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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Yr. B) - 28th October 2018

Readings

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9; 2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6; Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 29 October: 6.30am
Wednesday 31 October: 9am
Thursday 1 November: 9am
All Saints
Friday 2 November: 9am
All Souls' Day

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm
(1st Rite of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30pm)
Sunday 7.00am
9.00am
5.30pm

Rosary before Mass.

Parish Calendar

NOVEMBER

• Monday 5th
SVDP Meeting 5pm Parish Office

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ART CALENDARS**
For sale at the Piety Stall
\$9.00 each

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness
Month



"Courage," they said "get up; Jesus is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, Bartimaeus 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."

Dear friends,

Bartimaeus is one of the great characters of the gospel stories. He shows what the grace and effect of reconciliation is all about. We see the gift of new possibilities through his eyes. More often than not, the characters of the healing stories are left anonymous. But we are told both Bartimaeus' name and that of his father, Timaeus. That probably means that they were still well known members of the early Christian communities when the gospels were being written down in the second-half of the first century – but we can't really know that for sure. This is a story of persistence and confidence. At the beginning of the story, Bartimaeus sits by the road, begging. By the end of the story, he has thrown off his beggars' cloak, and follows Jesus along the road – the road that leads to Jerusalem, and all that would happen there. As another scripture commentator has written:

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him. When Jesus restores Bartimaeus' sight, no elaborate action is required. In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus' faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith — "Son of David". Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendant of King David. Bartimaeus' words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering, death and resurrection.

Fr. Anthony

The Wisdom of Pope Francis

Jesus is moved by Bartimaeus' request and becomes involved in his situation. He does not give him any instruction or response, but asks him: "What do you want me to do for you?" It might seem a senseless question: what could a blind man wish for if not his sight? Yet, with this question made face to face, direct but respectful, Jesus shows that he wants to hear our needs. He wants to talk with each of us about our lives, our real situations, so that nothing is kept from him.

It is beautiful to see how Christ admires Bartimaeus' faith, how he has confidence in him.

Jesus believes in us, more than we believe in ourselves.

Clayfield Conversations

On 14th October, Pope Francis canonised seven new saints, including Pope St. Paul VI. Below is an extract from an article written by Margaret Hebblethwaite published in *The Tablet* on Oct. 13th.

St. Pope Paul VI — The Suffering Pope

Although I am not particularly happy with the canonisation of popes until they have been dead at least 50 years, I am sure that St Pope Paul VI was a holy man. I met him, and felt it. My father, George Speaight, better known for his books about toy theatres and Punch and Judy shows, had edited a glossy book on St Peter's, and in 1969 his contact in the Vatican had arranged a brief audience for him and his family. It had more than a touch of the royal court about it. The Pope sat higher than the four of us, on something like a throne; we all wore black; my mother and I covered our hair, our arms, our knees; we each kissed his ring. I expect the Pope found these customs imprisoning, rather more than we did; for us it was the pomp and elegance that celebrates a very special occasion. I would have forgotten some of these details had they not been recorded by the official Vatican photographer, but the bit I will always remember is Pope Paul's intense interest in us, his desire to know about our family – our names, our ages, our relationships – as though we were the first people he had been able to speak to for a month, not the umpteenth in a lengthy line-up of visitors over an afternoon. It was a little mirror of God's personalised love, and that is holiness. The four of us also went to the big public audience, which at that time still took place inside the basilica, with the Pope carried aloft on a *sedia gestatoria*. In the age of the popemobile this might seem overly regal, but it fulfilled the practical purpose of giving everyone in the crowd a splendid view. And Paul VI had already given up his tiara in a renunciation of human glory, dramatically laying it on the altar of St Peter's, and no pope since has dared wear one.

What struck me again at the public audience was how eager he was to meet people, to touch their hands, to look into their eyes, to meet someone else, and someone else, until he was almost dragged away. In *Paul VI: The First Modern Pope*, the biography written by my late husband Peter Hebblethwaite, we learn that the Pope had penned a private note just six weeks after his election that sheds some light on this frantic eagerness to connect with people. His new role, he said, "brings great solitude. I was solitary before, but now my solitariness becomes complete and awesome. Hence the dizziness, the vertigo. Like a statue on a plinth – that is how I live now."

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YEAR OF YOUTH ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION

You are invited to participate in the Brisbane Archdiocese celebration of the Year of Youth!

