

THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF MENTONE - PARKDALE

SAINT PATRICK - SAINT JOHN VIANNEY



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 24 October 2021

James & John versus

Bartimaeus: It is not by coincidence that this Gospel of blind Bartimaeus follows immediately upon last Sunday's text about James and John's ambitious request for positions of primacy in Jesus' coming Kingdom. It is probable that Mark intends to the two stories to be seen in contrast: James and John, although possessing physical sight, evidently do not "see" Jesus for who He is, do not understand Him and His message properly yet, and are still too filled with pride and a desire for power. Bartimaeus, on the other hand, although physically blind, evidently "sees" Jesus much better than some of His own disciples; he recognizes Jesus as the promised Davidic Messiah, but, instead of asking for power and glory, seeks only the healing and mercy that many Jews believed the Messiah to be bringing

The Messianic implications:

The healing of Bartimaeus has Messianic implications. Jesus commended Bartimaeus because he had correctly understood that Jesus was the Son of David and the expected Messiah. Referring to the coming of the Messiah, Isaiah wrote: "Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped" (Isaiah 35:5; 29:18, 42:7). The Church has taken the persistent prayer of Bartimaeus to heart. The prayer "Kyrie eleison" ("Lord, have mercy"), appears frequently in the liturgy.

Bartimaeus' prayer has also become the source of "the Jesus Prayer:" "Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me." In its adapted form, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner," it has become a popular Christian prayer. The Church advises us to repeat it frequently, in acknowledgement of our sinfulness and our need for God's mercy. Like Bartimaeus, we should recognize -- even in our blind moments -- the presence of Jesus. We can trust in the power of Jesus to give us new visions and to strengthen us in our weakness.

Life messages: 1) Instead of remaining in spiritual blindness, let us pray for spiritual sight. Each one of us suffers from spiritual blindness. Hence, we need the light of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us. Anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, evil habits, etc., make us spiritually blind and prevent us from seeing the goodness in our neighbours and God's presence in them. We are blind to a sense of justice when we refuse to pay our debts, or when we collect our wages though we have not done an honest day's work for that day's pay or have cheated our employer by taking time or items that belong to the company. We are blinded by greed when we are never satisfied with what we have and incur debts to buy luxury items. Hence, let us pray to have a clear vision of Christian values and priorities in our lives and to

acknowledge the presence of God dwelling in ourselves and in our neighbours. A clear spiritual vision enables us to see the goodness in others, to express our appreciation for all that they have been doing for us, and to refrain from criticizing their performance.

2) We need to "cry out" to Jesus, as Bartimaeus did. Like Bartimaeus, we must seek Jesus with trust in his goodness and mercy. Sometimes our fears, anger and habitual sins prevent us from approaching God in prayer. At times, we even become angry with God when He seems slow in answering our prayers. In these desperate moments, let us approach Jesus in prayer with trusting Faith as Bartimaeus did and listen carefully to the voice of Jesus asking us: "What do you want me to do for you?" Let us tell Him all our heart's intentions and needs. Let us imitate Bartimaeus, the man of faith and vision, a man unafraid to recognize his need for healing and to cry out, "I want to see!"

3) We need to have the courage of our convictions. We need people who, like Bartimaeus, will refuse to be silenced by the secular leaders of our society. We must make our politicians realize that our country is rejecting Christian principles and facing a loss of values.

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Recently Deceased

Daphne Hennelly, Patricia Batcheldor

Anniversaries

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for those who are sick. Fr Alex Lim, Vanessa, Mary Taylor, Brad Castricum, Melissa Tonkin, Joy Websdale, Vicki Rhodes, Jim Lacey, Chris Taylor



We pray for all who care for the sick and worry about them.

Vocation View

For all men and women now considering their vocation, that they will take heart in Jesus' call to serve Him as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life by our words of encouragement and prayers of support, we pray to the Lord.

Please pray for Vocations

Prayer / Meditation

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Each day the Church is open from 8:30 am to 6:00pm. Please choose a time (1/2 hour) to spend in Adoration. Each Friday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed



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1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$XXX

2nd Collection:

Thanksgiving: \$1,461.00
Loose Money: \$XXX

Other Events

CatholicCare

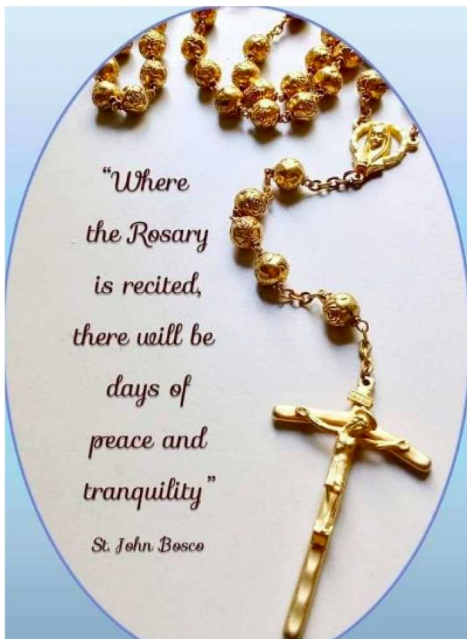
New mental health service and free self-help guide!
The demand for mental health services is becoming more and more prominent across the State, and for many regions, waiting lists to access services are becoming overwhelming long.

As a response to the increased need for mental health support, we've recently commenced a new state-wide mental health service with minimal wait times, called the Psychological Wellbeing Service (PWS).

We've also launched a free Mental Health and Wellbeing Guide created by our PWS team. Read more about our new service and download the guide below!

<https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/news/198/new-self-help-mental-health-service-for-parents-families-and-individuals?>

October, Month of the Rosary...



30 / 31 October 2021

Rosters

Readers:

6:00 pm - P Mount (SP)
9:00 am - J O'Donoghue, A Burn (SJV)
11:00 am - S Moran (SP)
5:00 pm - F Desumma (SP)

Extraordinary Ministers:

6:00 H Foley (SP)
9:00 G Sullivan (SJV)
11:00 am - M Leach (SP)
5:00 pm - M Haryanto (SP)

Sacristan (SJV):

D Atherton

Extraordinary Minister to the Sick (SJV):

B Fitchet

Flowers (SJV):

G Constanzo

Readings next week: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Deuteronomy: 6:2-6

Hebrews: 7:23-28

Mark: 12:28-34

Rosary:

1. In St Patrick's Church the Rosary is prayed each day before morning Mass at 8:40am. All welcome.
2. The Rosary is also prayed on Thursday after 10:40am OLSC Mass and on Wednesday evenings, 3pm at Bridie's (9585 5142)

Divine Mercy Devotions:

Are held in St Patrick's

Cuppa

&
Chat



All are welcome each Sunday to join us in the

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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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

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!

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.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 19:6

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