

Maria Assumpta Parish Bulletin

MARIA ASSUMPTA CATHOLIC CHURCH
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SUNDAY MASS: 8am, 10am - CLOSED

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 10am-12pm - CLOSED

WEEKDAY MASS: 9am - Tuesday to Saturday - CLOSED

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: CLOSED during COVID19

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 October 2021

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Reflection by Fr Aleki Piula

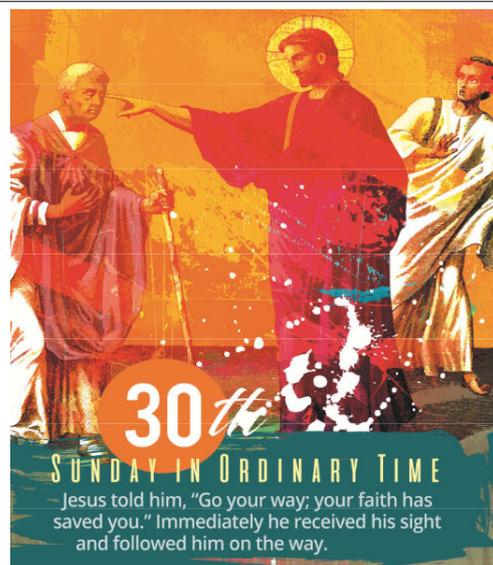
Master grant that I may see, the healing of Bartimaeus

Today we celebrate the World mission Sunday day and all readings is about the overflowing of the mercy and kindness of God through loving healing and forgiveness for His children. In today's gospel we hear about Jesus meets a blind man name Bartimaeus. When Jesus met him, his prayer was: 'Lord, that I may see'. It is a prayer, which we can make our own because in many ways we too are blind. Jesus wants to open our eyes too to see.

In the first reading Prophet Jeremiah foretells the return of God's people from exile in Babylon. Even most helpless will share in the joy of this great event. This reading tells how a forgiving and compassionate God who has been healing the spiritual blindness of his chosen people Israel by subjecting them to captivity in Babylon and he will liberate them and bring them back to their own home land. The message carries of this reading is the joyful hope for the exile Israel in Babylon. The Lord will save what is left of his people and bring them back from exile. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

Psalm 126 is about the deliverance of the people of Israel from exile to their homeland. Picking up the celebration of the return of the exiled Jews to their native land, this short psalm celebrates deliverance from bondage in Babylon. It seemed like a dream, almost too good to be true. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. This psalm also gives us the same courage of promising: 'Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing!'

In today's second reading sets out the things that are required of a priest, and shows how Christ met these perfectly. The Hebrews presents Jesus as the perfect sacrifice for sins and he is the true High Priest of the New Testament. Here it gives us the assurance that our high priest is sinless Jesus and sympathetic to us because he has shared our human nature with us in everything including temptation but not sin.



30th
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
— Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Welcome - Malo e lelei - Bula Vinaka - Talofa lava - Mabuhay - Bienvenue
Nei hou ma - Anneunghaseyo - Ayu Bowan - Willkommen - Welkom
Haere mai! Nau mai! Whakatau mai!

In today's Gospel Jesus hears the cry of a blind man and gives him back his sight. The story of God's redeeming love is a marvel to be celebrated every day. But, sadly, we too easily pass through this world blind to its wonders. With Bartimaeus we cry out that we might see. Helen Keller, physically blind and deaf, once asked a friend if she had seen anything interesting while walking in the forest. 'Nothing really', Helen, who would catch the singing of a bird on a branch through vibrations, was stunned. Which of the two was the more blind? There are many ways that we walk in darkness: prejudice, obstinance, refusal to accept another point of view, seeing only the faults of others and never their virtues or successes. Blind to the traces of God's artistry in the beauty and grandeur of the world. If I pass a day without responding in praise to God, I should ask myself what holds me in bondage. When Bartimaeus was released from his prison of darkness, he threw off his cloak like he would chains, jumped up and followed Jesus along the way. Master, let me see again. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage. May our eyes be opened to your wonders. And our ears receptive to your story. What marvels the Lord worked for us Indeed we were glad.



<https://bit.ly/3jreicr>

In Mark's mind Jesus is the one who brings salvation to Israel. His healings are a sign of the coming of the kingdom. The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression 'followed him along the way' doesn't simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. There can be no doubt what Mark intends: Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. He is presented as a model of faith. It seems that the story was used in the early Church as a model of encouragement to believers and would be believers. Bartimaeus serves as a model for those who are spiritually blind and whose lives lack direction. This story match with our own story during this time of delta going up yesterday to 102 community new cases, we are already two months in our lockdown and if we are more focus on others things more than God then we are blinded from our spiritual journey let us learn from Bartimaeus saying, Lord may my eyes see again to know you more and more. Give me courage to follow you more closely. Through faith we can have purpose, energy and direction in our lives. An enthusiastic following of Jesus results in a happy and fulfilled life.

Bartimaeus was in darkness until he met Jesus. We are in darkness when we doubt, when we hate, when we live in threaten, when we live in error and prejudice, when we choose evil. But we can say the pray of Bartimaeus, 'Lord, that I may see' that we may see what is truly important in life, and above all that we may see with the eyes of faith. So we have to be content to travel by the light of faith towards that land where we shall see as we are seen.

"Jesus spoke to Bartimaeus, '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 save you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road' (Mark 10:52). Your faith has healed you',

Faith connects us to God and it makes us recipient of the power of God. The blind man healed by Jesus is asked to go his way and surprisingly he chooses to follow Christ. A true God experience keeps us always with Him and His ways become our ways. We, who have sight and claim to have faith, either fail to recognise Jesus or are too embarrassed to call out his name. Let us have the courage this new week to acknowledge Jesus and shout his name that we too may hear him telling us, 'Your faith has saved you'.

