

Sunday 27 October 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Jesus hears,' Pope Francis says, 'and immediately stops. God always listens to the cry of the poor.'

The story of Jesus' encounter with blind Bartimaeus shows this to be true. Shouting for aid, Bartimaeus evidently irritates many of those following Jesus. To an extent, this is understandable. They wanted to see and hear from Jesus, after all, and Bartimaeus was disrupting the procession.

But Jesus hears the cry of one who, as the Pope puts it, is 'full of faith, a faith that is not afraid to insist.'

As the Pope points out, Bartimaeus keeps his prayer simple. He honours the Lord and then asks first for mercy and only secondly for sight. In light of this, the Pope suggests that we take Bartimaeus' prayer as our own and use it to reflect on the authenticity of our prayer life.

Are we 'content with making a formal greeting every now and then,' or is our prayer regular and heartfelt? Are our prayers 'anaemic, superficial, made up of rituals, without feeling and without heart,' or do we honestly share our experiences and worries with God? Do we try to silence others, or do we try to listen to them in the spirit of the One who hears us all?

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Scriptural context – Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

Have you thought? On the side of the road ...

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road – a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' – our old life – and join him on the road.

Living the Gospel – Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.

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For we walk by faith,
not by sight.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

Peak Downs Catholic Parishes

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"We will live out the commission of Jesus to witness to him; seeking to grow in our faith and participating in the life of our church and the broader community".

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

First Reading

[Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)

*The Lord declares himself a father to
Israel.*

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 125. R. v.3](#)

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

Second Reading

[Hebrews 5:1-6](#)

*The Lord himself calls those who are to
serve.*

Gospel Acclamation

[See 2 Timothy 1:10](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

[Mark 10:46-52](#)

Jesus gives sight to Bartimaeus.



*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of
this land on which we worship. We recognise
their continuing connection to the land,
waterways, and community. We pay respect
to their Elders past, present and emerging.*

Complaints Pastoral Care & Management

*The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides strictly
with the principles and procedures of Towards Healing.*

Contact the Response Coordinator

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MASS TIMES

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Saturday 26 October

Moranbah 6.00pm Liturgy
Capella 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 27 October

Clermont 8.00am Mass
Dysart 10.30am Mass
Middlemount 12:30pm Mass

Wednesday 30 October

Clermont Montcler 9.30am Mass

Thursday 31 October

Clermont 9.00am Mass

Friday 01 November

Clermont 9.00am Mass

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Saturday 02 November

Moranbah 6.00pm Mass

Sunday 03 November

Clermont 8.00am Mass
Capella 10am Mass
Middlemount 12:30pm Mass

Tuesday 05 November

Clermont 5.00pm Mass

Wednesday 06 November

Clermont 9.00am Mass

Thursday 07 November

Clermont 9.00am Mass

Friday 08 November

Moranbah 9.00am Mass

Remember in your Prayers:

John Russell, Anne Lynam, Todd Dennis, Carmel Smith, Jan Palmer, Don Smith, Mary Walker, Diana Kidd, Peter Mahony, Anna King, Patsy Denis, Yoshiaki Tokue, Fr Robert Hollow, Prue Lonergan, Leonie Keune, Jim Cook, Cath McNee, Andrew Woods, Paul Torrisi, Hugh Williams, Fr Peter Tonti, Brendan Flohr

Baptisms

27/10/24 Clermont

Kenzie, child of Shaun and Chloe Johnson

Elizabeth, Child of Christopher and Jemimah McCann

8/11/2024 Moranbah

Rachael Sherrie Archer, the daughter of Jonothan and Sherrie Archer

Anniversaries



DATE CLAIMERS

Please feel free to let us know if you have any date claimers to include by return email.

COVID AND OTHER ILLS AND CHILLS are lurking about. Be aware! Do your bit and contain the spread. If ill, **stay home**. Otherwise minimal contact. Wear a mask, cleanse hands, don't use the Holy Water font, refrain from taking the Chalice at Communion.



Have you thought?

All Saints / All Souls

The feasts of All Saints (Nov 1) and All Souls (Nov 2) can be seen as something of a twin feast that celebrates all those who have died. With the feast of All Saints we celebrate all those who have died and have entered into direct and immediate communion with God in heaven. With the feast of All Souls we celebrate and pray for those who have died but have not yet entered into that direct communion with God. These two different states revolve around the Church teaching on purgatory – a state or process of purification before entering into heaven.

Cluster Community Notices

CAPELLA

Mass Times

1st and 3rd Sunday each month –
Mass 10.00am
4th Saturday – Mass 6.00pm
2nd & 5th Sunday each month – 9.30am
Cathedral Mass online

DYSART

Mass Times

2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday each month
Mass 10.30am

St Therese's Thrift Shop

Open Tuesday and Thursday mornings

CLERMONT MASS TIMES

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER

LEADER: FATHER SHAIJU
READERS: ALAN GUILFOYLE
MINISTER OF COMMUNION: TBC
COMPUTER: SHEILA CHALLACOMBE

SUNDAY 03 NOVEMBER

PRESIDER: FATHER SHAIJU
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DATE CLAIMER

ST MARY'S PARISH

Christmas Fair
5pm, Friday 1st November



Can you help? Looking for volunteers to help on the night of the St Mary's Parish Fair. If you are able to help please contact Regina on 0488 175 254

MIDDLEMOUNT

Mass Times

1st and 3rd Sunday each month –
Mass 12.30pm

Thrift Shop also available

MORANBAH

Mass Times

1st, 3rd, 4th Saturday each month –
Mass 6.00pm
2nd & 5th Sunday each month – 8.00am

DATE CLAIMER

Miner's Memorial

6 pm, Friday 8 November,
Town Square Park

Miner's Memorial Race Day,
Sunday 9 November



Christmas Fair
5:30pm, Friday 29 November



The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

'For a shared mission'

"Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity."



Cf Psalm 104:3-4

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

PLEASE: HELP NEEDED!

If you know of any parishioners who are housebound and would like a visit from the priest, please contact Alan on **0429 939 232** or email guilliea@matilda.net.au