

St Gregory's Catholic Parish



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

27th October 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
Turn to the Lord and his strength;
Constantly seek his face.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

1. 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)

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

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

4. 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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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 his honour 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 forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

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Mass Times
Sunday 5:30pm (Sat)
 9am & 5pm
Weekdays
 Mon - Fri 5:30pm
 Mon & Wed 12noon
 Sat 9:30am St. Greg's

Confession Times
 Monday - Friday
 6pm
 Saturday St. Greg's
 10am

Parish Playgroup
 Every First and Third
 week at 10:30am on Wed
 St. Raphael's Church
 Felicity 0420 541 772

Parish Youth Group
 First Wed of every month
 5:30 - 8:00pm
 in the undercroft at
 St. Raphael's Church

Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
 Just outside of Jericho, Jesus heals Bartimaeus:

Immediately his sight returned and he followed Jesus on the way (Mark ^{aa}).

Jericho is the oldest city in the world. It dates back to at least 8,000 BC. Jericho is the lowest city in the world. It is 258 metres below sea level.

One thousand years before Christ, the Israelites marched around the city walls with the Ark of the Covenant, and on the seventh day brought down the walls:

See it as a 'liturgical march' with the power of God the Creator making a statement

Furthermore, think of our Liturgy with the Sacrificial Love of Jesus made present and his Body and Blood offered graciously to us. What walls do we want brought down in our lives in order to let God in?

The healing of sight begins with Bartimaeus in full flight:

Hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity of me.'

People tell him to shut up, but he springs to his feet with courage and sees again.

In Eastern Spirituality this is known as a mantra prayer. When aligned with one's breathing it becomes a powerful way of living in God's presence:

**Breathing in we say, 'Son of David, Jesus.'
 Breathing out we say, 'have pity of me.'**

Simple, effective, easy. Amidst the hustle and bustle of the world, we can say it anywhere and anytime.

I saw Father Josh again this past week, and he is not so well. I will keep you updated. Many of you are praying for him, which is wonderful,

Father Tony
thescaffold.substack.com

Prayers and Intercessions

Priest: Through Christ we are children of God. In Jesus we see what we shall be when we come to the Father. We pray with confidence.

Reader: Guide leaders and governments in the ways of justice and peace.

R. Grant them wisdom and integrity in pursuing the common good of all people.

You are the Lord and source of our freedom.
R. We pray for those suffering from captivity of mind or body, that you may bring them to the freedom of the children of God.

Give courage and strength to young people.
R. Amidst the temptations and challenges of life, help them to be true God, to their friends and to themselves.

Give patient tolerance to all who are no longer young.
R. Help us to love and support the elderly, the sick, the lonely and to see the presence of Jesus in them.

Receive the faithful departed into your eternal kingdom of peace and rest.
R. We pray this day for: Hubert Zochling, and Walter van Der Zwet

Priest: We make our prayers to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we gather together as the Body of Christ, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Week With God

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| Monday 28 th October | Saints Simon and Jude |
| Tuesday 29 th October | Tuesday Week 30 |
| Wednesday 30 th October | Wednesday Week 30 |
| Thursday 31 st October | Thursday Week 30 |
| Friday 1 st November | All Saints |
| Saturday 2 nd November | All Souls |

Meditation

Tue 7 pm &
Wed 12:30pm

Tony 0455 231 057 or
Rose 0466 661 006
St. Raphael's Church

Monday Men's Group

Using SOAP- Scripture,
Observe, Apply, and Pray.
Monday 6:30 - 7:30pm
Pat 0400 466 276
Parish Meeting Room
St. Greg's School,
Macquoid St

**Formation in Faith
(RCIA)**

Every Tuesday 6:15pm
Parish Meeting Room
St. Greg's School,
Macquoid St

Rosary

Monday - Friday 5 pm

**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Friday 11 am

PARISH & ARCHDIOCESAN INFORMATION

From the Parish Registers

Let us pray for the sick in our Parish:

Lucy Aloe, Robin Crow, Aurelia Sotmayor, Maia Torner,
Barbra Greer, Felicia Lyons, Rober (Ned) Vodovic,
Mirella Wakim, Thomas, Juliet & Rommel Estabillo,
Rosaion Surmeida, Katie Casey, Antonio & Dhel Borja

Baptisms:

Noah John Carey, Ted Benjamin Rallings, Gianna
Ruediger, Amalia Ruediger

Recently Deceased:

Baby Sophia Blythe, Hubert Zochling

Anniversaries:

Josip Nelancic, Ada Serafin

St. Gregoery's Charity Coin Collection 2024 Total

\$2237.85

Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. - Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Be it done unto me according to thy word. - Hail Mary..

And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt amongst us. - Hail Mary

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.
Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our
hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son
was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his
passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrec-
tion. Through the same Christ our Lord, **Amen**

Notices

Last CHANCE to order a Daily Mass Book \$28.50

Please write your details on the order sheet at the rear of
the church - orders close on 31 October 2024

Women's Breakfast

8:30 am on Sat 16 November at Suppetos
Jerrabomberra. Please sign your name on the sheet at
the rear of the church.

Christian Life Program

Couples for Christ and single adults every Sunday after
morning tea following Mass.

Yearly Remembrance Ceremony for the departed

Saturday 2 November at 9:30am at the Queanbeyan
cemetery (replaces Mass at St. Gregoery's). Please bring
your own chair/s.

Marian Procession 2024

You just have time to get to Goulburn for 11am on Sun-
day 27 October 2024.

St Vincent de Paul Society

In need of cereal, milk, school snacks, cordial & deodor-
ant

Discover Queanbeyan's rich Catholic heritage

*Under the Pines: A History of Saint Gregory's Catholic
Parish Queanbeyan NSW.*

Buy: Catholic Bookstore, Manuka OR buy online
<https://booksonlineaustralia.com.au/shop/under-the-pines/>

Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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.

Communion Antiphon

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



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jumped up Bartimaeus

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his cloak, jump up from his ground level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence, hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. *He* knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. *We* believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded, so that with Bishop Richard of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

