

Parish of St Monica Moonee Ponds

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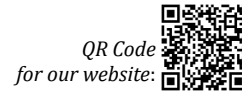
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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

27th October, 2024

Worship Timetable—Moonee Ponds

Sunday: **8.30 am** (*Italian & English*); **10.30 am**; **5.30 pm**
Tuesday - Friday: **9.15 am**
Saturday: **8.00 am**
8.30 am—Reconciliation

Worship Timetable—Strathmore

Saturday Vigil: **6.00 pm**
Sunday: **9.30 am**
Tuesday - Friday: **10.00 am**

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday

to

Friday

9.00 am - 3.30 pm

Dear friends,

In the pages of Sacred Scripture, one of the great signs of the Lord's restoration is that people will be made whole. Such is the case with Bartimaeus, the blind beggar sitting at the side of the road about whom we hear in today's Gospel Reading. On one level, this is a simple story about the healing of blind beggar. We know that one of the signs of the coming Kingdom of God is the liberation from the forces of sin and darkness, which are manifest in physical illness. Having asked Jesus to be able to see again, Bartimaeus is healed of his blindness by Jesus.

But, if you'll pardon the pun, there is much more to this story than meets the eye. If you remember, last week, James and John, the sons of Zebedee had asked Jesus a favour. They asked for seats at the right hand and the left hand of Jesus in glory. And Jesus gave these disciples a lesson about what it means to be a disciple in the Kingdom of God. Discipleship in the Kingdom is not about places of honour and glory, but about service. About having faith in Jesus and following him.

Such is the case with Bartimaeus. Unlike James and John in last week's Gospel, the faith of Bartimaeus in Jesus is simple and straightforward. He does not want a place of honour and glory. He simply wants to see. And he believes that Jesus of Nazareth, Son of David can restore his sight. When his sight was returned to him, Bartimaeus followed Jesus. Not just along the road where he had sat for years as a beggar. But along the road of discipleship. In every sense of the word, Bartimaeus can now see the way. Not only is Bartimaeus healed of his physical blindness, but he is also healed of the blindness of unbelief, the blindness of not following Jesus. Bartimaeus can see that Jesus is the Way; the one to follow.

The author of Mark's Gospel has placed this story at the very end of the public ministry of Jesus. If we were to read on Mark's Gospel, the very next verse would be the account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Three times now, Jesus has predicted that he will be put to death. Three times Jesus has told us that the road of discipleship involves following him to death, then, and only then, to glory. This is what discipleship in the Kingdom is all about. Simple straightforward faith that allows us, like Bartimaeus, to see clearly the road of discipleship. Simple straightforward faith that allows us, like Bartimaeus, to walk that same path.

With every peace,

Fr Tony.

ROSTER FOR NEXT SUNDAY 3rd November 2024 — The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Mass Time	Reader		Extraordinary Minister	
8.30 am	K Sherwood	V Pizzichetta	M Galioto	S Letcher
10.30 am	J Martin	K Martin	J Morello	C Shiu
5.30 pm	B Smolenaars		M Passuello	L Smolenaars

CHURCH LINEN

October — R Farfalla

CHURCH VACCUMING

TEAM 5 - Thurs 31st October at 9.45am

Please remember in your prayers...

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

David Engebretson

Frank Guastalegname

Claire O'Byrne

Changes to Masses this Week ● Tues 29th Oct—No 9.15am Mass at Moonee Ponds—11.00am Mass for the Italian Prayer Group.

Italian Prayer Group – Mass of Thanksgiving

For over 40 years, the Italian Prayer Group was a key activity of the Italian Pastoral Group in this Parish. To give thanks for this Group and to celebrate the blessings it brought to so many people, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Tuesday 29th October** at **11.00am** in the **Symons Centre**. Refreshments will follow.

Gruppo di preghiera Italiano-Messa di Ringraziamento ●

Per oltre 40 anni, il Gruppo di Preghiera Italiano è stato una componente attiva del Gruppo Pastorale Italiano di questa parrocchia. Per dimostrare la nostra gratitudine a questo Gruppo e celebrare le benedizione che ha portato a così tanta gente, ci sarà una Messa di Ringraziamento, giovedì 29 Ottobre alle 11.a.m. nel Symons Centre. Seguirà un rinfresco.

Interim Mission & Pastoral Council ● Expressions of Interest are open for membership of the Interim Mission and Pastoral Council. Click here

<https://forms.office.com/r/VS4xaFZqmS> for the EoI form.

Date Claimer ● Signs of Hope – People of Faith

Tuesday 19th November, **7.00pm**, St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore

To prepare us to enter into the Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope, let us gather as people of faith and reflect on the signs of hope in our world, in an evening of prayer, song, and reflection led by renowned Australian liturgical musician, **Peter Kearney**.

Altar Servers ● We are seeking to revive the ministry of altar servers within our Parish. Students who have received First Holy Communion may train to become an altar server. If your child is interested please collect an information and consent form (available from the Parish Office or the priests after Mass) and return it as soon as possible. Details of training will be advised in due course. If you have any questions, please see Fr Tony.

