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HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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Monday, Tuesday,
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Mass times

Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
Fri 5.30pm

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm

9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

Pray the Rosary

Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
and First Saturday each month
3.30pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LET ME SEE AGAIN

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.
READINGS	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Hebrews 5:1-6 Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

PSALM: 125

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

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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IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

It is important that you contact the office by email or in writing (even a note on the collection plate) if you require a booking - for a Mass Intention, Booking of the Church or Parish Centre, Weddings (6mths) and Baptisms.

It is difficult to keep track of Parishioners requests if they do not come through the Office.

If you would like to add a name to the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death list in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than **Tuesday** of that week. For all other bookings, Mass for an Anniversary or to use the Parish Centre etc. a minimum two weeks notice is required.

Fr Kieran



St Joseph's School, Clare

To live, to learn, love in all things...

We welcome the students, teachers and parents of St Joseph's School Clare who are visiting on their Annual trip to Canberra. St Joseph's, Clare is located in the heart of the township of Clare in the Mid North of South Australia. It is a Catholic parish school sharing in the Josephite Mission of the Church, working in partnership with the Sevenhill Parish and wider community. **Morning tea will be provided after the 8am Mass, you are welcome to join our visitors in the Parish Centre.**

SAVE THE DATE



PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER
Saturday 1st December
after the 5pm Mass

We invite you to join us for
our parish Christmas Dinner.

Watch this space in the coming weeks
for more information.



PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

Have Your Say on Holy Rosary Parish Renewal

In the lead-up to the Plenary Council in 2020, Pope Francis and Australia's Catholic Church leaders have invited all parishioners across Australia to partake in Listening and Dialogue encounters. 2018 is a "Year of Listening", lasting until 19 March 2019 and will be followed by a "Year of Discerning" in 2019, to form the agenda for the actual Plenary Council. Everyone is invited to respond to the 3 questions:

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

What questions to do have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?

Do you have a story of your experience of faith or the Church you Would like to share?

Everyone's experience of faith and the Church is unique and it is important that the Plenary Council hear a diverse range of responses from as many people as possible.

If we want renewal, this is where to begin! Please come along to an information session and Listening and Dialogue encounter to learn more about the Plenary Council and start thinking about what you believe the Plenary Council should consider. Choose between two times available:

Monday 12 November 2018, 7:00 – 8:15 PM OR

Saturday 8 December 2018, 3:30 – 4:45 PM

Room 301.1.1, First floor, Veritas Building, Australian Catholic University

All members of the community are welcome, no matter how engaged you are with the Church at this time in your life.

Feel free to subscribe to the Plenary Council e-newsletter at their webpage <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>, Like the [Plenary Council Facebook page](#) and follow the [Plenary Council Twitter account](#).

To find out more or even to make an online submission visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/resources/have-your-say/>

FROM WEAKNESS TO HEALING

'The character Bartimaeus leaps out from the pages of Mark's Gospel and stays with us as we go on our way from Sunday to Sunday. Bartimaeus wasn't born blind, because he actually asks that he might see *again*. Bartimaeus was no stranger to loss and suffering. Going blind must have meant losing not only his independence and livelihood but being condemned to endure much suffering and humiliation. 'All through the Gospel the other disciples have been on the road with Jesus as he goes from town to town teaching and healing. But they have failed to truly see him or understand his words. All that time, Bartimaeus was sitting in the dust by the side of the road, day after day, going nowhere it seemed, yet he was in truth like a tree planted beside a flowing stream, the roots of his faith growing unseen until the day his Master came and said "Go your way, your faith has made you well".'

Excerpt from a homily by Fr Dermot Morrin OP

Discern the way. Try to be true to Jesus' words and example. Helping people, listening, better understanding, being a better person and wanting to help.

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill Fr Ellis Clifford, Dion Convine, Mary Martin Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Patricia Zorzi, Maureen Blood, Ken Rolls, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Joebert Tabiola, Elsie Laughton, Alexia Harris, Sharon O'rourke, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Mimma Giampietro, Paul Neddrie, Joe Schimizzi, Zelma McManus, Helen Miller, Charlotte Woolner
Our deceased	Rachel Lo Pilato, Marisa Perre, Terry Perrott



***'How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet
of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news...'*** Isaiah 52:7

In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 - catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

WELCOME to Cathy Ransom from Catholic Missions who will be giving a talk on the Mission work this year at the Vigil, 8am and 10m Masses.

