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30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Year B

October 26th/27th, 2024

There are those who get it

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and, on the journey, he has been emphasising what it means to be his disciple. Peter does not get it, refusing to accept that Jesus must die on the cross. The rich young man does not get it, turning away because the cost of discipleship is too high.

The sons of Zebedee, James and John, do not get it, asking Jesus to be at his right and left when Jesus comes into his kingdom.

Jesus arrives in Jericho, the last stage on his journey to Jerusalem, and he encounters someone who does get it. Now Jesus has performed many miracles to this point in the gospel, healing a deaf-mute, a blind-man, a lame-man, as well as the demon-possessed, but none are named, except this blind-beggar: he is Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

For Mark, the significance of Bartimaeus is that he demonstrates the characteristics of a real disciple. The twelve do not comprehend the mission of Jesus and they vie for power. The rich young man chooses to keep his money rather than give it away and follow Jesus. It is a wonderful irony that the sighted do not see, but the blind beggar sees and follows the Lord into Jerusalem.

In the time of Jesus, those with a disability had to resort to begging to make a living, but it worked moderately well as it brought together their need to make a living and the need for law-abiding Jews to give alms.

There is a crowd around Jesus and Bartimaeus senses this is his moment. He begins yelling at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Everyone tells him to keep quiet as it is embarrassing to hear the cries of a beggar when a distinguished person comes to town.

Like many cities and towns in our own day, the homeless and indigent are rounded up and kept away when community leaders want to make a good impression on important visitors. Sadly, we often want to make the needy invisible.

Jesus hears the voice of Bartimaeus and says to his followers, "Call him here." When he comes forward, Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus may be wondering if he wants material assistance.

However, the blind-beggar comes forward, boldly knowing that Jesus is his only hope. His response is, "Rabbuni, Master, let me see again."

Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has saved you." Instead of disappearing, he follows Jesus along the road.

Mercy is the gift of God; it calls us to a deepened insight into who Jesus is, a capacity to recognise our deepest needs, the faith to turn in our need to the Lord for mercy, and the compassion to reach out to the needy in our world.

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First Reading

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

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

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.
 The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.
 Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.
 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.
 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..

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.

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Parish Diary**Monday, October 28th**

Mass 8:00am
 St Joachim's

Wednesday, October 30th

Mass 6:00pm
 St Agnes'

Thursday, October 31st

Mass 9:00am
 St Agnes'

Friday, November 1st

Mass of Anointing

Mass 9:00am
 St Joachim's

Saturday, November 2nd

Mass of Remembrance
 10:00am St Agnes'

Reconciliation 4:30pm
 St Joachim's

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**Saturday, November 2nd**

Mass (Vigil) 5:00pm
 St Joachim's

Sunday, November 3rd

Mass 9:00am
 St Joachim's



When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

Readings - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Isabel Sheehan. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, October 29th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, October 31st. Please advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday November 1st will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by hospitality.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The annual Mass of Remembrance will be offered on Saturday, November 2nd commencing 10:00am at St Agnes' Church. All parishioners are invited to attend to remember their loved ones who have died. If you have lost someone during the last 12 months and you would like to have them remembered during the mass please let the office know. There will be morning tea afterwards and everyone is welcome to stay.

DATE CLAIMER - MASS OF THANKSGIVING

On Friday, November 22nd there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Parish held at St Agnes Church commencing 6:00pm. The mass will then be followed by Supper. Please mark your calendar.



Do you have a delicacy you would like to share



If so and you could assist by providing a plate for morning tea following the Multicultural Mass next Sunday, we would really love to hear from you. You can email the parish office on hpmg@bne.catholic.nt.au or phone 3349 2280.



*All parishioners
are invited to attend the
Multicultural Mass
Sunday, November 3rd @ 9:00am
St Joachim's Church.*



*Varied faces, common dreams
united we stand, a powerful team.*



Cardinal Giorgio Marengo
invites you to support the work
of the Church in

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GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE &
to the banquet



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

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OLD PRESBYTERY/PARISH OFFICE ASBESTOS AND DEMOLITION PLANNING

In 2023, the Parish Finance Council undertook an assessment of the old building to review the possibilities of converting the property for redevelopment. When the decision was made to demolish the building for future consideration, the Parish then commenced the process of planning ahead to assess the risks involved in a demolition project in their Parish car park. After carefully considering the advice of the combined inputs from the Archdiocese of Brisbane and Brisbane Catholic Education's Workplace Health and Safety advisory teams, the Parish is now confident in their decision to move forward and have engaged a licenced building contractor to safely remove the asbestos from the White House building as the first stage to completing the demolition program. The date for this first stage has now been set for a period of five (5) days from Monday 11 November until Friday 15 November 2024. The carpark on Logan Road will be closed for visitor parking during working hours. **Mass will go ahead as normal on Wednesday evening however the Thursday morning mass will be transferred to St Joachim's on November 14th.** During this time the Parish will be working with St Agnes School to maintain a safe environment for all, and we ask that the school and Parish communities follow the directions and communications provided to ensure everyone's safety.

HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE MASS – CCR Bardon

Healing of the Family Tree Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Bardon, on Friday, 1st November 2024 at 7.30pm.. Preparation information and a genogram can be downloaded from ccrbardon.org.au under **Resources**. Information and genograms will also be made available on the night. It is important that you read the information. For more information contact Len Airey: Email lenpatairey@gmail.com or 0421 977 849.

EVERY GIRL

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Limited Places Available



Enrolments are invited. Contact

<https://www.sansisto.qld.edu.au/enrolment/Pages/Enrolment.aspx>



Are you living for more? Young adults (18-30yrs), you are invited to our NET Live for More Night!

It's an opportunity for young adults from North Lakes to Tugan to embrace community, purpose, and the gift that you are to the world and our church.

The free event will feature time to connect with local young adults, dinner, input, live worship and adoration.
When: Tuesday October 29 at 6pm. Where: Emmanuel City Mission. 10A Cordelia Street, South Brisbane.



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.



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