

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 23 - 24 October 2021

Mk 10:46-52 'LORD THAT I MAY SEE.'

A young man, blind from birth, fell in love with a girl. The more he got to know her, the deeper his love for her became. He found her full of charm and wit. A beautiful friendship developed between them. But then one day a friend told him that the girl wasn't good-looking. From that moment on he began to lose interest in her. Too Bad! He had been 'seeing' her very well. It was his friend who was blind.

A blind person doesn't judge by appearances. We must remember that there is sight and insight. In biblical times, blindness was very common. Today we have eliminated many of the diseases that cause blindness. And we have invented all kinds of devices to improve our seeing. We have ordinary glasses, bifocals, magnifying glasses, field glasses, telescopes, microscopes.... We can see more and farther than ever before in our history. Indeed, the miracle Jesus performed for Bartimaeus happens regularly in our hospitals.

Because we are blind we might think that the Gospel story has no relevance for us. It is precisely because we can see that it has relevance for us. The question is: how well do we see? Bartimaeus was suffering from physical blindness. But there are other forms of blindness. We acknowledge this when we use expressions such as, 'I was completely in the dark,' or 'It suddenly dawned on me,' or 'It was right in front of me but I couldn't see it.'

The Gospel story is more a discipleship story, a call story, rather than a story of healing. When Bartimaeus was cured he could have gone off to live his own life, forgetting about Jesus. Instead he became an immediate and enthusiastic disciple of Jesus. He followed Jesus along the road. That is the climax of the story. From being a mere believer, Bartimaeus became a disciple. There is a big difference. The latter implies living as a Christian. His willingness to follow Jesus contrasts with the disciples' misunderstanding and hesitation during the journey to Jerusalem.

Bartimaeus was in darkness until he met Jesus. We are in darkness when we doubt, when we hate, when we live in error and prejudice, when we choose evil. Hence, we can make our own the heartfelt prayer of Bartimaeus 'LORD THAT I MAY SEE.' That we may see what is truly important in life, and above all that we may see with the eyes of faith.

Here on earth, though we can have a sense of God, we do not see God himself. We have to be content to travel by the light of faith towards that land where we shall see as we are seen.

Covid-19 pandemic is the time we are asked to look outside of ourselves towards all as brothers and sisters. Let us see the lonely, the frightened, those who have lost faith. And ask R U O K let us walk with them, Seeing hearing, speaking and caring from our hearts.

Love - Peace and Light Dean Peter.

PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change due to Covid Restrictions Every Wed & Fri in October 4.00pm: Rosary via Zoom 23 - 24 October: World Mission Sunday

Mon 1 Nov: All Saints Day

Tues 2 Nov: All Souls Day

21 - 22 Nov: First Communion Masses

<u>NEW COVID DIRECTIONS</u> commencing next weekend 30 to 31 October 2021.

We are pleased to be able to gather once again for the Eucharist and prayer under the guidelines of the Chief Health Office.

We ask that you kindly use the QR code provided which indicates your attendance and validates your vaccination status. If you do not have a mobile phone, please sign in providing name, contact detail and verifying your vaccination status.

We are also celebrating Masses for 20 parishioners at the Cathedral at 5.30pm each Sunday – for all people vaccinated or not. Weekdays Masses will continue to be for 20 people regardless of vaccination status.

We thank you for your respectful care of your sisters and brothers in faith. We thank all our people who sanitise our Cathedral and parish churches each week and would encourage more Parishioners to stop behind and assist with the sanitising process.

LIVESTREAM MASS from the Cathedral this Sunday 24 October at 9.30am. The YouTube link is <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/</u> UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ. The channel name is St Mary's Cathedral Sale **PALMS** AUSTRALIA: Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR MISSION SUNDAY there will be a leaving collection for this worthwhile cause this weekend (23-24 Oct) in all parish churches. This year, we are invited to partner with the essential work of the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok, Thailand, as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds. This year we also have envelopes to take home if you would like to make your own donation or **online at catholicmission.org.au**/ **Thailand.**

<u>RITE</u> OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Sophie Breakspear daughter of Tom and Maddi. Congratulations to the family from us all.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The People of God are invited to use a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Parish resources for group and personal reflections will be shared once they are finalised next week. Find out more at: https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch.

