

# THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

25th October 2009

## GOSPEL: Mark 10: 46-52

Jesus asks the question in today's Gospel: "What do you want me to do for you?" In today's Gospel, blind Bartimaeus answers the question well. Master, let see again.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his Gospel.

Alleluia!

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 28th October

Simon and Jude, apostles

## I WANT TO SEE

Until his death at age 76 in 1999, Basil Hume was the cardinal archbishop of Westminster and a monk of Ampleforth Abbey in Great Britain. Hume was fond of travelling to Lourdes in France and particularly enjoyed the zigzag path that leads to the grotto. What you first see on the path, said Hume, is a statue of the blind Bartimaeus. Why is he there? Although he looks out over the grotto, he sees nothing; he is blind. Hume learned that the statue had been placed there by an Italian woman who had gone to Lourdes seeking to be cured of her blindness. Although she left Lourdes still unable to see, she had rediscovered her faith and realised that her newfound spiritual acuity was more to be prized than any physical sight.

So it was for Bartimaeus in today's Gospel. In response to his "I want to see," Jesus relieved him of his blindness. Once he was able to see, Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way. Seeing and believing marked his path to discipleship.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

During this month of October, we witness in a special way to our commitment to protect the dignity of life. Let us pray now for all those whose lives are threatened and need protection.

That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That the entire People of God, to whom Christ entrusted the mandate to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may eagerly assume their own missionary responsibility and consider it the highest service they can offer humanity.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for continued dialogue on life issues: for wisdom and understanding; for compassion for all victims and dedication to the continued protection of human life.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Let us pray for those who can make a difference in public policy: for the leaders of government and people of influence in business, in the media and in health care; for all citizens who exercise their right to vote.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer

Let us remember those who are sick and have asked for our prayers, for those living with chronic pain and infirmity and for their caregivers and loved ones who witness their suffering. Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Patrick Larkin, Fr Bob Leaver, Andy & Marie Carter, Catherine Flannery, Kathy Horvat, Dawn Salmon,

Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Driscoll, Russell Baude, Mat Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Maureen Burke, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Roberts, Norm & Joan McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brennan, Nancy Gibson, John Hunt, Rob Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Monette Fealy, Annette Hoffman, Lionel Jansen, John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassandra, Luke Heffernan, Rosel Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hamill, Zoltan Tar, Catherine Mead, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara, Ben Harper, Bess Harris, Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varrasso and Marie Cook.

We remember those who have died especially

Ottilia Matassoni, Patricia O'Neil, Colin Schneider, Frank Bohan, Patricia Bonnici, Georgina Nelson, Tony Chappell, Kevin Kennedy.

Anniversaries:

Leo McCormack, Roy Poy and all those whose anniversaries occur now.

And Also Agnes Hanna and for all our dear ones who have died and for their families and friends who mourn their passing and for all who are struggling with grief and the loneliness of losing someone they love

We pray to the Lord

Lord hear our prayer

Good and gracious God, Creator of all life, hear our prayers this day. Give us the grace to be generous in our dedication to finding solutions to our society's problems that will respect the life of every human being. We pray in Jesus' name.

**AMEN**

## **BAPTISMS**

Last weekend we welcomed into God's Church the following newly baptised:

**ISABELLA HARTLES**

**DA-JA CANNING**

**KIRA DART**

**MICHAEL BYRNE**

## **FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously last weekend to our Special Collection for Mission Sunday. Our parish collected \$2,705.85.

### **ANNUAL RETREAT**

Fr Fulton will be at St Clement's, Galong, for the annual Priests' Retreat with the Bishop and some 20 priests from the diocese from Monday to Friday this week.

### **XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 2010**

#### *Orientation Day*

Students who have accepted an offer of enrolment for Year 7 2010 are invited to Xavier High School on Thursday 29th October from 9.30am to 2.30pm. All students should wear their school sport uniform and bring a pen or pencil. Lunch will be provided. Students from schools other than St Patrick's, Holy Spirit and St Anne's are able to remain at Xavier until 3.25pm and may be collected from Fallon Street entrance.

#### *Parent Meeting*

Information Session for parents in the Arts Centre at 7.30pm on Thursday evening 29th October. The session will last approximately one hour and will be followed by supper for those who can stay.

Year 7 Book Packs will be available for purchase on this evening between 7.00pm and 7.20pm at an approximate cost of \$40.00. The Book Packs are also available for purchase from the office after this date.

## **A DAY OF HEALING**

Dr Paul and Bernadette O'Hanlon from Melbourne will share their gifts and knowledge on healing the human Spirit, Soul and Body. There will be Mass, talks and prayer ministry on Saturday 21st November at St Augustine's Church, High Street, Wodonga from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The cost is a donation. BYO lunch to share. Tea and coffee provided. Contacts: Brigita 6059 2596 and Fran 6059 5126.

## **123 MAGIC**

Centacare is again presenting its successful parenting program at Slattery Catholic Centre, 449 Olive Street Albury, on 3 Wednesdays, 4/11/09, 11/11/09 and 18/11/09 at 7.30pm-9.30pm. The cost is \$40.00 per family. Bookings essential.

Phone Centacare on 6051 0222 or AH 6025 4715.

## **PARENTING TEENAGERS - WAR OR PEACE**

This program offers parents the chance to explore with others practical ways to understand and communicate with their teenager during these growing changing years. It will be held on 4 consecutive Thursdays commencing 5/11/09, 12/11/09, 19/11/09 and 26/11/09 at 7.30pm-9.30pm at Slattery Catholic Centre (in the grounds of St Patrick's Church) 449 Olive Street Albury. The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$50.00 per family. Bookings essential.

Enquiries Centacare: 6051 0222 or AH 6025 4715.

## **KINDER ENROLMENTS**

For Kindergarten enrolments for St Patrick's primary school 2010 please contact the school office on 6021 4464.

## **STUDYING OR WORKING IN SYDNEY IN 2010**

Xavier House offers accommodation to young men from the country and is a safe and affordable home in the city. It is operated by St Vincent de Paul and is located in Stanmore, Sydney's Inner West, just 10 minutes by train or bus to the city and near several universities. Home cooked meals five nights per week and breakfast/lunch are self-serve. Modern study facilities and 24 hour free Internet access in every room. Foxtel, pool table and off-street parking. Drugs and alcohol are not permitted.

For more information, contact the manager: Jimmy Rix on (02) 9560 2570 or 0447 288 208. Log on to [www.xavierhouse.org.au](http://www.xavierhouse.org.au) Email: [x.h@bigpond.com.au](mailto:x.h@bigpond.com.au)

## **WOMEN'S DAY OF SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER**

CACW Diocese of Wagga Wagga invites all women of the diocese to attend the annual day of Spirituality and Prayer on Saturday 28th November 2009. The presenter is Eileen Glass and the theme is: The Female Ancestors of Jesus. Please see the notice board in the porch for more information and add your name to the attached list if you are interested in attending. Contact Margaret McDonald (02) 6041 5848 or [mrgtmcd@tpg.com.au](mailto:mrgtmcd@tpg.com.au)

## **SNIPPET**

The Lord, who walked with the refugees of the Exodus in search of a land free from slavery, accompanies today's refugees in order to accomplish his loving plan together with them.

(Pontifical Council for the pastoral care of Migrants and Itinerant People)