November – the Month of the Holy Souls

Masses for The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed – Saturday 2nd November

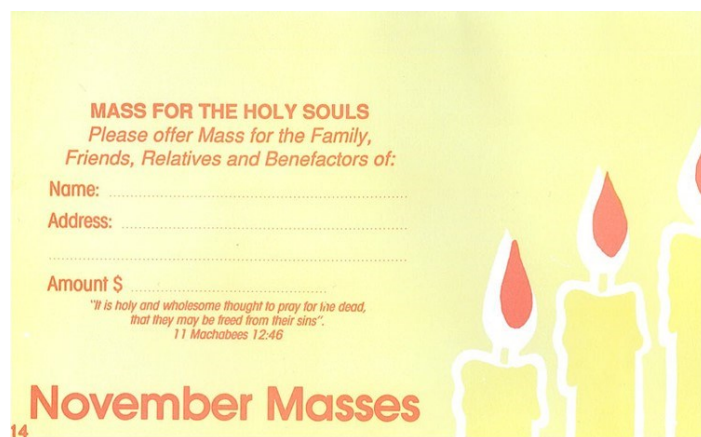
8.00am Moonee Ponds

10.00am Strathmore

Envelopes for November Mass offerings are available in your regular set of envelopes or in the church.

November Mass Offerings

What Happens to These Offerings?



MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS
Please offer Mass for the Family,
Friends, Relatives and Benefactors of:

Name:

Address:

Amount \$

*"It is holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead,
that they may be freed from their sins".*
11 Machabees 12:46

November Masses

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The Bishops of Victoria have legislated that the offering to be made for November masses is \$20.00. When envelopes for November Masses are received, the offerings are added together and then divided by 20 therefore giving the total number of November Masses to be offered in the Parish. In actual practice, most masses offered in the parish during November would be masses for the repose of the souls of the Faithful Departed.

The Book of the Names of the Dead ● This year, the Parish will revive the custom of having a **Book of the Names of the Dead** during the month of the Holy Souls, November. The names of our beloved dead will be recorded in the Book, and we will pray for all those whose names are recorded in the Book in a special way during our November Masses. If you wish to have the names of deceased relatives and friends recorded in the Book, please list them on the back of your November Mass Offering Envelopes.

Keilor Cemetery All Souls Day Mass ● Saturday 2nd November at 11am held at Keilor Ultima Conference Centre, Corner Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court.

Child Safety Update • There is an old African proverb which states it takes a village to raise a child. In much the same way, it takes a whole parish to care for and be responsible for the safety of our children and vulnerable adults.

Working with Children Checks—A reminder that **all parish volunteers** need to have a valid WWCC with the Parish listed as one of the places where you undertake child related work. That means all

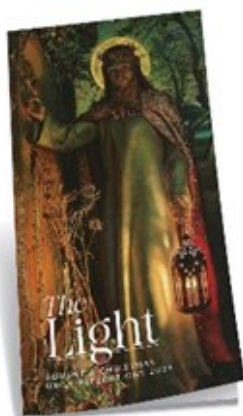
- Readers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Ministers of Communion to the Sick
- Musicians & Choir Members
- Church Cleaners

need to have a WWCC—if you are unsure, please contact the Parish Office or speak to one of the priests. Registered teachers are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC if they engage in child-related work other than their teaching—Click here to notify WWCC [Teacher notification](#)

Child Safeguarding Training—All volunteers need to undertake safeguarding training. You may undertake this training online [Online Safeguarding Training](#) The parish will also be running some inperson sessions in the near future—please keep an eye on this Bulletin for details.

Code of Conduct Declaration—Thanks to all those who have completed their Code of Conduct Declaration. Again, this is a requirement of all volunteers. We will be following up with those yet to complete their declaration.

VIT & Child Safety—Holders of current VIT registration are exempt from having a WWCC. However, as part of your renewal process (which you had to have completed by the end of September), you are required to update the details of places where you undertake additional child-related work outside your employment. **You need to do this every year - WWCC does not notify the Parish automatically!** It is easy to do via the Service Victoria app: Work and volunteering > Working with Children Check > Teacher notification to WWCCV.



The Light: Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections 2024

Once again, we have available this resource from the Diocese of Wollongong to nourish us and form during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. For each day there is a short Scripture passage, a reflection, and a prayer for the day. For Sundays, there is also a reflection on a piece of art, matched to the season. \$4.00 each - available from the Piety Stall.

World Mission Month

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

If you still have your World Mission Sunday envelope at home, please return it as soon as possible.

Chorus Ecclesiae

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Ascot Vale **Sat 9th Nov 2024, 7.30pm** – premiering Heinrich Isaac's, Missa Presulem Ephebeatum and other motets for St. Martin and the Blessed Virgin Mary,. To purchase tickets, please visit www.chorusecclesiae.org.au

Stewardship Corner

“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way .”

Mark 10:52

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude .

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Special Collections 2024	
Lent	Project Compassion
29 th March	Good Friday – Holy Places
5 th May	CatholicCare
2 nd June	SVdP Winter Appeal
16 th June	Propagation of the Faith
30 th June	Annual Collection for the Holy Father
18 th August	The Archbishop's Campaign
20 th October	World Mission Sunday
10 th November	Pastoral Care Appeal—Prison Ministry

Readings at Mass
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B — 27

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy—both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:
Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout!
'The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!'
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 125

R. 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. **R.**

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

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

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. **R.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can

sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Cf 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, '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 saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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