

St Michael's Church - Meadowbank

The Parish Bulletin

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Yr B/2

2018: Celebrating 70 Years as a Parish**Entrance Antiphon:***Cf. Ps 104: 3-4*

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

1st Reading: *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

I will guide them by a smooth path where they will not stumble

Responsorial Psalm:*Psalm 125(126)*

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

2nd Reading: *Hebrews 5:1-6*

'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'

Gospel Acclamation:*cf 2 Timothy 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*

Go; your faith has saved you

Communion Antiphon*Cf. Ps 19: 6*

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Gospel*Mark 10:46-52*

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.

Scriptural Reflection of Pope Benedict for 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (2012)

The miracle of the healing of the blind man comes at a significant point in the structure of Saint Mark's Gospel. It is situated at the end of the section on the "journey to Jerusalem", that is, Jesus' last pilgrimage to the Holy City for the Feast of the Passover, in which he knows that his passion, death and resurrection await him. In order to arrive to Jerusalem from the Sea of Galilee, Jesus passes through the town of Jericho, and the meeting with Bartimaeus occurs as he leaves the city of Jericho – in the evangelist's words, "as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd" (10:46). This is the crowd that soon afterwards would acclaim Jesus as the Messiah on his entry into Jerusalem.

Sitting and begging by the side of the road was Bartimaeus, whose name means "son of Timaeus", as St Mark tells us. The whole of Mark's Gospel is a journey of faith. The disciples are the first actors on this journey of discovery, but there are also other characters who play an important role, and Bartimaeus is one of them. His is the last miraculous healing that Jesus performs before his passion, and it is no accident that it should be that of a blind person, someone whose eyes have lost the light.

We know from other texts that the state of blindness has great significance in the Gospels. It represents man who needs God's light - the light of faith. It is

Acknowledgement of the land

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of this land, the Wallumattagal clan, part of the Dharug people of the Eoiria nation. We walk gently on the land, sharing it with them as we now work and live on it.

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Welcome to St Michael's Church - Meadowbank!

A warm welcome to all attendees and visitors to our church! May you find our parish community a place where your faith life will be nourished and you will take up the invitation to share your special gifts and talents. Your prayers, presence, talents and skills are most welcome.

**REFLECTIONCONTINUED**

essential that we acknowledge our own blindness and need for this light, otherwise we all will remain blind for ever (cf. *Jn* 9:39-41).

Bartimaeus, at this strategic point of Mark's account, is presented as a model for all who seek God. He was not blind from birth, but he lost his sight. He represents man who has lost the light and knows it, but has not lost hope of regaining it. Bartimaeus knows how to seize the opportunity to encounter Jesus and he entrusts himself to him for healing. Indeed, when he hears that the Master is passing along the road, he cries out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (*Mk* 10:47), and he repeats it even louder (v. 48). And when Jesus calls him and asks what he wants from him, he replies: "Master, let me see again!".

Bartimaeus represents man's awareness of pain and the need to cry out to the Lord, confident of being healed. His simple and sincere plea is exemplary, and indeed – like that of the publican in the Temple: "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (*Lk* 18:13) – it has found its way into the tradition of Christian prayer as the Jesus Prayer: "Jesus Son of David, have pity on me". In the encounter with Christ, lived with faith, Bartimaeus regains the light he had lost, and with it the fullness of his dignity: he gets back onto his feet and resumes the journey, which from that moment has a guide, Jesus, and a path, the same that Jesus is travelling. The evangelist tells us nothing more about Bartimaeus, but in him he shows us what discipleship is: following Jesus "along the way" in the light of faith.

Bartimaeus, on regaining his sight from Jesus, joined the crowd of disciples, which must certainly have included others like him, who had been healed by the Master. New evangelizers are like that: people who have had the experience of being healed by God, through Jesus Christ. And characteristic of all evangelizers is a joyful heart that cries out with the Psalmist: "What marvels the Lord worked for us: indeed we were glad". (*Ps* 125:3).

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal will run in two weeks time (10 /11 November). The work of CWF's benefiting agencies represents our Christian values of mercy, social justice and compassion (visit www.cwf.org.au to find out more), giving your gift the power to change lives for the better. To find out more, phone 1800 753 959 or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Our parish quota for this appeal is \$3800. If every family in the envelope system donated \$40 each, then we will reach our quota. Please give generously.

Protection of Children. A copy of Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Policy on the care, well-being and protection of children and young persons is available in the Parish office and from the Parish Website.

