.