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| ***Immaculate Conception Parish*** P O BOX 600 Tumut Catholic Community Collection amounts for January 2016 ~PARISH NEWS~ ~ PARISH NEWS ~ **~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~** |

Today’s gospel reading brings to closure a long section of Mark’s gospel that focuses on the journey of Jesus and his disciples from Caesarea Philippi in the north to Jericho. Jericho is the final staging point in the journey to Jerusalem where the final act of the Markan drama will be played out. This section of the gospel (8:27-10:52) is prefaced by the story of a blind man who comes to sight in stages and ends with the story of another blind man, Bartimaeus, who comes from blindness to sight as well as from insight to greater insight, and joins Jesus on the journey to Jerusalem. On the intervening journey, Jesus endeavours to lead the Twelve out of their metaphorical blindness into an understanding of what it means to follow a suffering messiah. They remain for some time in their blindness as subsequent events will demonstrate.

The intervention of Bartimaeus, who tries to attract the attention of Jesus by calling out from the roadside, threatens to delay the journey. When he cries out for the mercy, many “rebuke” him. These are strong words. They are used of people in the crowd who neither share the depth of Bartimaeus’ faith nor grasp the nature of Jesus’ mission of gathering in “the remnant of Israel, among them the blind and the lame” (Jeremiah 31:8). Those who try to silence Bartimaeus are a bit like the family of Jesus who, in the early part of the story, try to protect him from himself.

When it is clear that the perception of the “many” is not shared by Jesus, we have an almost comical scene in which they do a complete about-face. It seems they want to please the authority figure no matter what. Bartimaeus offers a stark contrast to these people. He knows that Jesus has the power to bring the mercy of God into his life and the lives of those who wait by the roadside with faith in their hearts. *An excerpt by Sr. Veronica Lawson*

 ***PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER***

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. Saint Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



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**Saturday Vigil: 6pm**

**Sunday: 10am**

**Talbingo: 9am Communion 1st & 3rd 8am liturgy 2nd & 4th**

 **‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’**

**Tuesday: 6pm in Chapel**

**Wednesday: 10am**

**Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel**

**Saturday: 9am**

 **‘ROSARY’ Saturday: 8.45am**

**Exposition 8.30am (1st Sat of month)**

**‘RECONCILIATION’**

 **Saturday at 5.15pm**

 **‘LITURGY MEETING’**

 **Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

 **‘PRAYER GROUP’**

 **(Rosary & Divine Mercy)**

 **Wednesday: 2.00pm in Chapel**

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

 **October 28th 2018**

 ***Entrance Antiphon***

**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

 ***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!**

 ***Gospel Acclamation***

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Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed; the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

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| T THIS WEEK Saturday & Sunday 27th & 28th October   |
| Ministry | Saturday Vigil 6pm |  Sunday 10am |
| Acolyte |  Tony Butler |  Dave Shedden |
| Reader |  School Mass  |  Sue Bulger  |
| Commentator |  School Mass  |  Howard Young  |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Pat Spannagle |
| Musicians |  Anna & Maureen |  Patricia & Monica  |
| Altar Servers |  Gabbi & Maggi Dalisay |  Jude Moreno & TBC |
| Church Care\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_LINEN Jo Little | Group 5: Sandra, Maria, Jess Smith & Margaret Dean |
| NEXT WEEK Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th November  |
| Ministry | Vigil 6pm | 10am |
| Acolyte |  Anne Huebner |  Anita Mason |
| Reader |  Claire Cole  |  Trish Matthews  |
| Commentator |  Liz Boxall |  Pat Spannagle |
| Children’s Liturgy |  ---------- |  Herrin Henderson |
| Musicians |  Patricia & Monica |  Anna Quinn |
| Altar Servers |  New Servers |  New Servers |
| Church Care | -----------------------------------------  |

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 **Feast Days 1st Nov: All Saints 2nd Nov: All Souls**

 **PRAYER FOR THE SICK We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God’s presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them. May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all. We offer our prayers believing that God’s power can do more than we can ever know. Amen**

 **~PARISH NEWS~**

 **ALL SOULS DAY Mass will be Friday 2nd November at 5.30pm.** Come and join us for this special service in rememberance of our loved ones. **CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL** thank you for your generosity and support in this years appeal. Through your kind gifts and prayers, we are happy to forward $617.00 to this years ‘Myanmar’ program. **COMBINED PRAYER NIGHT** as part of the International Day of Prayer for the ‘Persecuted Church’ the Tumut Community Church will be hosting this night on Sunday 4th November at 7pm. All welcome. **BAPTISM** we welcome into our community this weekend in Talbingo Ayden Khang Wang son of Yi and Thanh. We pray for all baptism families. **ST VINCENT DE PAUL** special meeting on Saturday 27th October at 9.30am in the senior citizen room. John Vance – conference support person from Canberra will be in Tumut Saturday 3rd November to speak about recruitment. **LOW** **GLUTEN HOSTS** are available upon request. Please speak to Acolyte or Priest before Mass service. **MANY THANKS** this weekendto our McAuley Year 2 students and teachers for presenting the Vigil Mass.

**We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED MERLE DAPHNE BURGUN**

 **MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:**

Natalie Baker, Col Baker, Eric Harris, Tom Sturt, Andrew Sturt, Fr. Peter Quirk, Sr. Dorothy Bray RSM, Jim Lynch, Paul Kelly, Chris Ballard, Van de Brug families, Breward families, Frank, Eileen & Marie Malone, Louis Shallow, John Callister, Maude Kelly, Leo Aarts, Maria Tran, Mick Bristow, Maureen Court, Andrew Sturt., Brian Rosetta, Hassel & Joy McGrath, Noel Cook, Rudi & Filomena Comai, Gus & Kath Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Ina Clout, Pat Malone, Joan Malone, Frank Delany, Ken & Brian Gee, Max Butler, Imelda, Bede & Francis McInerney, John Hourigan, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Peter Bush, Alan Guthrie, Jim McInerney, Kath Stuckey, Iris Stuckey, Minnie Murphy, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, John Marzol, Sean Gordon, Maureen Ashleigh, Edward Mary & Clem Malone, Pat Malone, Reg & Mary Madigan, Matt Downing, Wilkinson & Downing families, Frank Stanfield, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

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