



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 24th October 2021

What do you want Jesus to do for you?

There are several stories in the gospel about blind people being healed, but the one about Bartimaeus is told in the liveliest way, and it has an important lesson for us. The poor man had lost his sight, and when he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he had to make a choice, quickly. He called out to Jesus, people around him tried to get him to be quiet. But he just shouted louder, and kept shouting until Jesus stopped and called him over. He could just sit there and let Jesus pass him by, or he could seize the moment, and ask to be healed. Although Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus stayed where he was and let the blind man come to him. If he really wanted to be cured, he would find a way to get to Jesus.

It was obvious that the man was blind, and yet Jesus asked him "What do you want me to do for you?" The man had to clearly name his problem, and he did so. If we need to be cured of something, whether blindness, alcoholism, depression or any addiction, then we need to come to Jesus and tell Him what's wrong. We need to name it. Of course He knows our needs, and yet He says "Ask and you will receive." "Your heavenly Father will surely give to those who ask."

Bartimaeus's words were simple and uncomplicated. There was no long speech, "I want to see" was his direct reply. And Jesus told him that his faith had healed him. Rightly, this blind man knew that Jesus would not turn away from the cry of the poor. Just think of what he did: he threw aside his old cloak, got up, and ran to Jesus. The old cloak may be a symbol for his past, his darkness, his despair. He made an act of hope-filled faith, and Jesus did not disappoint him. All attempts by the onlookers to silence him made him more determined. He was clear about what he wanted, and knew who could help him. That's why Bartimaeus has a lesson for us all, here and now.

November Masses for the Dead, Envelopes Available

November is dedicated to remembering our deceased family members and friends. It is our opportunity as a Parish Community and as individuals to remember our loved ones and all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We are encouraged to offer Masses for the faithful departed. For everybody who would like to offer a Mass, envelopes are available in the Church foyers or the Parish Office. When requesting Mass intentions, please print the names so there is no misunderstanding about the spelling of names. You can leave your envelopes on collection box or at the Parish Office. These intentions are offered throughout the year in the Masses for the Holy Souls.

Blessings,

Fr. Dantus Thottathil.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Jer 31:7-9 – I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

Psalm Response: God has done great things for us, filled us with laughter and music.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading: Heb 5:1-6 – You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

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 – Master, grant that I may see.



QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*Problems never stay
for long period
They just put their
signature in the
experience book of our
life and move away...!*

Next week's Readings

First: Deut6:2-6

Second: Heb 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Roster	Readers	6:15pm	(1st)	Mary S	8:00am	(1st)	Matthew K	Counting	Group 5
30 th & 31 st October			(2nd)	Matty M		(2nd)	Lorraine K	Music	6:15pm CD
			(Welcome & POF)	Tanina D		(Welcome & POF)	Mel D	PowerPoint	6:15pm Emma M
	Communion Ministers	6:15pm		Matty M	8:00am	TBC			8:00am CD
									8:00am Chris M

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

'Master Grant that I may see'. The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, and to witness God's love.

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Gina Basso, Carmel Hickey, Peter Goodbun, Lorraine Lawler, Alicia Black.

Anniversaries & Remembrances October: Chuito Daboin, Sam Catavitello, William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte, Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran, Paul Hayes, Pauline Boevink, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Helen Meade, Margaret Price, Jan Campbell, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen-Thi-Dieu, Keith Donnelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, David Hines, Laureen Smith, Dennis Manche, Ryan Hogan, John McDonald, Susanne Conroy, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

The following restrictions as at 8th October (still current)

You must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors, including workplaces when you are unable to stay 1.5 metres away from people who are not from your household unless:

- you are seated
- you are at your residence
- you are eating or drinking
- you are a patron inside a hospitality venue such as a café or restaurant
- you are inside a sports stadium
- it is unsafe to wear a mask.

* **Livestream Mass: Cathedral Livestream** <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>

Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows: **BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027 Account Name: Birkdale Parish**

Planned Giving (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank). Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Mass All Saints and All Souls Day Masses will be celebrated at St Mary MacKillop, Birkdale on Monday 1st November at 9:30am (All Saints) and Tuesday 2nd November at 9:30am (All Souls). Masses will be celebrated at St John Vianney, Manly on Monday 1st November at 9:30am (All Saints) and Tuesday 2nd November at 6:00pm (All Souls).

Book of Remembrance A Book of Remembrance is located at the entrance to the Church. Each Parishioner is welcome to inscribe the names of loved ones who are deceased. These loved ones/special intentions are remembered in prayer each day during the Month of November.

Catholic Mission Appeal will be held in our Parish this weekend – 23rd & 24th October. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world

EAST TIMOR RAFFLE We will be running a raffle for some much needed funds and would love your support if you are able to donate prizes. In particular, we are looking for some special prizes (perhaps supporting a local business). Some suggested prizes could include: Restaurant vouchers, tourist / leisure activities, beauty / pamper products, Gold Class Movie tickets, gourmet food items, a special bottle of something, air fryer, coffee maker etc. If you would like to discuss any prize or sponsorship, please contact the Parish Office during office hours. You can also drop in your prize donation to the Parish Office or place in the basket when arriving at Mass. Tickets will be on sale at Masses in November. Many Thanks for your support.

Parish Diary:

Monday 25th October

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 26th October

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 27th October

7:30am HEARTfit
NO Rosary Group and Private Prayer this week
11:00am Funeral

Thursday 28th October

Sts Simon and Jude
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 29th October

9:30am Mass

Saturday 30th October

6:15pm Mass

Sunday 31st October

8:00am Mass



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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.