



St Bernadette's Parish

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

24th October 2021

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Fr John Taliana MSSP	Parish Priest
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Miss Amanda Browne	Pastoral Worker
Mrs Joyce Cutajar	Parish Secretary (Mon, Thurs & Fri)
Mrs Bev Tessari	Office (Tuesday)
Miss Josie Desira	Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill	School Principal



Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday - 9.15am

Tuesday 26th -

Wednesday 27th -

Thursday 28th - Sts Simon & Jude Apostles

Friday 29th -

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30 pm Vigil Mass, Sunday - 8.30 am,
9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am and 7.00pm

12.30pm Vietnamese
(1st & 3rd Sunday)

Reconciliation

Saturday

Call the Presbytery to make an Appointment

Baptisms

By Appointment Only
Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month at
11.00am



**Our Church will be re-opening on the weekend of the
6th & 7th November and for weekday masses.**

UNLESS there are changes to Covid 19 restrictions

**There are restriction in place and we will need to abide by them.
You will have to check in using QR Code and you will also have to
show the Welcomers your Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate when
you enter the church.**

Our Welcomers are always there to help.

Masks are to worn when attending Mass.

**FOR WEEKEND MASSES IT IS ESSENTIAL TO BOOK USING
TRYBOOKING. <https://www.trybooking.com/BNBZY>**

**For those who need assistance you will need to call the Parish
Office ONLY on Monday, Thursday and Friday between 9.30am
and 2.30pm.**



**Reflect, today, upon the three lessons
from Bartimaeus' short prayer. We
must be humble, beg for mercy, and
do so with deep passion and
longing. Praying this way will most
certainly dispose us to the grace and
mercy of God.**

*Lord, Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me. I do humbly beg You with
all my heart for Your mercy and compassion. Though I am unworthy,
I seek Your grace and trust in Your goodness. Jesus, I trust in You.*



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Ministers who have not yet done so, please apply for
your Working with Children Check and/or update the
organisations where you volunteer at as soon as
possible.

Code of Conduct Declaration.

Ministers and Volunteers please return your signed
Code of Conduct Declaration and to the Parish office.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Our Scripture reflection sessions are on Thursday evenings. These sessions
are via ZOOM video platform so you do not need to leave the comfort of
your own home to attend.

If you haven't already attended these sessions, but would like to, please
send Amanda an email to brownieab75@gmail.com and she will send you
the ZOOM link weekly.

These sessions focus
on reflecting on the
scripture for the
following Sunday and
they are a chance for
you to connect, not
only with the Word of
God, but also with the
other Parishioners
that join.



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The months between the first and second general assemblies of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia are a time for 'prayer, reflection, maturation and development', according to a concluding statement from the first assembly.

The statement, approved by the Council's members during Saturday's final plenary session, speaks of a week in which regular prayer and spiritual conversations, encouraging deep listening, 'allowed space for still nascent dreams and visions to come to greater maturity'.

It came after 16 sessions across six days, encompassing conversations in groups of eight to 10 people, larger groups of up to 30 and gatherings of the full membership of the Council. All sessions were punctuated with time for prayer and reflection. The concluding statement said the process of members listening to each other in those various forums 'has planted promising seeds and raised important questions for us'.

'We have experienced and expressed the range of emotions that come with facing profound issues together, holding in tension diverse interpretations and expectations,' it said.

The Statement: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/First-Assembly-Concluding-Statement-FINAL.pdf>



Plenary Council
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian

heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

"Since the prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources — from Our Lord Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church — it is not surprising that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven.

"If we consider the power of the Rosary as seen in its effects, we find a great abundance of proofs of its wonderful value. Many are the favors granted to private individuals through its devout recitation: there are few devoted users of the Rosary who cannot testify to experiencing its power in their own lives. If we turn to history, we see many great triumphs of the Rosary. Early tradition attributes the defeat of the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret in 1213 to the Rosary. But even those who do not accept this tradition will admit that St. Pius V attributed the great defeat of the Turkish fleet on the first Sunday of October, 1571, to the fact that at the same time the Rosary confraternities at Rome and elsewhere were holding their processions.

