



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24TH OCTOBER 2021 TIME YEAR B/1



One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind.

The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why they don't play at night!'

To have any type of disability in first century Palestine not only meant financial hardship, but social segregation. Because Jesus' contemporaries did not understand the causes of disability and illness they assumed it was, to some degree, a curse sent by God in punishment for sins. They also thought the curse could be caught. So the blind, the lame, the crippled, the leper and the bleeder were desperately poor and socially outcast. Incredibly in our day, with all our supposed sophistication, some Christians have made similar statements about God cursing gay people with AIDS. Given the way Jesus acts toward those he encounters with illness, we know that God never sends disease as a curse for sin.

Bartimeus is, however, a desperate man and in the story he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever of his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimeus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

ASHMORE:

MONDAY TO THURSDAY

8:00AM TO 4:00PM

SOUTHPORT OFFICE:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9AM TO 4:30PM



Kids will be
RESPECTED AND PROTECTED



St. Joseph the Worker Church

44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses

7:00am & 8:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday & Wednesday - 7:00am

Gold Coast University Hospital

Friday Mass at 10.30am

Rosary 10.00am

Mass Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels' Church

99 Scarborough St., Southport

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Reconciliation : 4.30pm

Third Saturday each month 10.30am

Saturday (Vigil) 5.30 pm

Sunday 7:00am & 9:00am

Prayers & Adoration

Wednesday 12.00noon -1.00pm

Weekday Mass

Friday 12:30pm

Mary Immaculate Church

31 Edmund Rice Drive, Ashmore

Saturday & Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4.30pm

Sunday 9:00am & 5.30pm, including the Korean Mass

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Guardian Angels Church 4.30pm

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Michael Moynahan's play finishes, like the Gospel story, with Bartimeaus requesting from Jesus the gift of sight. But in the play, in a powerful twist, as Bartimeaus follows Jesus on the path, he stops, turns and sees the human faces behind the challenging voices. He goes back, embraces them and together they walk the Christian path. In this Eucharist, then, the same question is put by Jesus to us, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. And if our answer is to have sight or insight, then let's also pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with every gift.

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MELBOURNE CUP

2021

SOUTHPORT CATHOLIC PARISH

Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Tuesday 2 November 2021 - 10.30am

**Guardian Angels Church,
99 Scarborough St Southport**

**All the usual fun!
Fashions in the Field—Best Hat and Lucky
Door Prizes
Silly Sweeps**

**\$35 per person includes lunch and drinks.
Tickets available at the Parish Office and on line**

Parish Sweep

Tickets \$2 each. Or 3 for \$5

**1st prize: \$500.00
2nd prize: \$300.00
3rd prize \$200.00**

Tickets available at all Masses

Please note that this sweep is a fund raising sweep and only 24 people will get a horse. Proceeds will go towards a new organ for St Joseph the Worker Church in Labrador.

Please support this worthy cause.

Thank you to those who bought tickets



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. **Please pray for Vocations.**

ABOUT THE MASS – continued

Why do we listen to readings that were written so long ago

The Bible was indeed written long ago. It has two main parts. The first part— **Hebrew Scriptures** or **Old Testament** - tells the story of God and the Jewish people. The second part— the **Christian Scriptures** or **New Testament**—tells the story of Jesus and the early Church. The message of the Bible may be old, but it is very important: it tells us how people met God then and how we can meet God in our lives today.

The **First Reading** is usually from the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures (except during the Easter season, when it is from the Acts of the Apostles, in the New Testament.) We listen to a part of the story of the Jewish people as they grew in relationship with God.

The **Responsorial Psalm** is sung or read. (It is called "responsorial" because it is a response to the First Reading.) There are 150 Psalms in the Old Testament. These prayer "songs" were written up to 3,000 years ago. We hear in them words of joy and sorrow, thanksgiving and praise, pleading and comfort.

The **Second Reading** usually comes from the letters of St Paul or another New Testament writer. It often gives us advice about how we as Christians should live and worship together.

