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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) October 27, 2024

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

First Reading - 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.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second Reading - 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*.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!* Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through His gospel. *Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading - 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 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.

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER TO ST GERARD MAJELLA

Great protector of the family, St Gerard, we ask your prayers for all parents, that they may receive the grace to live in the love of God and bring up their children to know and love him with all their hearts. We ask you to pray also that those who take the lives of unborn innocents and attack the dignity of motherhood may come to see the error of their ways, and that all may value the true holiness of Christian family life. God, our loving Father, your love gives life to the world. Bless and make holy all human love, especially the life-giving love of husband and wife. May your love fill the hearts and homes of all families, so that the world may enjoy the peace and happiness promised by your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.



PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

THANKSGIVING OFFERTORY CAMPAIGN

Dear Parishioners,
This weekend, we will commence the Offertory Giving program in our parish community which will run over the next three weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation to us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process. God Bless.

ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr Shanthaiah will be away on his Annual Retreat from 11th to 15th November 2024.



Fr Michael Shadbolt will celebrate Holy Masses in his absence.



ST GERARD'S FEAST DAY

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of St Gerard's with Eucharistic Procession and Benediction before the 10:30am mass, followed by a BBQ in the hall. A big thank you to all the generous donors, volunteers and the Knights of the Southern Cross.



SYMBOLON: THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXPLAINED

Join us from **this Sunday 9:30am – 11am in the Majellan room** as we continue a 20 week exploration of the richness of the Catholic faith through a video presentation featuring Dr Edward Sri. This week's topic is **THE STORY OF SALVATION: Creation, Fall, & Redemption**. Contact: Jeff Zaher 0477188883. All are welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IS IN THE FINAL WEEK AND RUNS TILL THE 3RD OF NOVEMBER

We are in need of volunteers for the Vigil Site all day Monday and Wednesday Saturday and Sunday all other days after 2pm If you would like to sign up for vigil hours and get daily updates. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne.

Location is Hallam Rd ,Hampton Park opposite McDonald's Hampton Park shopping centre..

1000 ROSARIES FOR LIFE :Everyday anytime Rosary for the babies devoted to praying for those in danger of abortion. Let this not be the end of our rosaries for life let this be the beginning.of a 365 day a week rosary Together our rosaries can save lives.

Let's pray together to end abortion.

Seeing the Son of David: Scott Hahn reflects on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 23:5).

Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see Mark 11:9–10).

As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see Psalm 110:4), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18–20).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him.

All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see Matthew 25:31–46)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him —what can we do for all that He has done for us?

MASS and INTENTIONS

Saturday Vigil, October 26th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Charles Mackness (*Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, October 27th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Burty Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

and Trudy Chmielewski (*25th Death Anniversary* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Antonio & Maria Cardamone (*Death Anniversaries*)

and Una Martin (*For her good health & healing*)

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Monday, October 28th - Saints Simon and Jude

Mass 9:15am Michelle Martyn (*For the repose of the soul* ✚)

and Requesting graces to have a baby (Deborah)

Tuesday, October 29th - Please join us for a Cuppa

Mass 9:15am Antonette & Charles Henry Vettivelu

(*Repose of the souls* ✚)

and Birthday (*Thanksgiving*)

Wednesday, October 30th

Mass 9:15am Kereena Lopez (*Birthday thanksgiving*)

Thursday, October 31st

Mass 9:15am Betram Tirimanne (*47th Anniversary of Death* ✚)

Friday, November 1st - All Saints Day

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

Mass 6:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Saturday, November 2nd - All Souls' Day

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the parish followed by blessing of the Memorial Garden after 9:15am Mass.
Confessions from 8:00am to 9:00am, No confessions will be heard after Mass (this Saturday)

Saturday Vigil, November 2nd - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

Sunday, November 3rd - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am For the Holy Souls (*Patricia Hoskens*)

and Burty Francois (*Recently Deceased* ✚)

Mass 10:30am Antonio Bruno (*For the repose of the soul* ✚)

and Carmela Bruno (*For the repose of the soul* ✚)

and Neil Harikrishnan (*Birthday thanksgiving*)

and Sheetal Lopez (*Birthday thanksgiving*)

5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

Please pray for...

Our sick: Mary Considine, Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Maria Oblak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwist, Carmela Fato, Lawton Ho, Pierina Nogarin, Marie Talary, Vincent Newton, Gabby, Una Martin.

The recently deceased:

Giuseppe Compasso, Anthony Ratnayake, Hilda Marianne, Burty Francois.

Anniversaries/Remembrances:

Trudy Chmielewski, Antonio Cardamone, Maria Cardamone, Michelle Martyn, Antonette & Charles Vettivelu, Betram Tirimanne, Antonio Bruno, Carmela Bruno.

Church Cleaning

Saturday, November 2

Linda & Family

Saturday, November 9

Moses Family, Vincent, Mary & Rebecca

Reading Roster

Saturday, November 2

5:30pm J. D'Souza

Sunday, November 3

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm M. Yallapa

Saturday, November 9

5:30pm C. Fernando

Sunday, November 10

8:30am G. Van Hees

10:30am J. Panicker

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

Daily Antiphons - Monday, October 28 to Saturday, November 2, 2024

Monday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude

Entrance Antiphon: These are the holy men whom the Lord chose in His own perfect love; to them He gave eternal glory.

Responsorial Psalm: Their message goes out through all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! You are God: we praise You; You are the Lord: we acclaim You; the glorious company of apostles praise You. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our home with him.

Tuesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 29

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Wednesday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 30

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is faithful in all His words.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the gospel, to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Thursday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - October 31

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and His strength; constantly seek His face.

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord: glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at Your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Friday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - November 1 - All Saints

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see Your face.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Saturday of the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - November 2 - All Souls' Day

Entrance Antiphon: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! This is the will of My Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given to Me, and that I should raise it up on the last day. **Alleluia!**

Communion Antiphon: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in Me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will not die for ever.