

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Master, grant that I may see.*

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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24 OCTOBER 2021

## HEALING POWER OF FAITH

The exile was a brutal experience for the people of Israel. It was a moment of powerlessness, shame, and disgrace for them. Feeling abandoned by God and bearing the scars of the bitter siege which had preceded their defeat, they huddled together trying to understand how their world, and God's promise, had been turned upside down. Jeremiah who had warned the people of their impending fate can now finally proclaim a word of comfort and hope. They will be brought back to their land. Furthermore, the path God is making for them is not one just for the strong. The vulnerable, the blind and lame, and those in labour will be able to tread this path.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem a blind man calls out for his help. For others on the road, this man is an intrusion and obstacle. But he is the one who demonstrates what it means to have faith in Jesus. As Jesus bravely and compassionately journeys to his death and resurrection it is the blind man who ironically has the eyes to see what is really happening – and the courage and faith to follow.

The compassion of Jesus for the blind man is in keeping with how the letter to the Hebrews sees Jesus' high priesthood. He is the one who offers sacrifices on our behalf, the one who heals our wounds and brings us back into relationship with God and with others. He deals with us gently and with sympathy knowing our vulnerability and weakness.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

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

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from  
bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was  
our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips  
there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What  
 marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What  
 marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we  
 were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as  
 streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in  
 tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**



4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, /  
 carrying seed for the sowing: / they come back,  
 they come back, full of song, / carrying their  
 sheaves. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

24 Oct 2021  
Yr B 30th Sunday

# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: Sat 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm  
Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass  
**WEEKDAY MASSES** Wed: 12 noon Thurs: 9am Sts Simon and Jude  
Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

**CONFESSIONS**  
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm  
\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;  
**ANTIPHON:** turn to the Lord and his strengths; constantly seek his face.  
**COMMUNION** We will ring out our joy at your saving help  
**ANTIPHON:** and exult in the name of our God.

### May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

**Recently Deceased:** Ray Gaffney, Michael Brady, Sr Phyllis McCann rsj, Michael Sullivan.  
**Anniversaries:** Ned Clarke, Warren Doherty (6/10), Edna Worthington (7/10), Bill Teo (29/10).  
**Deceased:** Stan Hobbs, Sr Claire Burgess (rsj), Colleen Greer, Gwen Press, Marcia Tutin, Betty Hodgens, Coral Markey, Loyola Hawthorne, Vera Anne Pendergast.  
**Sick:** Shirley Hobbs, Barbara Brennan, Lisa Foster, Kevin Bonner, Maria Mood, Sophie Littlejohn, Kate Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

**For we CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN & HEARD** ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai\*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/thailand](http://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.

\*Name and images altered to protect identity



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### CHURCH COLLECTIONS: Contactless Option Below.

BSB 082105 **1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 00102364 **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198



### NSW STATE COVID UPDATE:

From 18 October having reached 80% vaccination rate for those 16yrs or over

- Entry to churches is open for both fully vaccinated and not fully vaccinated people
- Masks must be worn by all over 12 yrs inside the church but not outside.
- Social distancing is required at 4m<sup>2</sup>.
- QR Code check in or alternative written sign in is completed
- No congregational singing.

**MISSION SUNDAY:** Pope Francis states, "The theme of this year's World Mission Day – "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for "she exists to evangelize". ... Please read the notice opposite and note the envelopes provided and online link to donate to this most worthy cause.

**UNITED NATIONS DAY:** This Sunday as we give thanks for the efforts of the United Nations in building peace in our world may we pray, "For world leaders, that they will mark this week's United Nations Day by committing to nuclear disarmament and the path of peace."

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS:** "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". The Catholic Church in Australia invites the People of God to make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. More at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**NOVEMBER MASSES:** All Souls and All Saints day will be upon us in the coming weeks. Please use envelopes to make requests for Masses to be said for those deceased members of your family and/or friends with their **names written very clearly** so they may be printed and displayed. Watch next weekend's bulletin for details of special events.

**MASS AT HOME: Television:** Mass for You at Home airs on **Channel 10** at 6am each Sunday, and also **Foxtel Channel 173** at 10am. **Online:** Online Masses streamed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZxfrykD8iSWExFBdM7fpRg>

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S WEEK:** The Children's Week National Theme for 2021 is based on UNCRC Article 15. **Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others.** Children's Week 2021 will be held between 23 October – 31 October 2021. May we continue to pray for the children of our world and in particular those children for whom life is difficult and challenging

**STAND UP FOR LIFE:** Contact local MP Kevin Anderson 6766 1422 registering your opposition to the NSW Euthanasia legislation. Vote in his survey at [www.kevinanderson.com.au/voluntary-assisted-daying-bill-2021](http://www.kevinanderson.com.au/voluntary-assisted-daying-bill-2021) Please see the Bishop's letter on this important matter at [www.armidale.catholic.org.au](http://www.armidale.catholic.org.au)

### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 24/10/21

**Vigil:** R D Bolitho D Gowing  
**9am Sun:** R S Brown O Monet  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team** 25/10 G&M Thrift; A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning** 30/10 J Hutt & J Moran  
**Altar Linen** H Reid

### WEEK 3 ROSTER: 31/10/21

**Vigil:** R Sr K Sweeney P Bamford  
**9am Sun:** R G Clout A Sartori  
**5.30pm Sun:** R M and J Murray  
**Counting Team** O & J Whale; A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning:** 16/11 M Vella and R Pace  
**Altar Linen:** J Hutt

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