Accordingly, he ordered a commemoration of the Rosary to be made on that day. Two years later, Gregory XIII allowed the celebration of a feast of the Rosary in churches having an altar dedicated to the Rosary.

In 1671, Clement X extended the feast to all Spain. A second great victory over the Turks, who once, like the Russians, threatened the ruin of Christian civilization, occurred on August 5, 1716, when Prince Eugene defeated them at Peterwardein in Hungary. Thereupon Clement XI extended the feast of the Rosary to the whole Church.

"Today, when dangers far greater than those of the ancient Turks threaten not only Christianity but all civilization, we are urged by our Blessed Mother to turn again to the Rosary for help. If men in sufficient numbers do this, and at the same time carry out the other conditions that she has laid down, we have the greater reason for confidence that we will be delivered from our dangers." -- *Mary in our Life* by Fr. William G. Most

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/10_1.cfm



A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

As we slowly emerge out of lockdown, aware of that many aspects of life—including our parishes are only able to gradually open up, here's one last edition of lockdown light for your coming week.

PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life

Parenting teens

In this podcast, well known Catholic speaker Jason Evert discusses how to keep an open and ongoing dialogue with your children around topics related to love, dating and other serious issues as well as tips for internet and phone safety. Listen here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving8

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Resources to help you explore the Bible

The Acts of the Apostles—The Church begins

Getting started: In this interesting video introduction to the Book of Acts, The Bible Project provides an overview of Pentecost and the beginning of the early Church. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted8

Going deeper: In this video, Bishop Barron speaks about the spread of the Gospel during the early Church, challenging us to share in the same work as St Paul and the early Apostles in proclaiming the message of Jesus to the world. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper8

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First Reading:**Jeremiah 31:7-9***A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah*

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**Ps 125**

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

Second Reading:**Hebrews 5:1-6***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**cf 2 Timothy 1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel:**Mark 10:46-52***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Son of David

Bartimaeus calls Jesus Son of David. This title, used here for the first time in Mark's Gospel, is another way to express faith in Jesus as messiah and king. Jesus accepts the title Bartimaeus gives him. However, he will not fulfill the role of messiah/king/ Son of David in the way that people expect. Many Jews longed for someone to lead them into victory over their Roman conquerors. Passages in what is now our Old Testament indicate that a descendant of King David would free Israel and restore the nation to greatness. This person would be God's anointed or chosen one just as David was (2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 11). The Hebrew word for anointed one is messiah. The Greek word is christ. Although Jesus accepts messianic titles, he doesn't pursue military victories but acts instead with compassion and mercy. He has also repeatedly urged his followers to act with this same sacrificial love.

Life-saving faith

In most of the stories in Mark's Gospel Jesus can only heal those who have faith. Bartimaeus' faith is strong: he calls out in spite of the crowd's attempt to silence him, and when Jesus summons him, he rushes forward. He even throws aside his cloak, which he probably placed in front of him to collect money while begging. Though blind, Bartimaeus sees that his life is about to change.

What people see

The healing of Bartimaeus is the last thing that happens during Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Jesus will next enter the city in which he'll be killed. During his journey Jesus repeatedly told his disciples that he would suffer and die. The disciples don't understand or can't accept that Jesus will suffer. They don't yet see who Jesus is. Despite his physical blindness, Bartimaeus sees Jesus more clearly than they do. He even chooses to follow Jesus to the place of suffering and death.

The Way

Jesus tells Bartimaeus to go your way. Although the way can refer simply to a path or road, among the early Christians it also meant believing in and following Jesus. Instead of going his own way, Bartimaeus chooses the way of Jesus. Having asked for healing, he now accepts the demands of discipleship. Bartimaeus is thus a model of both faith and discipleship.

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