Join Aggies Youth Team

Date: Saturday November 24 | Time: 5:30pm – 9pm

For: High schoolers and young adults (18-30)

Address: 98 Montpelier Road, Bowen Hills

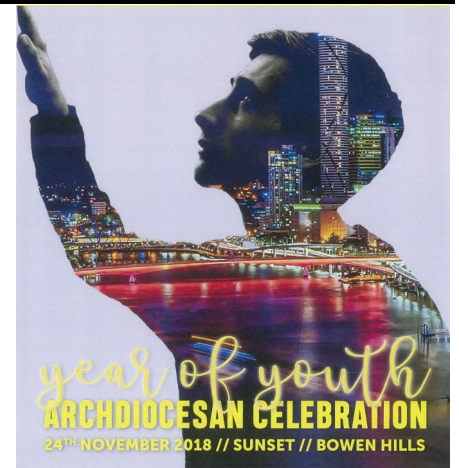
Cost: Free (BYO money for food truck dinner)

RSVP: Contact Joel Perkins by 30/10/18 with a copy of your registration form

Registration form at:

<http://catholiccollective.org.au/events/yoy-archdiocesan-celebration/>

Joel's contact details: joelgperkins@hotmail.com or 0438 241 524



NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES are available from table in church foyer, Piety Stall or Parish Office. PLEASE PRINT the names of those who you wish to be remembered and place the envelope on the collection plate or hand into the Parish Office. The names of your deceased will be written in a Remembrance Book that will be on the altar for all Masses during the month of November.

NOVEMBER: A special time to pray for our loved ones who have died

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Sr Marlette Black PBVM, Saman Kunan, Richard Harris, Rev James Caley, Cardinal Bravo SDB, Brother John Dowd cfc, Julia Lane, Quentin Kenihan

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Louie Lumbay Limas, Neil MacGinley, Norrie Brennan, Mary Collins, Alice Siddle, Tate Siddle, Hazel O'Hagan, Paul Luxton, Paula Whitman

Those who are sick:

Val Barrett, Lorraine Douglas, Alexander Clark, Rosemary Douglas, Danielle Johnson, Warwick Jones, Gordon Hodge, Maureen Long, Anne Seymour, James Elliott, Camille Butler-Storms, Mary Ann Marcelo, Isabel Leddick, Carmel Elms, Helen Orosz, Lisa Bowes, Sophia Horrocks, Mario Di Filippo, Norma Fiore, Joan Healy, Dell McHugh, Ken Kipping, Paul White, Edward Clark, Joyce Rodgers, Carmel See, Regina Hwan, Val Boevinlic, Deanne Du Bour, Melissa Waka, Agnes Tam, Kerri Smith, Ann Tully, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Clarke, Mel Purwo, Hellen Passente

CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF TYING THE KNOT

As part of our centenary at St Agatha's, we are also planning to celebrate 100 years of *tying the knot* at the parish. By sending in your wedding image, you will have a chance to be part of a commemorative poster to mark the centenary. So if you were married at the church or know someone who was, feel free to email your wedding shot (at the church) to stagathasweddings@gmail.com.

Please use the following wording in the subject line of the email: "WEDDING - (YOUR SURNAME)".

This will make it easier for us to keep a track of the photos. Please also include the names of the couple, their wedding date and a contact number in the email so we can get in touch. Some images may be used on our social media platforms. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ainsley Crutcher on 0417792212.

PARISH CENTENARY RECOLLECTIONS BOOK – DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

Commemorating our Parish Centenary is all about the people of our Parish, past and present.

We need your stories, memories, photographs, snippets, recipes. We will be collecting your contributions at each of the Masses over the next weeks. All contributions are welcome – even if it is only a few lines!

The Book of Parish Recollections will not be the same without YOUR contribution.

Please pass this onto those who have left the Parish – we would love to hear from them too.

The Book Team:

stagathascentenarybook@gmail.com

Australian CATHOLICS

Copies of the Australian CATHOLICS (*Summer 2018 issue*) are now available. Please take a copy home.



With great joy we welcome
Patrick Gallagher
who will be baptised this weekend.

