

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jer 31:7-9

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.

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.)**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears

will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

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.)**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 5:1-6

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 forever.

The word of the Lord.

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.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 10:46-52

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.

Communion Antiphon : Eph 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

Next week's readings:

First Reading:

Dt 6:2-6

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

Second Reading:

Heb 7:23-28

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34



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The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

Our Parish Vision Statement:
We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am (on zoom)	8.am and 9.am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am + mass on Zoom	

Homily for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 24th October, 2021

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.



Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Thiruthuva Nathan (61), the brother of Fr. Anthony Cruz. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: : Lucia Pepi , Patricia Grace Corcoran, Katrina Campions, Ray Talintyre, Lilian Onley, Ruby Johnson, Fr. Anthony Guelen.

Prayer for the deceased:

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

Divine Worship

Monday –Saturday: 9am Holy Mass, followed by Holy Rosary (**on zoom + 10 people vaccinated and vaccination status unknown**)

Saturday : 6pm Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) **10 people**

Sunday : 8am and 9am masses

5.30 pm Holy Rosary

Join the parish community on zoom in praying together as one family of God for the end the pandemic Covid-19.

Zoom Link below

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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Let's get some Christmas 🎄 shopping done, a care box for the lady 🧑 across the road, nuts and 🍌 spices for Dad/ brother, food vouchers for a struggling family, and don't forget some bath bombs and 🍫 chocolate for yourself!!!

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BSB: 633000

Account: 187292313

Reference: CARE (first initial and last name) eg. CARE.LSMITH

OR you can pay at the Cockatoo Bendigo Bank with the help of the friendly staff.

Donations are welcome too and all of the donated money will go straight to the Gembrook Church to celebrate its centenary next year. Reference : DONATION (first initial and last name)

Pick a pack, get locals back on track is a project that is helping local businesses and local customers connect with each other.

Simply select from the picnic hamper menu to order a delicious packed picnic from Hairy Dog's Cafe or download our menu - design your locally made unique care box for someone you care about or for yourself.

Once you have selected your items, email the form

to: gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com

Check it out and show your support by clicking GOING in our event [Pick a Pack Day! | Facebook](#)

Your support would mean the world to us. Thanks so much for your time, hope to get an email from you all soon.

Sacred Heart Gembrook Church Community

Prayers of the faithful

Priest: *Loving God, you delivered our ancestors from oppression. With hope in your mercy, we humbly offer these petitions for all those in need. We pray.....*

Response: Lord, in you we trust.

Reader: *May your church welcome the ignorant and uncertain, as did Christ during his life. We pray.....*

Response: Lord, in you we trust.

Reader: *May the blind, and sight impaired, find courage and support to live fulfilling lives. We pray.....*

Response: Lord, in you we trust.

Reader: *May our aboriginal brothers and sisters overcome their misguided fear of the COVID vaccine. We pray.....*

Response: Lord, in you we trust.

Reader: *May all your children, 'like Bartimaeus, receive new sight and understanding, and follow Jesus with new enthusiasm.'1 We pray.....*

Response: Lord, in you we trust.

Reader: *We prayer in silence for those concerns closest to our hearts. PAUSE We pray.....*

Response: Lord, in you we trust.

Priest: *Loving God, may we be ever grateful for all our blessings, and may we be tolerant and compassionate towards others. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Dear parishioners,

After so many weeks we are able to open up our churches for masses which is really a blessing for all of us, but with new challenge based on vaccination. It is unchristian to separate people on any ground. I believe and appeal to your kind understanding and consideration in this regard

Weekend Mass Timings

(23rd and 24th October, 2021)

Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook— Sunday 9am mass on zoom

St Joseph's Church, Emerald - Saturday 6pm

For the bookings Dennis will contact you.

(10 people, both vaccinated + unknown vaccination status)

St Paul's Monbulk - Sunday 11.00am

For the bookings Mim will contact you.

(10 people, both vaccinated + unknown vaccination status)

St Thomas More, Belgrave- 2 Masses.(8am & 9am)

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My brother Thiruthuva Nathan, (age 61) passed away on 20th, October, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Yesterday I woke up at 5am only to hear the saddest news of my eldest brother's death. He is just 61, a retired army personnel. He had a massive heart attack and breathed his last on way to hospital. His death devastated everyone in my family as he was the shepherd of our family after the death of my parents. Please keep him in your prayers that the Good Lord in His mercy and compassion grants him eternal bliss. I too seek your prayerful help and support for me as I have lost two of my brothers in the last 18 months.

Fr Anthony Cruz