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St John the Apostle Parish

A Missionary of the Sacred Heart Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 October 2024

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Bartimaeus, Faith and Healing

Today's gospel tells the powerful story of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar sitting by the roadside in Jericho. His physical blindness reflects a deeper metaphor that runs throughout scripture: blindness of the heart or mind. Yet, despite his inability to see, Bartimaeus embodies a spiritual clarity that those with physical sight may lack. He perceives the truth of Jesus' identity as "Son of David" and knows that this encounter could change his life. His cry for mercy—loud and persistent—reveals his deep faith, even when others try to silence him.

Bartimaeus' position on the margins of society amplifies the significance of his faith. Stripped of status, wealth, and social connections, his dependence on Jesus is total. His cloak, likely his only possession and source of warmth or shelter, is discarded as he springs to his feet when Jesus calls him. This act of casting aside the cloak reflects his willingness to leave behind whatever might hinder his ability to embrace the new life Jesus offers. It is a profound symbol of trust and readiness for transformation.

When Jesus asks what he wants, Bartimaeus responds with a simple but profound request: "Master, let me see again." Though his words address physical blindness, they point to a deeper longing—spiritual sight.

Bartimaeus doesn't only seek the ability to navigate the world with physical eyes; he seeks the vision of faith, to see the world as it truly is, with Jesus as its centre. In doing so, he becomes a model of discipleship.

His faith, which Jesus acknowledges, leads to his healing, not just in body but in spirit. "Go, your faith has made you well," Jesus says, and Bartimaeus immediately follows him on the road. In this final gesture, Bartimaeus demonstrates that discipleship isn't merely about receiving a gift from God, but about responding to that gift with a life of following Jesus.

Based on: Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?
by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community



PARISH ASSEMBLY
2 November 2024
11:00am – 3:00pm
Registration Essential by
30 October.

Scan your phone camera
 on the QR Code and complete the
 online form.

MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
1st Friday of every month ■
9:30am



1 November 2024

Sacred Heart Devotion

The heart is the centre of our
 being, and the seat of our emotions and
 love. The Sacred Heart of Jesus
 symbolizes his great love for humanity.
 Jesus initiated this devotion out of his
 great love for us.

Thursday Night before 1st Friday
Prayer before the
Blessed Sacrament
Gethsemane Thursday
31 October
7:30 – 8:30pm



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS
FEAST DAYS



Friday 1 November
9:30am and 6:00pm Mass



Saturday 2 November
9:30am Mass
The Commemoration of all the
Faithful Departed

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Connecting with people living alone

2nd Tuesday of the month Coffee Group
12 November– 2:00pm Ichi Café at Kippax
 Contact: Barbara Mawson 6254 7989

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Let's talk about Mental Health

Social Connection &
Mental Health

What does God say?

Thursday – 21 November 2024

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Presenter: Dr. Gordon Donnir

St John the Apostle Parish Centre

Rsvp: 18 Nov 2024

kippax@cg.org.au

Stay for a cuppa



Join us in the parish
 foyer after the 10:00am
 mass on Sunday **27 October** for a cuppa.
 While you indulge in a coffee catch up
 with parishioners or introduce yourself
 to someone you do not know. Feel free
 to bring something to share. All are
 welcome! We look forward to seeing
 you there.

Anyone wanting help please leave a
 message for Jenny McGee on 0481 706 966

Catholic Women's Taskforce Annual
Fundraising Dinner

The 2024 Catholic Women's Taskforce annual
 fundraising dinner for MacKillop House, Lyneham
 will take place on 1st November 2024 at the
 Canberra Southern Cross Club from 6.30 pm. For
 more information or to register go to
<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/event/cwtad/>
 Enquiries: Monica Phelan on **0413 315 486**

ST THOMAS AQUINAS
50th ANNIVERSARY MASS
10 November – 10:00am

You are welcome to join the 50th Anniversary
 mass followed by celebratory BBQ.

