

Reflection

What do you want me to do for you?

Bartimeaus is a desperate man and he acts desperately, calling out until he is heard. And in one of the strangest questions in the Gospel, Jesus asks a blind man what it is he wants. Maybe Jesus wants Bartimeaus to name his deepest desire. Maybe Jesus knows that it is, often, the unseen hurt that is the most diseased and needs healing first. Whatever his motives, Jesus' question gives the man dignity.

American dramatist, Michael Moynahan, has written a moving play entitled *Bartimeaus* which centres around that pivotal question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'. The action of the parable, as we have it in the Gospel, freezes when Jesus puts the question.

As Bartimeaus considers his options, he hears the voices of those he might have to look at if he regains his sight. The poor remind him that, 'once before you could see and what you saw disgusted you'. The hungry ask, 'do you have the courage to experience and share my hunger?'. The elderly inquire whether he wants to see those 'put away because we remind you of the frailty of life'. The captives challenge him to see those 'unjustly bound and oppressed'. And finally the Self wants to know, 'Are you willing to look inside yourself to see your beauty and ugliness, darkness and light?'. It's a gripping scene.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. We are in the position of making choices about what we look at. Not everything in the world needs to be seen. There is enough violence and abuse of human dignity in real life to discourage us from seeking out most fictionalised portrayals of it. We cannot, however, let ourselves off the hook in regard to seeing the world as it is and doing something about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Resource used: *Homily*, by Richard Leonard SJ

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

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BOOKING FOR WEEKEND MASSES

From 29 October Government restrictions on the number of people attending places of worship will increase to 100 with applying the 1 per 4sqm rule. To assist us manage this number for each mass, we will need to revert to using the Trybooking system to ensure that we are compliant with adhering to the number restriction.



To attend weekend mass please use the Trybooking link. The link will be emailed out.



The ACT Government has made it mandatory for everyone entering the church to wear face masks and to use the Check In Canberra app.

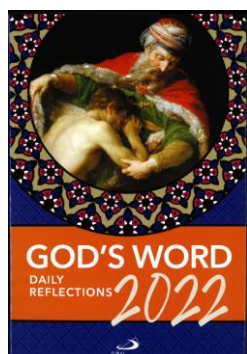
RCIA – In Search of God

“In virtue of their Baptism, all the members of the People of God have become Missionary Disciples”

Pope Francis Evangelii Gaudium

**Commencing 2 November 2021 –
7:00pm - Parish Library
Contact Parish Office Ph. 6254 3236**

AVAILABLE NOW IN THE BOOKSTORE



God's Word	\$19.95 each
Columban 2022 Calendar	\$10.00 each



YouTube

Streaming of Mass

On Saturday 23 October, we will stream Mass from 7:00pm.

Please subscribe to the parish YouTube account.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYwp-XCPKwNNGbAj3G_I45A

As our capacity limit changes on Friday 29 October 2021, this will be the last time that Mass will be filmed.

HOLY SOULS - NOVEMBER MASSES

Please complete your November mass intention envelope and return it to the parish office. We would appreciate receiving these before 31 October. The names of your deceased loved ones who you want to remember during the month of November will be read out before the Monday weekday mass. We will also continue to have mass intentions during the month of November for those anniversaries and intentions that occur during that month.

**All Saints day – Monday 1 November
All Souls day – Tuesday 2 November**

Kit – October Edition

There is still time to get your story into this month's edition of KIT.

Please submit your story by Wednesday 27 October.

Kippax@cg.org.au;

Part Time Parish Secretary – South Belconnen Parish

Vacant - position Parish Secretary at South Belconnen Parish. This is a part-time permanent position 18 hours per week (Tuesday to Thursday).

Salary will be subject to Clerk Award Level 4/5 rates. Please email belconnensouth@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above to the Parish Priest, South Belconnen Parish must be received by **2 November 2021**.

Blackfriars Lecture: How does social capital enhance health and wellbeing? 2 November - 6:00 pm

Dr Ursula Stephens, CEO, Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. (former CEO of Catholic Social Services Aust.)

ACU Canberra, Room 301.1.20, Veritas Building, ACU Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson. RSVP to ocd.canberra@acu.edu.au by 29 October. This is a free public lecture.

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Heart Spirituality

Jesus will heal all our ills

Jesus is the remedy destined to save the world. At this crucial moment, in which impiety urges minds to shake off the yoke of faith and of the law of God, one would have grounds for despairing of the salvation of society, if we did not rightly expect from his adorable Heart a more abundant outpouring of divine grace of which it is the treasury and the source; and if we did not find in his effective protection a most powerful rampart against the flood of evil that is threatening to invade everything. Using, therefore, the weapons that devotion of the Sacred Heart offers them, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart will combat Liberalism especially.