Then the priest proclaims the **Gospel**, the "Good News" of Jesus Christ, from the New Testament. There are four Gospels: the Gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. We know that this is the most important reading for these reasons:

- ◆ People stand up for the Gospel to show respect.
- ◆ We begin with a short song of praise called the *Gospel acclamation*.
- ◆ We bless ourselves with the *little Sign of the Cross*, tracing a small cross on our forehead, our lips and our heart while silently saying, "May Christ's words be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart."
- ◆ The Gospel is read by the priest or the deacon.

The priest then connects the readings to our everyday life in a short talk called the *Homily*. Although the words from the readings were written long ago, they form a sure path to living in faith, hope and love.



The book of scripture readings is called the *Lectionary*.



The Church has a three-year cycle of Sunday readings. In Year A, most of the readings we listen to come from the Gospel according to Matthew. In Year B, most are from the Gospel according to Mark. In Year C, most are from the Gospel according to Luke. We listen to the Gospel according to John at certain times each year, especially around Lent and Easter.

God's Word— Has arrived. For all those who have ordered God's Word. Please collect your book at the parish office.

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday Year B/1

**1st Reading – Deuteronomy 6:2-6 - 2nd Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel - Mark 12:28-34**

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Mary Immaculate Church
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Cathy

Our Parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

Recently Deceased

Kathleen Wegener, Bessie Dantes

The names of our sick and deceased family & friends will be recorded in these books.



PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2021

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES for 2021

Melbourne Cup 2nd November at Guardian Angels Church Tuesday 2nd November 10-3pm. \$35 (includes lunch and drinks) register on line or payment can be made at the Parish Office. (Sweep tickets, for sale, at each church.)
PLEASE COLLECT TICKETS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

Sunday December 5th - Brisbane City POPS Orchestra
At Guardian Angels Church, Southport. At 2pm
Admission: \$35 (including light supper) register on line or payment can be made at the Parish Office. See poster
PLEASE COLLECT TICKETS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.

Rosary Please join in saying the rosary every **Monday and Wednesday at 6am** at St Joseph the Worker Church, Labrador. **Tuesday & Thursday 8am** Mary Immaculate.

Eucharistic Adoration at Mary Immaculate Church
Please join us every **Tuesday** from 7.45 till 8.45 am. There will be rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Private prayer. Followed by Holy Mass.

Holy Hour at Guardian Angels Church, Southport
Please join us every **Wednesday** from 12noon. Including silent prayer, hymns, rosary and spiritual reflections, Benediction at 1pm. Confessions also available.

Novena at St Joseph the Worker Church Labrador every Wednesday at 6pm.

1st Wednesday Rosary 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm

First Saturday of each month, Mass at St Joseph the Worker Church (Rosary - 8:30am) 9am Mass.

Walking Group. At **St Joseph the Worker church, Saturday at 6:00am.** To join please contact Janecee 0408 763 772.

Our Lady of Fatima. Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady Of Fatima on 13.11.2021. The bus will be picking up at 8.15am sharp at the Sacred Heart Church. Clear Island Waters. The Cost for the bus is \$22.00 return and please BYO lunch. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573, Zenaida on 0447 004 344 or 5526 6895. All are welcome.

Quote

'Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried.'

Gilbert K. Chesterton



Feast day - Sts Simon & Jude 28th

October. Both Simon and Jude were ordinary men who were chosen by Jesus himself to teach others about God's love and to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Their lives help us to understand that even the most average people can become saints when they decide to follow Jesus.

Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Simon was often called "the Zealot." A zealot is a person who is strongly committed to something. In Simon's case, he firmly believed in the importance of people following Jewish law. Once he met Jesus, his life was changed and he became convinced that the most important thing was to follow Jesus and his teachings. We believe that another reason Simon had a nickname was to keep people from confusing him with the other apostle named Simon, the one Jesus called Peter.

Jude was also known as "Jude Thaddeus." People used this formal title so that he was not confused with Judas, the apostle who betrayed Jesus and handed him over to be arrested. Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and desperate situations. People often pray to Jude when they feel that there is no one else to turn to. They ask Jude to bring their problem to Jesus. Because Jude had such great faith, we know that nothing is impossible for those who believe in the Lord.

Simon and Jude traveled together to teach others about Jesus. Because of their eyewitness accounts of Jesus' miracles and his death and Resurrection, many people became believers and were baptized. Simon and Jude died for their faith on the same day in Beirut. Jude's body was later returned to Rome where it was buried in a crypt under St. Peter's Basilica.

We honor their feast day on October 28. These two saints remind us to learn all we can about Jesus and to share it with others, as they did.



GOLD & SILVER Brisbane Pops Orchestra

When: On Sunday, 5th of Dec. 2021 at 2pm

Where: Guardian Angels Church, 99 Scarborough St. Southport

Booking are on line or payment can be made at the Parish Office 5510 2222

Admission \$35 (includes light supper)

PLEASE NOTE TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

How Shall I Call You?

How shall I call you? Maker of heaven,
poet of sunset
and painter of sky, Father almighty
who's running to find us,
giving his Son who must suffer and die.

Refrain:

**Glory to the Father,
the Son and the Spirit,
let's sing it again and again.**

**Glory to the Father,
the Son and the Spirit,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

How shall I call you?
Lover of children, shepherd and teacher
and brother and friend,
healer of blind man and healer of leper,
you are beginning and middle
and end. **R**

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GLORIA - SAID

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand
of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - SUNG

Let All the Peoples

Refrain:

**Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord, let all the peoples praise you.
Let all the peoples praise you,
O Lord,
let all the peoples praise you.**

Nations shall fear the name of the Lord
and all the rulers of earth your glory,
when the Lord shall build Sion again,
coming in glory. Alleluia! **R**

Let this be written for ages to come,
peoples unborn may praise the Lord,
who has come down
from the sanctuary on high
to set the prisoners free. Alleluia! **R**

Sion shall hear the name of the Lord,
and God's praise
in the heart of the city.
Peoples and nations
shall gather to praise,
worshipping God our Lord. Alleluia! **R**
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are the Christ everlasting,
born for us all of a Virgin,
you have conquered death,
opened heaven to all believers.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

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GIFTS PROCESSION

Open My Eyes Lord

Open my eyes, Lord.
Help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord.
Help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord.
Help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live within you,
deep in your heart, O Love.
I live within you. Rest now in me.
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

We Remember

Refrain:

**We remember how you loved us to
your death, and still we celebrate,
for you are with us here,
and we believe that we will see you
when you come, in your glory, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate,
we believe.**

Here, a million wounded souls
are yearning just to touch you
and be healed.
Gather all your people,
and hold them to your heart. **R**

Now we recreate your love,
we bring the bread and wine
to share a meal,
sign of grace and mercy,
the Presence of the Lord. **R**

Christ, the Father's great "Amen"
to all the hopes and dreams
of every heart.
Peace beyond all telling,
and freedom from all fear. **R**

See the face of Christ revealed
in every person standing by your side,
gift to one another,
and temples of your love. **R**
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REFLECTION HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets,
no-one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I am lonely too,
make me friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
healing in the streets,
curing those who suffer,
touching those he greets.
Listen, Lord Jesus, I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is calling,
calling in the streets,
"Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet."
Listen, Lord Jesus, let my fears be
few, walk one step before me,
I will follow you.

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Community

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Go Now You Are Sent Forth

Go now, you are sent forth
to live what you proclaim,
to show the world you follow Christ
in fact not just in name.

Go now, you are sent forth
to walk this troubled earth,
to share your faith with everyone,
and prove your real worth.

Go now, you are sent forth
as God's ambassador,
by serving him in those we meet,
we love him more and more.

Go now, you are sent forth,
and Christ goes with you, too.
Today you help his kingdom come
in everything you do.

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APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
(all bow)
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
He ascended into heaven;
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father almighty;
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And life everlasting.
Amen**