To register for catering purposes:

www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com

Ministry to the Newly Married
Information Session

5 November 2024 ■ 7:00pm – 8:00pm

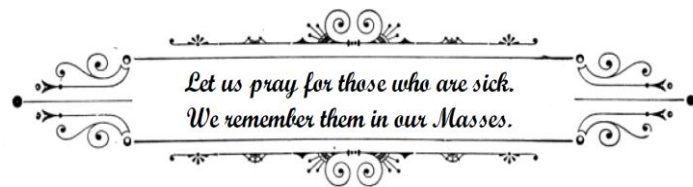
Ministry to the Newly Married (MNM) is a
 mentoring program for couples who have married
 in the last 2 years or about to be married in the
 next 6 months.

Register for the information session at

<https://cgatholic.org.au/ministry-to-the-newly-married-information-night/>. For more information

contact Ralph and Angela on 0401 994 081

Heart Spirituality



The excellence of the Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus! Who will ever comprehend your greatness, the immensity of your love, the ardour of your zeal for the glory of the Most High, your submission to his will and your grief at the sight of the outrages committed against his divine Majesty! Who will make known the dispositions of this adorable Heart: its love, gentleness, compassion, patience, mercy?

Who will ever be able to express to what degree of perfection the heart of Jesus possesses all the virtues that we customarily admire most, like courage, strength, constancy, generosity?

In this divine Heart, everything is ineffable, everything is beyond comprehension, because it is the Heart of God.

Jules Chevalier msc
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 182f Issoudun, 1892

Stewardship

Faith in Jesus

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — physical blindness, illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. As a result, we will remain steadfast in our relationship with Christ and will have the strength to keep going. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

Recently Deceased:

George “Frank” Montgomery

Anniversary: Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell, Nicholas Moore, Martin Moloney, Francis Fulton, Malcolm Lovelock, Peter Geraghty, Alejandra Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden, Angelo Fallace, Elsie Screen, Silva Santos, Gregory Robinson, Ann Raadts, Paul Newton, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Patrick Healey, Rose Ireland, Gavin Smith, Maurice Scheerlinck, Emily Flynn, John Joyce, Narim Dawalibi, Rex Kelley, Isabella Christian, Edward Dwyer, Ursula Bell, Grace Carmichael

Mass Intentions the week of 28 October – 3 November

Mon 28/10	Winni Bourke
Wed 30/10	Steve Smith
Thur 31/10	Ken Walpole
Fri 01/11	Clency Thompson

Sat 02/11	
5:00pm	Edward Walpole

Sun 03/11	
8:30am	Patrick Hogan
10:00am	Mary Armstrong
6:00pm	Parish Intentions

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

SJA Men's Group

Meeting Monthly 6:00pm – 8:00pm



For more information contact the parish office.

**Next gathering: Friday 15 November
St John the Apostle Parish Centre**

Community Connections

3rd Sunday of the month gathering
15 September at 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Parish Centre

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

SJA Friendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month</i> 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month</i> 7:15pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month</i> 7:30am <i>Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month</i> 6:00pm <i>Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month</i> 7:00pm <i>Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month</i> 4:00pm – 5:30pm Parish Centre

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us;
We are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

Readings 3 November 2024

First Reading	Deut 6:2-6
Psalm	Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51
Second Reading	Heb 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 12:28-34

Bequest: Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

ROSTERS

3 Nov Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	John Hogan, Rod Gardiner
8:30am	Lourdes Asoy, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Maria Scarr, Maxime Kpudzeka
6:00pm	Maryanne Ferguson, Peter Le

3 Nov Lector Roster

5:00pm	Fay Padarin, Marian England
8:30am	Elizabeth McDonald, John O'Heir
10:00am	Frank Colley, Robin Williams
6:00pm	Joe Ots, Busi Nkomo

3 Nov Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	Judy Netting, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Pat Cowburn, Angela Boreham
10:00am	Shovin Weerawarnakula
6:00pm	Joy McInerney, Peter Igoe-Taylor

3 Nov Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Kay Dwyer, Chitra Jayawardena
8:30am	Carmel Screen, Rob Breen
10:00am	Libby Kain, Margaret Sheehan
6:00pm	Christine Lancaster, John McGree

3 Nov SJAShop

5:00pm	Lynn O'Brien
8:30am	Marilyn Calliess
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	27 Oct	Margaret Stanford
Church Cleaning:	28 Oct	

On a Lighter note



"I had a pretty good day. For a little while, my computer and I were both functional at the same time."