Jules Chevalier msc -
Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p. 237 Paris 1900

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be
everywhere loved.....forever!

Stewardship

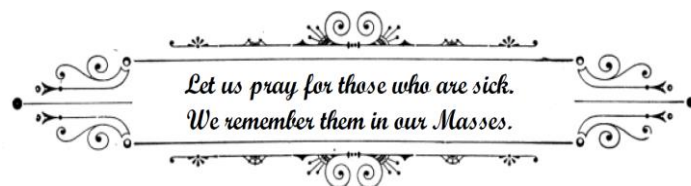
Healing our Lives

We can learn a lot from Bartimaeus when it comes to our own personal relationships with Jesus. Many of us struggle with something from which we need healing — illness, addiction, bad habits, anger, sin. In our weakness, do we confidently cry out to Jesus knowing that He will help us?

Oftentimes we begin to, but then a voice in our thoughts tells us to doubt and encourages us to stop trying. If Jesus can hear one voice in a crowd of many, then He can hear our direct prayer to Him in our hearts.

Whatever it is that we are struggling with in this life, all Jesus asks of us is to have faith in Him. And although we might not be healed in this life, Jesus still hears our confident cries. And through our faith we will surely be healed in the next.

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Patricia Hall, Cheryl Tramantini, Ursula Gormley, Constance Goodall, Richard Koch, Carmel Johnston, Johannes Blengst, Robert Imber, Michael McKenzie-McHarg, Ross Webber, Marion Boland, Barry Parsons, Patricia Harman, Dorothy Sutton, William Lilley, Patrick Menzies, Anne Jones, Helen Gorrell, Martin Moloney, Malcolm Lovelock, Francis Fulton, Peter Geraghty, Alejandra Bai, Jack McMahon, Kerry Hogden, Elsie Screen, Silva Santos, Gregory Robinson, Ann Raadts, Paul Newton, Peter Fox, May Skelly, Patrick Healy, Rose Ireland, Maurice Scheerlinck, Gavin Smith, Emily Flynn, John Joyce, Narim Dawalibi, Rex Kelley.

Mass Intentions the week of 25-31 October

Mon 25/10	Available [contact the office]
Wed 27/10	Winnie Bourke
Thur 28/10	Lola Boer
Fri 29/10	Magdealen Suh
Sat 30/10	
6:00pm	Ken Walpole
Sun 31/10	
8:30am	Available [contact the office]
10:00am	Available [contact the office]
6:00pm	Parish Intention

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

Happenings in the parish office

Fr. Michael will be on leave from Monday 25 October to Monday 15 November.

Sharon will be on leave from Thursday 28 October to Thursday 11 November.



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 3rd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Charismatic Prayer: Maida: 0423 658 326	Thursday 10:00am
Meditation	Friday 6.15-7.15 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Friday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm
Adult Choir	Wednesday 7:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

Over 45's	Last Wednesday of the Month 9:30am Mass and morning tea
Pins & Needles	3 rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library
Book club	3 rd Sunday of the Month 3:00pm Parish Library
Women's Breakfast	4 th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen
Youth Group	AGAPE - First & Third Sunday after 6:00pm Mass Parish Centre
Men's Group	3 rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre

SMOKE FREE ZONE

There is a 4-metre smoke free zone from the entrance and exits of the church buildings. Thank you



Hearing Loop: in the central body of the church.



TAP & GO –

The donation amount is set at \$10. As Tap & Go is anonymous we have no way of identifying who has made the donation so we are unable to provide a tax receipt



Donations to the 1st & 2nd Collections at St John the Apostle Parish can now be made using **Qkr**



Check In CBR App is mandatory
<https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/business-and-work/check-in-cbr/information-for-businesses#Using-the-app-at-your-business-or-venue>

RESPONSE TO THE 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!

Readings – 31 October 2021

First Reading	Dt 6:2-6
Psalm	Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51
Second Reading	heb 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 12:28-34

31 Oct Lector Roster

6:00pm	Lesley Givens, Mary French
8:30am	Judith Deklin, John O'Heir
10:00am	Colleen Reed, Frank Colley
6:00pm	Grace Villena, Anna Cirocco

31 Oct Ministers of Communion

6:00pm	Helen Kennedy, Joe Catanzariti
8:30am	Ted Kell, Sigrid Kropp
10:00am	Keran Niquet
6:00pm	Andrew Webster

31 Oct Hospitality Roster

6:00pm	Joy McInerney
8:30am	Agnes Pham, Rob Breen
10:00am	Vacant
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society:	24 Oct	Margaret Stanford
Grounds	30 Oct	All Groups
Church Cleaning:	25 Oct	

On a Lighter note