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

We need to notice what Bartimaeus actually says to Jesus in answer to Jesus' question to him. Bartimaeus does not say to Jesus, "I want my sight." He says, "I want to see." To want sight is to want a capacity which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in one way from a person when he is blind. Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives Bartimaeus a small period of time to consider what he *really* wants, before Jesus asks him. And then the presence of the Lord and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to just one heart's-desire. And Bartimaeus finds it: I want to see. *Seeing isn't limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing The Truth himself.* And so Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver together with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going off, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him. Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted. And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.

Eleonore Stump <http://liturgy.slu.edu/>

HAVE MERCY ON ME

Thirtieth Sunday of the Year.

*Fr Aidan Nichols OP shows us how to read
the miraculous cure of Bartimaeus
in the light of creation and redemption in Jesus Christ.*

Before getting onto the spiritual significance of today's Gospel, there is an obstacle we need to clear out of the way. This story is a miracle story, so the obstacle is miracles. If we can't see how miracles are in any way thinkable, we're not likely to be very receptive to the spiritual message that comes over in this Gospel via a miracle and in no other way.

Ever since the eighteenth century, miracles have had a bad press in European thought. The position of the Scottish philosopher David Hume is typical. Hume doesn't try to prove that in a world set up by a Creator miracles are impossible. To claim that, he thought, would imply a hot line to the mind of God quite as dogmatic as the one claimed by believers. Hume simply points out how it is part and parcel of being reasonable, being rational, to accept that the world is orderly and predictable: that the sun will rise each morning and my toothbrush will not have changed overnight into a tortoise. So, Hume concludes, it's always more reasonable to suppose that something has gone wrong with the evidence than to accept that a miracle actually happened – unless, that is, we have absolutely overwhelming evidence in the miracle's favour which in practice we never *do* have.

The miracle-mediated message of today's Gospel has its setting in the encounter of a beggar with Jesus. A common enough occurrence: in a society without organized charity, a motley crew of suppliants surfaces every time there's some chance, however feeble, of relief – ranging from the arrival of a western aid-agency to rumours of a miracle-worker walking the streets. Three things seem worthy of note.

First, the beggar is not fully attuned to our Lord's wavelength. He calls out to him by the messianic title 'Son of David' from which at this point in his ministry Jesus sought to distance himself. He needed to reconstruct people's understanding of it from the bottom up. Despite this, Jesus hears him, since what matters is not so much the confession, which may possibly be based on a misunderstanding, but the cry of need, 'Have pity on me', with its combined candour and confidence. The orthodoxy of our faith is hugely important, yet people who are confused about doctrine can still get close to the incarnate Lord.

Next, we can notice the role of the disciples which is as much as to say, the role of the Church. At first an obstacle to the encounter, they change their minds and play a positive part. 'Courage', they say, 'he is calling you'. It is the story of the apostles in miniature. At first they are almost more trouble than they are worth, but in time the penny drops. The pope and the bishops play now the role of Peter and the others: they are there to do what the disciples do in this Gospel: to say to us by word and example, Courage, he is calling you to himself.

Then thirdly, there is the cure, the gift of sight. We may be sure that the evangelist appreciates the range of metaphor the word 'see' contains. Though Jesus heals Bartimaeus in the way a physician would (if he could), behind that physical action lies something more far-reaching.

Lastly, we can note how Bartimaeus' cry continues to ring through the Church. Byzantine Catholics, like the Eastern Orthodox, use something that looks like the Western rosary (though made of wool) for what they call 'The Jesus Prayer' which runs, 'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me'. It is a prayer that consists of the cry of Bartimaeus, amplified by the ecclesial doctrine of who Christ is. It is a good summary of all relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

By God's grace, Bartimaeus made that great leap from sitting by the wayside to following Christ along the Way. May the good Lord who cured the blind and the lame lead us to streams of water, that our eyes may be opened and our hearts receive him, so that we too may follow him along the Way.