Download & Sync Parish Calendar. The parish calendar of activities is available for download from the Parish Website. It is updated on a daily basis. If you use a google calendar, it is very easy to include the calendar in your own calendar by simply hitting the + button located on the parish homepage: www.stmichaelsmeadowbank.org.au

Collections Update from 21 October

Thank you for the generosity of all parishioners. Please note the new adjusted weekly targets in order to reach our budget.

1st Collection (assists clergy): \$934 (\$350 UNDER target)

*New 1st Collection weekly target to cover costs: **\$1383***

2nd Collection (parish costs): \$2670 (\$600 OVER target)

*New 2nd Collection weekly target to cover costs: **\$2011***

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Christmas Mass Times: 24/25 December

Children's Mass with Pageant: 24 December at 5pm

Parish Mass: 8pm (followed by drinks and cake in the hall).

Midnight Mass: 12am with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day Mass: 9.15am

Please spread the invitations far and wide.

ROSTER- CHURCH CLEANERS

For the Month of November:

Felisa Tan, Gemma Martin, Teresita Tan, Maria & Robert Leasa

LINEN: Prescilla Luzon Vacuum Roster: Anto Ambrose

Inner WestFeast Youth Event in Ryde Wed 7 November: Holy Cross College

Calling all young people (16 to 30) to join famous singer and musician Gary Pinto, who has worked with Guy Sebastian. Gary tours in his own right sharing his powerful music and story of conversion and God's love. A free night of dinner, music and a chance to encounter Christ. Dinner from 6pm and event starts at 7pm in Holy Cross College Chapel.

Rydalmere Parish Mission - 3 to 7 November

Holy Name of Mary Parish (2 Myrtle St, Rydalmere) is hosting a Parish Mission, presented by Simon and Madeleine Carrington.

Saturday 3 November - 6.30pm - Who am I? (Yr 5-8)

Sunday 4 November - 6.30pm - Finding the Love that Satisfies (Teen/Young Adult Talk)

Adult Talks

Tuesday 6 November - 7.30pm - Parenting Purity to Teens

Wednesday 7 November - 7.30pm - The Joy of Married Love

Special Mass for Pregnant Mothers

18 November at 10.30am: Are you expecting a baby or know someone who is? You are warmly invited to attend the annual Mass for Pregnant Mothers to be celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 18th of November at 10:30am. Enquiries:

LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org or call 9307 8401.

Michael Galovic - Iconographer Seminar

You are invited to join us for this seminar held on level 5 of the Polding Centre -133 Liverpool St, Sydney - that will be of creative, cultural and spiritual benefit. Please feel free to invite all those you think may be interested. RSVP is required to cathcomm@sydneycatholic.org

Wednesday 31 October 3 - 5pm Level 5 breakout space

This event is being hosted by the Creative Team of the Evangelisation Project. Afternoon tea will be provided.



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A copy of this bulletin is also available from the FB Page.

PULPIT POINTS 28-October

- Blessings for the cute and cuddly
- NEW LOOK Catholic Weekly - Win an iPad - LAST CHANCE
- Students urge Synod to have courage
- Parish priest and...clan chief
- Grace flows abundantly at men's gathering
- Movie review: Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer (GVN)

PARISH BIBLE STUDY:

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Every Monday evening until 3 December from 7pm to 8.30pm

Our Bible study course began last Monday night with just over 70 excited participants from both within and outside our Parish. This course has been very highly regarded and is led by Charbel Raish (Parousia Media director). If you too would like to:

Make sense of the Bible and see how it relates to your everyday life, Discover the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments or See how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture, Then join us. Please text Elsa 0433914230 or just show up at 7pm this Monday night.

ALTARATION 5-week course on The Mass

When: Monday mornings from 9:15-10:15

Where: St Michael's School Multipurpose Room

Cost: Free with Tea and coffee provided.

More info: contact Elsa elsa.manu@syd.catholic.edu.au
OR 0433 014 230

ALL SOULS DAY- Friday 2nd November 2018

MASS TIMES: - 9:15am & 7:00pm

Commemoration of the Recently Deceased at 7pm Mass this Friday .

