

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

'LET ME SEE AGAIN'

This week's Gospel is the story of Bartimaeus, a 'blind beggar'. Earlier in the Gospel (8:22-26) there is another healing story of a blind man in Bethsaida. These two stories bookend the journey of the disciples with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the three passion predictions. Last week we heard of the sons of Zebedee who, like the other disciples, fail to see who Jesus is. In today's story, Bartimaeus is named and connected to a family, which is unusual for healing miracles.

Bartimaeus is sitting alongside the road, the way. Jesus, the crowd and disciples are leaving Jericho on the way to Jerusalem. Bartimaeus shouts out asking for mercy, addressing Jesus as 'Son of David'. He recognises him as Messiah. Many order him to be silent. He shouts the same phrase more loudly. Jesus stops in his tracks and invites the crowd to call Bartimaeus to come to him. They say 'Take heart, get up, he is calling you'. Jesus' reconciles the many to their mission.

Bartimaeus throws off his cloak, his means of income from begging. He springs up, coming to Jesus guided by the sound of his voice. Jesus asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' This is the question Jesus had asked the sons of Zebedee. Bartimaeus answers: 'Let me see again.' Jesus' words have immediate impact. Bartimaeus regains his sight and follows Jesus on the way: he becomes a disciple of Jesus. How clearly do we see our mission to bring others to Jesus, to spread the good news, to invite others on the way.

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

27 OCTOBER 2024

FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest for ever, 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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WEEKEND MASSES
Sat: 5.30pm **Sun:** 9am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon: 9am Sts Simon and Jude **Tues:** 9am
Wed: 12pm **Thur:** 9am **Fri:** 12pm All Saints Day
Sat: 10am All Souls Day

CONFESSIONS

* Sat: 4.30-5.00pm
* Before every Mass
* By appointment

ENTRANCE *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;*

ANTIPHON: *Turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.*

COMMUNION *We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.*

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jack Smyth, Joy O'Shea, Deacon Peter Harrison, Sheila Tilse, Susan Tan Dy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Warren Doherty (6/10), Ned Clarke (12/10), Daphne Davis (12/10), Bill Teo (29/10), Mary McInnes (6/11).

DECEASED: We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, George Hurn, Eva, Joe and Bill McLean, Mel and Harry Hutchens, William Grima, Mary Camden, Tommy Hudson.

SICK: Cheryl Moloney, Daphne Sweeney (Sr Kathryn's mum), Col Hassett, Judy Murphy, Elaine Murray, Thelma Gaff, Bill Press, Norma O'Brien, Christine Porters, Shane Davidson, Monica Austin, Terry Dean, Barbara Brennan, Graeme Bussell, John Betts, Kate Harrison, William Bonner, Maureen Harrison, Fr Bernard Flood.

NOVEMBER is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, eucharistic communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions. (Norms 15.7)

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: (BSB 082 105)

1st. Collection West Tamworth Presbytery (Diocesan collection) Acc No:001023642
2nd Collection (Local) West Tamworth Church (St Patricks Church Mgt) Acc No: 001041198

COMING EVENTS:

1 Nov Adoration and Benediction 11.30 am before 12 noon mass
1 Nov All Saints Day Mass at 12 pm **2 Nov** All Souls Day Mass at 10 am
12 Dec 'Soft Opening' of the new Cathedral, Armidale - 105th anniversary of dedication
15 Dec Reopening of the Cathedral Mass and Celebratory Carnival, Armidale
29 Dec Opening Mass for Jubilee Year 2025

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time Year B

WELCOME TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

"I will not care, if I can please God and do my duty." (1864)



SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER: A special mass will be held on the important Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Days) at 10 am. Please bring a candle if you wish, or use one of those provided to offer prayers for your own loved departed ones.

NOVEMBER MASSES: Please use envelopes to make requests for November Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their **names written very clearly** as they will be printed and displayed on the church notice board. Thank you

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION: 11.30 am Friday 1 November before 12 noon mass.

OCTOBER IS OUR LADY'S MONTH: During October, and throughout the year, the Rosary is said by parishioners before every mass. Everyone is very welcome to join in and perhaps a special effort can be made during this special month of October.

SYDNEY TO HOST INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028: The Vatican has announced that Sydney will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028. Held every four years, the International Eucharistic Congress is expected to draw tens of thousands of faithful Catholics from across the globe to Sydney. Catholic Archbishop of Sydney Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP said that this will be the largest gathering held on Australian shores since World Youth Day 2008. "It is my hope that in hosting the International Eucharistic Congress we might renew the sense of solemnity, mystery, welcome and joy in the liturgical life of our city, revitalise our Christian lives, and increase our outreach to those most in need," Archbishop Fisher said. Keep this wonderful event in your prayers for 2028.

MISSION SUNDAY: Last weekend the Mission Sunday Appeal was held. If you were not able to donate at that time, please use the envelopes in the seats to make your donation and place the envelope on one of the collections. Alternatively, go online at the website below. Thank you to all those who have contributed generously to this important appeal.

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.



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WEEK 3 ROSTER: 27/10/24

Vigil: R C Ledwos Di Bolitho
9am Sun: R M Holley, R Paull
5.00pm Sun: R J Parrenas J Parrenas
Counting Team O & J Whale A Bowden
Fri Cleaning J Hutt J Moran
Altar Linen: M Vella

WEEK 4 ROSTER: 3/11/24

Vigil: R P Bamford Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, M Donaldson
5.00pm Sun: R G O'Toole C Lavell
Counting Team R Paul S Brown
Fri Cleaning M Vella A Jones
Altar Linen: E Smyth

*We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years.
We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and
commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