You may wish to access some of the following resources already available from the site: - A captivating and easy-to-understand video explaining the Synod process (produced by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation)

- The Synod of Bishops prayer (A4 and A5 versions) and a link to the Prayer in other languages.

- The Synod of Bishops logo
- Links to the Official Synod of Bishops website
- Links to Australian media articles

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<u>31 CLUB REMINDER</u> for 24 - 31 October 2021. Please pray for vocations.

<u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> to former Parish Secretary, Kath Bird, who celebrated her 80th Birthday this week. Retirement obviously suits her.

PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father. we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation. Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist. Enrich us in our faith, hope and love. Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace. Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together. May we be a welcoming and servina community. always discerning and doing your will for one another. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY the Gather and Connect group prayer and faith sharing being hosted by the Emmaus Spirituality Outreach Ministry of the Diocese of Sale. The next group prayer and faith sharing is on **Monday 25 October 2021.** All sessions commence via Zoom at **7.30pm**. Events are free but booking is essential via salespirituality@gmail.com to receive the Zoom link.

PRAYING THE ROSARY during the month of October: You are invited to join, Dean Peter and Fr Jithin, and many others **each Wednesday &/** or Friday at 4.00pm. The Zoom details are:

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PLENARY COUNCIL READING Garrett Publications have a number of publications available on the Plenary Council and Church reform. They can be found at www.garrattpublishing.com.au

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 24 Oct 9.30am: Kevin Robinson (RD) Thurs 28 Oct 9.30am: Pauline Vermaelen (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon First Friday of the Month 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, Saturday After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:Planned Giving:\$3,336.00Presbytery:\$845.55Credit Cards:\$0.00Direct Debits& Credits:\$1,685.00Cathedral EFTpos:\$50.00With thanks from a grateful parish.

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Mass Timetable this week Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 23 - 24 October 2021

		25 - 24 October 2021
Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 23 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 24 October	9.30am	Briagolong
Livestream Mass	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS	-	
Monday 25 October	NO	MASS
Tuesday 26 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 27 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 28 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 29 October	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 30 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 31 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Only 30 people are able to attend	9.30am	Stratford
<u>so BOOKINGS ARE required for</u> all WEEKEND CATHEDRAL	11.00am	Cathedral
<u>all WEEKEND CATHEDRAL</u> <u>Masses.</u>	5.30pm	Cathedral
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Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture

Many parishioners would be familiar with the name Fr. Walter Silvester sac, who ministered from Pallotti College Retreat Centre, Millgrove. Fr. Wally died 16 years ago, and every year since there has been a 1½ hour free Public Lecture at the Australian Catholic University in his honour. **On Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 5:30 – 7pm (AEDT),** you are cordially invited to the 'on-line' Public Lecture being presented by Jason Kelly, a Mutthi Mutthi/Wamba Wamba man, and Fr. Frank Brennan, SJ AO. The Topic is: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'. It promises to be a very informative evening!! No Registration required. Click on the Link: https://acu.zoom.us/s/84877950748

Catholic Theological College

2021 Knox Public Lecture **Thursday 4 November 7.00pm – 8.30pm** Professor Eleanor Bourke Truth Telling & the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Phone 9412 3333. Venue: online

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector. and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen



THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD: Adsumus Sancte Spiritu

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts: Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son. forever and ever. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died Kevin Robinson, Vincenzina Minchella, Irene Butterworth, Teresa Raven and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Pat Corcoran, Pauline Vermaelen, Marie Peavey, Pat Weatherley, Bill Slater, Fr Peter Curran, Fr Patrick Sterling. Please pray for those who are sick Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Connie Tantaro, Dawn Carroll, Helen Cantwell, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

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

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:7-9

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:

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.)*

SECOND READING :

A reading from St Paul's letter to the 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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 blindman 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:

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

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You: never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm RECONCILIATION: Cathedral Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B1st Reading:Deuteronomy 6:2-62nd Reading:Hebrews 7:23-28Gospel:Mark 12: 28-34

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays 'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.00pm Tea and Coffee provided. All welcome.



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday:Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)Saturday:Cathedral - 5.30pm VigilSaturday:Rosedale - 7.00pmSunday:Cathedral - 9:30am, 11.00am and 5.30pmSunday:Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)Sunday:Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.