1. The names of recently deceased loved ones who passed during the last 12 months will be read during Mass at 7pm.
2. The names on November Mass offerings and all offerings during November will not be read during Mass, but will be written in the November Book of Remembrance which will be placed at the foot of the altar throughout the month of November.
3. You are welcome to bring a memento (a picture etc.) of your loved one who passed away. This will be placed at the foot of the altar at the start of the 7pm Mass.
4. Candles will be provided at the doors before Mass. In an orderly manner, after the homily, members of the congregation will be invited to come forward to the altar, light a candle and place it in the box provided at the foot of the altar. Please do not bring your own candles.
5. Please invite your family and relatives to share this solemn Liturgy to pray for your deceased loved ones.

November Mass Offering Envelopes

All Masses during November are offered for the holy souls. Please submit November Mass Offerings with names of deceased relatives on any of the collections or to the parish office. 'It is a good and holy thing to pray for the dead.'

NEXT WEEKEND

Roster: 3 / 4 November 2018

Time	Acolyte	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
6:00PM Vigil	Jim Lemcke	Family Mass Youth Readers	1 Sunitha Victor 2 Brian Maher 3 Carol Maher 4 David Doring 5 Gemma Martin 6 Henaa Jawher
8:00AM	Stevanus Prasetyono	Chris Twomey Gemma Evesson	Violet Moussa Agnes Aldana
10:00AM	John Fillion	Maria Sharmila Jonathan Ling	1 Felicity Donnelly 2 Felissa Tan 3 Gloria Divine 4 Joan D'souza 5 Celeste Villarente 6 Darryle Fernandes



Prayer to St Michael the

Archangel. Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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Parish Weekly Mass Offerings

Tuesday 30th October 2018 9:15am

Mass of Remembrance for
Mario & Nenita Villareal

Wednesday 31st October 2018 9:15am

Mass of Remembrance for
Jesusa & Consoling Francisco

Liturgy for this week (29 Oct - 4 November 2018)

Sacraments:

Reconciliation: Saturdays 5:15pm-5.45pm

Devotions: Prayer for Priests: 8:45am every 1st Saturday

Morning Prayer: 7:40AM every Sunday

Rosary: 8:50am on weekdays before the Mass (except Friday)

Friday before Mass : **Silent Prayer**

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

8:15am-9:15am every Friday

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Divine Mercy Novena & Chaplet - Wednesdays after AM Mass

Weekday Services this week:

9:15am - **Communion Service:** Monday

9:15am - **Weekday Mass:** Tuesday to Saturday

Thursday 1 November: Mass at 9.15am and 7pm

Friday 2 November: Mass at 9.15am and 7pm

Weekend Masses:

6:00pm - Saturday Vigil Mass

8:00am & 10:00am - Sunday (*Children's Liturgy at 10am Mass*)

Parish Morning Tea for November:

Please join us after the 10am Mass on 4 November for a Parish Morning Tea in the Fr Bush Parish Hall. The Catechists will be hosting.

MOWING HELP NEEDED.

The mowing team is desperately in need of assistance. Two members have moved away and we are shorthanded. Mowing maintenance takes about 2-3 hours one day a month. If you can help contact Don Smith 0414 748 302

Parish Annual Volunteers Luncheon

Thank you to all contributors to the Parish. It has been a great year. Save the date on **Sunday November 25 @ 11.30am** in the Fr Bush Parish Hall. The Parish will provide the lunch and drinks, and attendees will be asked to bring desserts. Please Register on the tables at the entrance to the church or by contacting the parish office.



Saints of the Week

Thu 1 ALL SAINTS Solemnity

Fri 2 ALL SOULS

Sat 3 Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

MASSES for November 1 & 2

All Saints Day: 1 November: 9:15 am and 7pm

All Souls Day: 2 November 9:15 am and 7pm

The Mass on 2 November will be followed by Pizza and Fellowship in the Hall.

Become a Catechist Now.

All Christians are called through our baptism to teach and help bring others to the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. A rewarding and outreach activity is to become a Catechist by sharing your faith with children in our local public schools. Ring **Judith Orrock on 98742825** if you are interested. You will be trained in conducting a class, what to teach and provided all teaching materials to make you a successful catechist.

CHURCH CLEANING, ALTAR LINEN AND FLOWERS.

We are desperately in need of more helpers to do the flowers, cleaning and vacuuming of the church. A gold coin donation is greatly appreciated for the on going cleaning and flowers for the church. There is a box at the back and side doors of the church for those gold coins. Contact Marie Bennett on 0447 830 551.

Are you new to the Parish?

Welcome. It is great to have you here. Please make our parish your home. Feel welcome to share experiences and ministries from your previous parish with our community. Please complete a parish registration & census form at the office. Consider volunteering and joining the parish planned giving.