



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

24 October 2021

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**With St Paul of the
Cross we pray ...**

For the sick

Leonor Delgado

Noel Nacua

Patricia Stack

Jovito Redaja

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Fr Jim Duggan

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Francheska Bechara

Robyn, Eimy & Helen

Recently Deceased

Death Anniversary

Nella Cannizzo

For the Souls

Melba Abaleta

Louie Tolentino

Isabelo Corpus

Anday Guevarra

Anna (Elsa's Mum)

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

The Galley Family

The O'Shea Family

The Duggan Family

The Griffin Family

The Anderson/Sprouster
Family

Henry & Tina and my family

“What do you want me to do for you?”

A few weeks ago we heard the story of the rich man who ran up to Jesus and, with great earnestness and sincerity, asked him, “*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*” The answer Jesus had given him wasn't one that he had expected, so, in the end, “*he went away sad for he had many possessions.*” He couldn't, as it were, ‘see past’ all the things that had given him comfort and security. Even though he had addressed Jesus as “*Good master,*” he was unable to trust Jesus enough to follow him on the way of life he had opened up for him.

By contrast, Bartimaeus is presented as “*throwing off his cloak, jumping up and going to Jesus*”. For a blind beggar like him, this cloak would have been his most treasured possession. During the day, he would spread it out to sit on and to collect coins; at night, it would have been his blanket or even his bed. Mark lists each of his actions, “*throwing off...jumping up...going up to Jesus*” as images of conversion. As Jesus himself recognised, each one of these actions required a great deal of confident faith in him. “*Like the nets that Peter must let go of, Bartimaeus leaves behind some of his past in order to see his future.*” (**Jesus: a pilgrimage**)

Bartimaeus of course wanted to be healed of his blindness and this desire was so strong that it gave him the courage to ignore the voices of all those who, for reasons of their own, wanted him to keep quiet. In his reflection on this scene, Fr James Martin comments:

We sometimes need to ignore the crowd, especially when they tell us to shut up. 'Don't desire something better for yourself', they say to Bartimaeus, and to us. 'Give up these ridiculous hopes of change. Stop hoping for something new!' By contrast, Jesus doesn't shout 'Be quiet!' His voice is different than the crowds'. Gently, he asks, 'What can I do for you?' (Jesus: a pilgrimage)

We have become used to the Paralympic Games as being a key part of the Olympic Games, something that would have been unthinkable in the past. Then, few people would have thought about what people with a disability could actually do. They could see only what they couldn't do because of their disability. Similarly, what Jesus saw in Bartimaeus was something that the people around him couldn't see, his insight into who Jesus is and the extraordinary faith he showed when he repeatedly called out to Jesus, “*Son of David, have pity on me!*”

Bartimaeus could ‘see’ what the people around him, who kept telling him to keep quiet, couldn't see. This Jesus that he had heard about but couldn't see was someone he knew he could trust in to heal him. It was his persistent faith that, in the end, not only brought him healing and inspired him to follow Jesus “*along the road*” but also managed to change the attitudes of those around him.

What do we ‘see’ when we look at ourselves, the society that we live in and the Church that we are part of? Do we see only our failures, all the things that we are unable to do, our sinfulness in so many ways? Or do we see the possibilities that Jesus will open up for us if we trust in who he is and, like Bartimaeus, say to him “*Let me see again?*” When we lose the main focus of our lives and become ‘blind’ to God's presence in our world, we are tempted to lose hope and to hear only the voices that confirm the powerlessness that we already feel. “*What do you want me to do for you?*” Jesus asks us. He alone can fully respond to the hope of healing each of us has and guide us out of the darkness that we can so easily find ourselves in.

Reference: James Martin SJ **Jesus: a pilgrimage** HarperOne Books New York 2014

Deacon Louis

Catholic Mission is seeking applications for a *Donor Relations Officer* role. Full-time or Part- Time, the role is based in North Sydney in NSW and incorporates supporting Catholic Dioceses in NSW & ACT. This is an exceptional opportunity to join the international mission agency of the Catholic Church in Australia, which supports children, communities and church leaders both in Australia and overseas.

For more information, please visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission>

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Covid-19 Update

Please wear a mask in Church out of consideration for others.

First Holy Communion

Enrolment and first lesson: Saturday 30 Oct 4:30pm or Sunday 31 Oct 9:00am

Second lesson: Saturday 6 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 7 Nov 9:00am

Third lesson: Saturday 13 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 14 Nov 9:00am

Fourth lesson: Saturday 20 Nov 4:30pm or Sunday 21 Nov 9:00am

First Communion Mass:

Friday 26 November 2021 6:30pm

Saturday 27 November 2021 10:00am

Write to your NSW MP ahead of euthanasia vote

NSW Independent MP Alex Greenwich is tabling his euthanasia bill in parliament this week. It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill. The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw

Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal

This appeal is continuing to raise desperately needed funds and commit the Archdiocesan resources across education, health and welfare to support Afghan families and individuals fleeing their homeland in the wake of the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. Donations can be made online here: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/ara/>

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online informative session on:

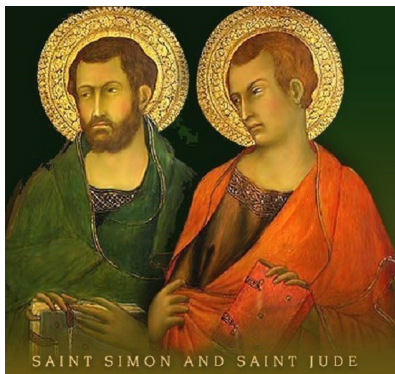
27 October 2021 12:30pm—1:30pm

Family Spirit 13 18 19

Now that the Church has reopened, please tell us if you wish to receive the bulletin by email.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (25 - 30 Oct 2021)

Thu 28/10 Sts Simon and Jude, apostles



St Simon

The second “Simon” among the Twelve, otherwise called Simon “the Zealot” or “the Canaanite.” He was from Cana of Galilee.

St Simon was surnamed the Zealot for his rigid adherence to the Jewish law and to the Canaanite law. He was one of the original followers of Christ. The most widespread tradition is that after evangelizing in Egypt, Simon joined Jude in Persia and Armenia or Beirut, Lebanon, where both were martyred in 65AD.

St Jude Thaddeus

One of the twelve apostles, Jude is identified in the Gospels as the brother of James (Gospel of Luke) or the brother of Jesus (Gospel of Mark). He is considered to be the writer of the Letter of Jude. The brief letter deals sharply with the problem of false teachers in the church, which is similar in content to 2 Peter. According to tradition he preached in Mesopotamia and Persia.

Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir rehearsal on the 1st November 2021.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal 2021

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal**. Your generosity donations support our sick

and retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement. To donate visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code.

Parish Office

Maria - Mondays
Cecilia –Wed-Friday
9.30am - 2:30pm

Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon to Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

Family Mass with Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the
Month 10am Mass

Family Rosary & Morning Tea

2nd Sunday of the
Month after 10am Mass in
the Church Hall

Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

Sacraments

Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by
appointment

Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th
Sunday 11.15am

Marriage

At least 6 months notice
required

Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

Devotions

Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday
before morning mass

Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