Wish you all have a faithful Sunday with faith love you all and you still in my prayer.

God Bless, Fr Aleki

Announcements :

PLEASE SCAN in using QR CODE.

- Please visit the Parish Website "Family Life" page for all up to date information.
- The Church's WebApp also has all the latest information and Newsletters
- Please stay safe and well and more information about help with food and Covid19 support packages are noted on the next page.
- Please stay at home as this is the safest way to help us to stay safe and hopefully allow us to change our lockdown level but be sure you **GET your VACCINE** as this Delta is more dangerous than last years first lockdown.
- Daily reflections can be found on our Facebook and Fathers Facebook page.
- If you wish to contact me, don't hesitate to call Father on (09) 483 7919 (Presbytery).



IF YOU SEE COVID-19 MISINFORMATION

1 DON'T ENGAGE

If you reply, share, or quote misinformation, you help to spread it.

2 BLOCK THEM

If someone you don't know is sharing misinformation, block them.

3 MESSAGE PRIVATELY

If someone you know is sharing misinformation, message them privately and ask them not to.

4 REPORT

Report misinformation to platforms or group admins asking them to remove that content.

5 INSTEAD, SPREAD OFFICIAL ADVICE

Drown out fake news by sharing official scientific advice, as well as posts promoting good causes in tough times.

Online Events



A reminder that the diocese continues to provide broadcast Sunday Mass. It is uploaded at 5.30pm Saturday night (as per a Vigil Mass time) to the Youtube channel Auckland Catholic. <https://bit.ly/3np6J9f>
It is also broadcast on Shine TV Sundays at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV 201.



Thanksgiving Celebration Liturgy 6 November 2021

On behalf of The Auckland Diocese, and Bishop Michael, all are invited, to share in an online liturgy of Thanksgiving. We wish to thank and honour you all for your desire to build the kingdom in a year that has been disrupted by Covid. The Liturgy will be held online on Saturday 6th November 2021, starting 5.30pm at <https://bit.ly/3b1jG1m>



The **Toloa Tertiary Scholarships** aim to support Pacific Students to pursue STEAM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths. The TTS cover tertiary tuition fees and compulsory course related fees up to **\$10,000** for 1 year of full time study for STEAM related courses and subjects. <https://bit.ly/3jq7MCG>

Closing date – midnight on Sunday 24th October 2021

The **Toloa Secondary School Scholarships** aim to inspire and support Pacific students in their engagement with STEAM. Now in its seventh year, the Toloa funds are achieving its goal of helping Pacific Aotearoa thrive in STEAM. The scholarship will cover school fees and equipment for one year to the maximum of **\$2000**. <https://bit.ly/3pmwmbD> **Closing date – Sunday 24 Oct**

Community Language Fund – Aims to support Pacific community groups to deliver grassroots language initiatives to Pacific communities and families. Eligible applicants can apply by submitting a proposal for up to \$5,000. <https://bit.ly/3GlmKEf> **Closing date – 12.00pm, Sunday 31st October 2021**



DAILY
Breaking Open the Gospel of the Day Members of the Diocesan Community proclaim the Gospel of the Day and reflect on



This is a time when the Domestic Church is so important. Visit the Family Life Page on our website where we have put together a number of resources for all. <https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/family-life/>



Weekly Mass Music will be made available during this lock down period. <https://bit.ly/https://spoti.fi/3vBRGe5>



EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE!

Go to our Website at <https://beachhavencatholic.org.nz/>

New to our Home Page
Scroll down and get the latest dates/times for the events around the Diocese. (not enough space in the Newsletter)



St Vincent de Paul is continuing to provide support contactlessly during the level 3. If you need support, or a food parcel, please contact either Chris (020 4139 5170) or Charles (022 0242 753)

Jubilee Bursary Open for Semester 1, 2022

Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post grad level. Applications close Thursday, 11 November 2021. Please email Michelle Jarvis michellej@cda.org.nz to apply.

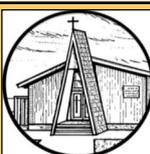


New CDA Connect issue out now! <https://bit.ly/3B4oevD>



Mission Sunday 31 October

A reminder that it is Mission Sunday is next Sunday. To learn more about the Mission NZ work and to donate, please visit their website: <https://bit.ly/3nbMiuy>



Zoom Parish Meeting after 2pm Shine TV Mass

Beate Matthes is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Maria Assumpta Whakawhanaungatanga

Time: Oct 24, 2021 03:00 PM Auckland,

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/2VfBamy>

Meeting ID: 871 6595 9105

Passcode: 473340



GLORY TO GOD

Tony Alonso

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.*

*Verse 1: 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. (Refrain)*

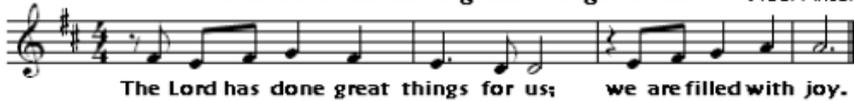
Verse 2: Cantor/Choir

*Verse 3: 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.*

Psalm: 126

The Lord has done great things for us

Noel Ansell



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.

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

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

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.

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages. God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



The church does not close,
only the building. Because we
are the church, the living
body of our Lord Jesus
and we are everywhere.



PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Text: Joachim Neander 1650-1680

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the king of creation.
O my soul praise him,
for God is your health and salvation!
Come all who hear,
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise God in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our
gifts at his altar;
let not our sins and transgressions
now cause us to falter.
Christ the high-priest bids us all
join in the feast,
victims with him on the altar.

Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work
and defend us;
surely God's goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now in praises before him!
Let the Amen sound
from his people again,
now as we worship before him.

GET
VACCINATED!
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR