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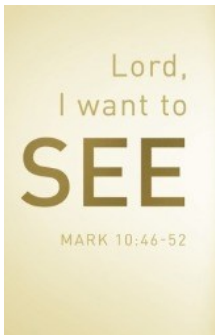
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 23/24 October 2021

Mission Sunday: 24 October 2021 (message)

A missionary is one who is sent on a mission. The readings of this year's Mission Sunday presents a picture of the greatest missionary of the Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and how He fulfilled it on this earth during His three-year mission by being the 'Light of the World'.

The Church, according to Vatican Council II, is "missionary" in her very nature because her founder, Jesus Christ, was the first missionary. God the Father sent God the Son, Incarnate in Jesus, His Christ, into the world with a message of God's love and salvation. Thus, the evangelizing mission of the Church is essentially the announcement of God's love, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation, as these are revealed to mankind through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.



To Jesus' question, "What do you want me to do for you?" the blind man Bartimaeus answers, "Master, I want to see." If the same question is asked of us, we who have good eyesight, should answer, "Lord, please spread your light into the areas and spheres of my spiritual blindness!"

His disciples and the sizable crowd had good sight, but were spiritually blind because they could not see Jesus as the Messiah of God; for them he was only Jesus of Nazareth. Although Bartimaeus was blind, he was a person of spiritual insight and, therefore, he recognized Jesus as the promised messiah. (Mk. 10:47).

Blindness can be defined as the inability to have access to light. If so, spiritual blindness is the disability to have proper access to the source of light, God. 'Spiritual blindness' can be of two kinds. (1) Spiritual Blindness as the result of Sins: When a bulb's connectivity to the power source is cut off, the room is engulfed in darkness. In the same way, through sin we cut off our connectivity to the source of life, God. For example, the prodigal son cut off his relationship with his father and so he had to live in darkness. (2) Telescopic View of God: The more we distance ourselves from a source of light, the more our life is engulfed in darkness. There are circumstances in life that can make us feel that God is far away from us such as moments of suffering, pain, trials, failures and tribulations. Judas is a character in the gospel who experienced such darkness. After sinning, instead of coming closer to the source of light (Jesus) for mercy, he distanced himself.

Mission Sunday reminds us that, like Bartimaeus, it is the mission of every Christian to receive spiritual light from the 'Light of the World', and to spread the Light of Christ.

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as World Mission Sunday. The universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflect on and pray for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world.

Fr Geo Francis

Please note: Children's Mass and morning tea this Sunday 24 October 9am

Baptismal Joy!!



This weekend we welcome with great joy three new members of Christ's faithful people: Patrick Fordham, son of Liam and Angela Fordham; Olivia Hood, daughter of Brenden Hood and Elizabeth O'Connor and Max Fiumara, son of Michael and Sarsha Fiumara. May they always know God's love and the support of this Christian Community.

Catholic Mission

This weekend Catholic Mission Appeal envelopes are attached with the newsletter. If you would like to donate to Catholic Mission, please return the envelopes with donation placing it in the boxes kept at the entrance or beside the side doors or in the collection basket during collection time. You are most welcome to donate it either this weekend or next weekend.

This weekend Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/thailand

Teachers' Day

This year, Teachers' Day is celebrated on Friday, 29 October. On this occasion, we congratulate and thank all the staff at St Agatha's School for their great spirit of sacrifice in dedicating themselves wholeheartedly to the students. I especially thank both our School Principal Anne-Marie Maw and APRE Jake Knowles for their great leadership during this year.

We thank them for their contributions to the mission and activities of this school as well as giving the children an excellent Christian formation. And we also especially acknowledge and thank all the teachers teaching in other schools for enlightening our children's life with so much knowledge and inspiration. We wish them all the abundance of God's blessings on their future journey.

Children's Liturgy, duration is extended

From next week onwards, the duration of children's liturgy will be extended until the Communion rite which means the children will return while parishioners are exchanging the sign of peace.

We have a wonderful room beside the sanctuary which doubles as a Sunday children's liturgy room and a parent and child retreat. This is a calm and quiet space set aside for parent and child to retreat to if your child is feeling a little restless during Mass.



It is available for your use at all Masses except during the Sunday 9am Mass when it is used for children's liturgy.

We invite all parents/carers and children to come and take a look at the room before or after any Mass. See Fr Biju or Peter or any of the leaders for location and access.

Altar servers: please don't wait for the weekly roster:

Whenever your child/children come to Mass, and there are no Altar servers, you can assist to vest them and let them join the procession to the Altar. Anybody who has received First Holy Communion and has trained to be at the sanctuary are most welcome to Altar serve and there is no age limit. **A certificate of voluntary service will be awarded to those who Altar serve ten times.**



If your children become Altar servers, help them to feel proud of what they do, and pray for them. Help them to learn little by little to turn their actions into prayers and to grow in their faith journey.

"I like the silence of a church, before the service begins better than any preaching".

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Finance - September

Thank you so much for your generous contributions to the church. Your generosity is important and essential for our parish to carry out its mission.

Total Income - \$22, 219.72 (includes Planned Giving offerings, Sacramental offerings)

Totally Expenses - \$24,902.16

Tap and Go facilities are ready to use

We have installed the Tap and Go facilities in our church, to assist people who may wish to offer money and help the parish, but find that they don't have access to cash when they arrive at Church.

The donation point will be set at \$10, so each time you wave your credit card you will be making a donation of \$10 to the parish. We hope this will be a more convenient way for some parishioners to donate to the parish, and that people will not feel uncomfortable if they do not contribute when the plate comes past at collection times. Also, small cards will be kept near the tap and go facilities. Feel free to take it and put in the plate when it comes around.

All in all, it is a safer, easier and more sensible way to donate as the carrying of cash is fast becoming a thing of the past. As of this weekend 23/24 October, this facility is ready to use. Any ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

To Tap and Go, just tap your credit card or bank card on the sensor and it will donate \$10 and once it has processed this first tap, (which may take 30 seconds), you can tap it again if you would like. A safe and handy way to give offering in this changing world.



Remembering all who have gone for eternal life

November is one of the most love-filled months.

During this month we especially remember all those who have passed from this life into the next.

We remember all who have died, especially all our relatives and friends.

And also let us remember and pray for all those who have nobody to remember them and pray for them.

We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us.

We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth.

We pray for the most forgotten souls.

We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.

Let us all wish that all these people are saved, having been purified, and they can be with God, face to face. We can offer the sacrifice of the Mass and pray for those souls in order to hasten their journey to God.

**Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

New Life in Christ

New Life in Christ is a new 28-day reflection resource that can be used as an Advent resource by individuals and groups, or any time during the 2021-2022 liturgical year. Each day will include a scripture reading and reflection, as well as some relevant remarks from Pope Francis and the Congregation for the Clergy. Please call the parish office by Monday 1 November if you wish to order a copy, only \$5 each.



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Excellence, Diligence and Creativity

Limited Vacancies in Prep, Yrs 3 & 6 2022

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Roster for October

Date	5pm	7am	9am	5.30pm
23/24 October	Julie-Anne Gibson	Sr Cecily Foster	Grace White	Amelia Cebulski-Marino
	Graham Gibson	Chris Maher	Allegra Pople	Max Van Balen
30/31 October		Dianne Eden	Erin Bledsoe	Giselle Hossinger
		Nick Eden	Joseph O'Brien	Matthew Crossley
Communion Minister 23/24 October	Marilyn Rea	Manus Maher	Anne-Marie Maw	
PowerPoint Clicker				
Collectors 23/24 October				

In our prayers we remember

Those who have died recently:

Bernard Mason, Phil Sullivan, Tom Williams

Those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Dawn Lucas, Doreen Kendrick, Francis Dunn, Julie Walsh, Leslie Townsend

Those who are unwell:

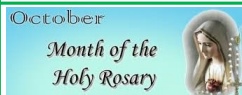
Jack Williamson, Neville Goves, Finn Sheppard



**OCTOBER
BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Prayer:

Heavenly father, empower those suffering from breast cancer and give them hope for each and every day. Surround them with loving care, laughter and support.



Pope Francis says the rosary is the prayer of his heart...

On Oct. 9, at his weekly general audience, Pope Francis reminded that when Mary appeared to two young women in Gietrzwald, Poland, in 1877, she told them, "Pray the rosary every day" and, the pope said, "she assured them that the graces imparted by this prayer would be salvific and would lead people to happiness in heaven."

"Remember these words, especially now, in the month of October dedicated to the rosary," the pope continued. "Through the intercession of Mary, mediator of graces, we ask for peace for the world, wisdom for those who govern and for faith and unity for families."

Next Children's Liturgy Sunday 31 October, 9am

Catechists: Jane Cameron and Renee Maunder

Preparing for the next Sunday's Readings

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: 31 October 2021

Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34

All volunteers please note the date:

The Parish Community and Mission Council is planning to organise a volunteers gathering and refreshments on Friday 26 November. All volunteers (ministers), will be invited to join us. It is a time that the parish community thank you for your great service.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am

9.00am

5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 9.00am

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Adoration 9.30am

Reconciliation 9.30am

Reconciliation before Mass every weekday and Saturday before the 5pm Mass or any time by appointment.

Support St. Agatha's Parish

Your financial support of St Agatha's Church is always appreciated.

Ways to financially support your parish:

Direct debit, Place your offerings in the collection plates during the Mass or Planned Giving Envelopes

The Parish Giving App.

Hover the camera on your smart phone over the QR code and tap on the link to the Parish Giving facility.

If you are not part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to contribute via online internet banking, details are as follows:

PLEASE NOTE NEW BANK DETAILS

Account name: St Agatha's Parish Clayfield

BSB number: 064 786

Account number: 100006157



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