<http://english.op.org/torch>

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS - New students are always welcome. This year-long faith education program is intended for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Catechists are still needed to help with the classes. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like more information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 Explore at www.wccm.org

CARDS Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

COFFEE GROUP Our monthly coffee group will meet the **third Thursday** of each month Siam Twist Hackett at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our usual friends, newcomers most welcome.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Details Heather 6247 7775.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY will be held the First Saturday of every month at 3.30pm in the Church. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For more information call Letty on 0418 518 033

CARE OF THE SICK If you know of anyone who is unable to get to Mass and who would like the Eucharist brought to them, please let the office know. If someone is in need of prayer or a visit at home, in hospital or by the Parish Priest - please, let us know.

COELIACS Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

Holy Rosary Church is fitted with an audio loop. It is accessible in all seats by using T- switch on your hearing aid.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices is

NOON TUESDAY Please contact Jacque in the office Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

CATHOLIC VOICE WEBISTE - The Archdiocese has launched a brand new **CATHOLIC VOICE WEBSITE** for current news in the archdiocese this link is <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>



Assignments abroad - Could your skills assist communities overseas? How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more? **Palms Info Session:** Tuesday 30 Oct, 4:15 pm St Clare's College, Griffith Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

PETITION - There is an opportunity to sign a petition for two Australians who told the truth about the Australian spying on the Timorese government in 2004 and facing two year's jail as a result. The petition is asking the Attorney-General that the case be dismissed. It is found at <https://justimor.org/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS & CALENDARS will be available after all Masses from this weekend.

EVENTS

ACCOMODATION WANTED

Weekly Board - country female Nursing student to attend CSU Dickson, Monday to Friday, well mannered and responsible. Please phone Sharon at St Patrick's Cooma office 0400 597 930

1 November - St Francis Xavier College

We will formally farewell our Principal Angus Tulley. All staff, students, parents and alumni of St Francis Xavier College, Florey are invited to farewell Mr. Angus Tulley, who finished as Principal of the College this year. We will honour him on Thursday 1 November at the College from 5pm - 7pm. This is a cocktail reception for those who want to wish him well. To assist with catering purposes please rsvp to school.office@sfx.act.edu.au.

3 November "Archbishop's Annual Day of Teaching for the Renewal"

All are welcome to hear the Archbishop and Fr Ken Barker MGL speak on "Call to Holiness: How to be Holy in Today's World" from 9.00am - 4:30pm at Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka. Mass, talks, praise, worship and Show & Tell. Free with a collection for the CCR. Sausage Sizzle lunch \$5. For more info/ to register please text Neda 0415 266 019; Susanna 0419 902 293 or Maida 0423 658 326."

10 November - "SEMINAR: CONSIDER THE CAUSE OF THE POOR"

A day seminar on responding to the needs of the poor in the current age presented by the Good Shepherd prayer group with Kate Cleary and Fr Bernie Patterson from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

15-18 November - "CANBERRA WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND" :

Women of the Archdiocese are invited to an invigorating and fun weekend to be held at Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, Canberra from 6pm Thursday to 4pm Sunday. Meet other women and reflect on your faith and where God is in your life, with Fr Bernie Patterson as the Spiritual Director. Enquiries and registration: Lorraine Barker lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au or 0437 329 371.

16-18 November - "WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER"

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville. Book online www.wwme.org.au Contact: Adrian and Janet Sullivan: on 0490 774 419 or adrian.janet1@bigpond.com

MELBOURNE CUP



On Tuesday, **7 November** the Parish will hold a Melbourne Cup Lunch in the Parish Centre. Lunch will start at 1pm. Cost \$10.00. Sweeps will be available. A 'Hat Parade' with prizes. Join us for good company and lots of fun! For catering purposes please RSVP by 5th Nov. by either the form in the foyer or call the office 6248 5925. Envelopes are in the foyer for your payment, they can be put on the second collection plate.

ROSTERS 3 / 4 November 2018

Saturday 5.00 pm Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	M. Tran	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Tran Family	
EMOE	J. Maclean	

Sunday 8.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	J. Smith	
Readers	T. Klekner	Volunteer
Presentation of Gifts	E. M. Falk	
EMOE	E. Smith	

Sunday 10.00am Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	H. Beasley	
Readers	C. Barbaro	P. McDonald
Presentation of Gifts	C. Barbaro	M. Mastrolembo
EMOE	H. Zobec	R. Marson

Sunday 5.00pm Day Holy Rosary

Acolyte / Server	Volunteer	
Readers	R. Ryan	V. Van der Sanden
Presentation of Gifts	Hall-O'Brien Family	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
Counters	F. Higgins	N. Higgins I. Buckley