CENTENARY MERCHANDISE SPRING SALE - Make this Christmas a little merrier

Wine, Sparkling or Port \$20 a bottle | Hessian bags \$10 | Tea towels \$10 | Shopping lists \$2
Pens \$1.50 | Keyrings \$2.50 | Fridge magnets \$1.50 | or a combo of pen, keyring, fridge magnet \$5

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY AND MISSION COUNCIL

We are calling for nominations for our Community and Mission Council. We ask you to consider either nominating yourself or others for service to our parish through becoming a member of the Community and Mission Council. Nomination forms are available on the church pews and also on our website. Please place your completed form in the **RED** box provided at the back of the church or hand in to the Parish Office. Thank you.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

YOU ARE INVITED

Please join us at one of the Parish Plenary Council discussion groups:

After 9am Mass Sunday 4 November (10.00am - 10.30am) - Parish Office
Evening 7.00pm - 7.30pm Monday 5 November - Parish Office

Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in attending one of the discussion groups.

At the meeting we will reflect on the future of the Catholic Church in Australia – using the three questions below as a guide:

- * *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?*
- * *What questions do you have about the future of the Church in Australia that you would like the Plenary Council to consider?*
- * *What stories would you like to share of your experiences of faith or of the Church?*

You are also invited to submit your own responses to these questions online – go to the official website:

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

You are welcome to form your own discussion group with family or friends.

Please contact the parish office for more information and resources.



PARISH ROSTERS - Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

5.00pm

7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

READERS:

27/28 Oct	Katrina Murphy Ann Goves	Nick Eden Dianne Eden	Trish Ryan Clare Smethurst Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass
3/4 Nov	Jack Williamson Marian Nolan	Sr Cecily Foster Aleira Egan	<i>Volunteer</i> Dan Butler Jane Arkininstall	Life Teen Mass

COMMUNION MINISTERS:

27/28 Oct	Edward Foley	<i>Volunteer</i>	Christine Iannarella	Life Teen Mass
3/4 Nov	Ann Goves	<i>Volunteer</i>	Amrita Moss	Life Teen Mass

“HOME” COMMUNION MINISTERS:

28 Oct	Anna Coventry
4 Nov	Tom & Jeannine Treston

ORGANISTS:

27/28 Oct	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Jenny McKeon	Life Teen Mass
3/4 Nov	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	Josephine Warda	Life Teen Mass

ALTAR SERVERS:

27/28 Oct	Daniel Benjamin	Joseph Douglas	Bridget Birchley Chelsy Waller	Tia Manuel Sharon Mathew
3/4 Nov	Xavier Coorey Dominic Coorey	<i>Volunteer/s</i>	Joy Kordic Sofia Iannarella	Caitlin Marshall Alex Oliveri

CHILDREN’S LITURGY:

28 Oct		Julie Kordic and Ewa Marino-Cebulski
4 Nov		Ewan McPherson and Lisa Sos

SANCTUARY CARERS:

3 Nov	Victor Podesta
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"Christ is the centre of Christian life." (GE 20)

- Pope Francis Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate *On a Call to Holiness in Today's World*



BAPTISMS

We celebrate baptisms on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

ST AGATHA’S SCHOOL

St Agatha’s School Clayfield has limited vacancies in Year 5 for 2019.

Please direct all enquiries to the Enrolment Secretary: wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone: 3326 9222

WOMEN’S DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18 - 40 years old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling you!
Date: Saturday 24 – 25 November 2018
Time: 9am Saturday - 5pm Sunday
Venue: Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley
For more information or to RSVP contact Sr. Melissa 0484 007 508

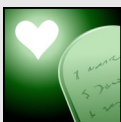
"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." MARK 10:52

menALIVE Weekend for Men

What are you doing on the 10 and 11 November? Could you benefit from a weekend, featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Now, A QLD menALIVE weekend is being organised in St Kevin’s Parish Geebung, conducted by experienced leaders from the menALIVE Australia Team. Enquiries; Chris Scharf 0411 127 576 or Brendan Scarce 0432 148 025 or email: menalivegeebung@gmail.com

VINNIES SHOP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a few hours spare on a Friday or Saturday and want to give back to your community? Why not volunteer at your local Vinnies shop? We currently need volunteers to help at the Eagle Junction Centre. All skill levels suitable. Vinnies shops are a treasure trove of donated goods, sold to raise funds so the St Vincent de Paul Society QLD, can help the community in a variety of ways. Clothing is also available for those in need. You can be a part of this great organisation by volunteering your time in a Vinnies shop. We need people who are friendly and reliable and want to make a difference!
For more information, contact Barbara on 0439 455 856 or drop in to our Eagle Junction Store (281 Junction Road, Mon – Fri 9 to 5pm, Sat 9am to 4pm).



Readings - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - 4 November 2018

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