



# Weekly Bulletin

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**"I WHO AM BLIND CAN GIVE ONE HINT TO THOSE WHO SEE: USE YOUR EYES AS IF TOMORROW YOU WERE STRICKEN BLIND"**

— HELEN KELLER

There was a blind girl who hated herself just because she is blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He is always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend. One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her and then she could see everything, including her boyfriend. Her boyfriend asked her, "now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend is blind too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her saying. "Just take care of my eyes dear." This is how the human brain changes when the status changes. Only few remember what life was before, and who's always been there even in the most painful situations. We meet one such person in the Gospel of this Sunday.



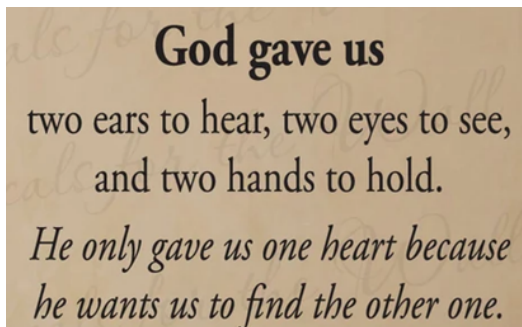
In the first century Palestine blindness meant that one would be subjected to abject poverty. The blind would be reduced to begging for a living at the mercy and generosity of others. There was a rare chance for cure but for the self-correcting blindness. The medical knowledge of the day was not as advanced as we have today. Hence, you can imagine the plight of Bartimaeus and his family in the face of such disadvantage. Yet, he did not lose hope, and he grabbed the opportunity to encounter Jesus. Looking at his faith Jesus restored the sight of the blind man. As he felt that Jesus had made him a new creation, he followed him 'along the way' in the light of faith and love. Walking along the way would mean that he wanted to lift up the people on the roadside and enable them to take their place in the movement of history.



There may be various factors making us blind to see the presence of God and see a ray of light in the tunnel of darkness. Nonetheless, we hear about so many Bartimaeus' today who have emerged from their lowliness of despair, grief, emotional or relational brokenness, failures, frustrations, financial difficulties, terminal illness and huge loss of lives and material goods etc. Let such heroes and heroines be a source of inspiration for us to have a proper 'sight' in the daily routines of our life: to see the needs and feelings of the family; to see the hunger for warmth; to see the craving for justice and human dignity in our friends, neighbours, refugees and asylum seekers; to see and better use the available opportunities around us and be a small torch in the hands of God to brighten the gloomy world.

The blind and deaf Helen Keller said, "The most beautiful things in the world can't be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart."

Fr. De Mello tells a story which can help us to check our spiritual blindness. A hermit asked his disciples: "When do you say that the night has ended and it is morning?" The first disciple said: "I say that it is morning when I can distinguish an oak tree from a maple tree." The hermit said: "No." The second disciple answered: "I know it is morning when I can distinguish a cow from a sheep at a distance." Once again, the hermit disagreed. The third disciple replied "It is morning when no star is visible in the cloudless sky." "That is also a wrong answer," said the hermit. Then he explained: "I know it is morning when I can recognize a person as a son or daughter of God, and, hence, my own brother or sister."



Can we try for a spiritual 20 /20 vision?

# This Sunday's Readings



## Entrance Antiphon:

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

## First reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

*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.

## 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

*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.

## Gospel Acclamation : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

## Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

*Master, grant that I 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.

## Communion Antiphon:

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

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 28th - **Sts Simon and Jude, apostles**

Friday 1st - **ALL SAINTS**

Saturday 2nd - **The COMMEMORATION of ALL the FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL Souls' Day)**

# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



**All Souls' Day**  
**Saturday 9am on 2nd November 2024**

**A day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed. This is a moment to commemorate our loved ones who are no longer with us but remain forever in our hearts.**

**We ask you to bring a framed photo of your dearly departed (no larger than half an A4 size piece of paper - 15cm x 21cm) to be placed on a special remembrance table for the Mass. We will also light a candle for our loved ones at the start of the Mass.**

**All framed photos are to be brought to the Church Meeting Room no later than 5:30pm on Thursday 31 October 2024.**

**If you would also like photos of your dearly departed displayed on our Remembrance Pillars throughout the month of November, please email your loved one's photo to Michelle Acharya at: [rydalmerepc@gmail.com](mailto:rydalmerepc@gmail.com) by Wednesday, 30 October 2024.**

**You are invited to write down the names of your loved ones in the book of life at the entrance of the church.**

**Throughout the month of November, the masses will be offered for our loved ones who have gone before us.**

**The Mass intention envelopes are available at the entrance of the church.**

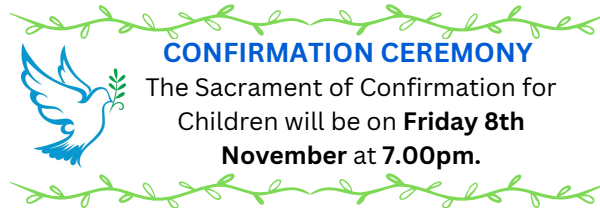


## FUNERAL OF ANTO (TONY) JUNKOVIC

Our heartfelt condolences to Jackie Junkovic and her family on the sad passing away of her husband Anto (Tony).

The funeral Mass will be on **Tuesday 29th October at 11:00am** in our church.

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.



## CONFIRMATION CEREMONY

The Sacrament of Confirmation for Children will be on **Friday 8th November at 7.00pm.**

**Kindly keep praying for the completion of the intended project with God's grace and guidance.**



## Let us pray for ...

### *Sick*

Maria Corazon Abello  
 Edmund Chavernia  
 Jelka Josipovic  
 Tom Nayler  
 Robert Power

Maree Buttenshaw  
 Louela Davis  
 Romenda McGregor  
 Aileen Pelias  
 Danilo Delos Reyes

### *Recently Deceased*

Margret Caruana  
 Brendan Cleary  
 Jelka Josipovic  
 Anto (Tony) Junkovic

### *Anniversaries*

Elizabeth Khoury  
 Pustaj & Kozma Family

Individual names of our beloved departed will not be published in the bulletin for the month of November. The masses throughout this month will be offered for everyone in the Book of Life.

# PARISH ROSTERS

## 2/3 November 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
<b>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</b>	Jenny Hendry	Sue & Len Farrugia	Cristian A Jemma L	Diane O'Shea Michelle Acharya	David & Sue Boulous	Anton & Anne Fernando	Barbara Rosario Lynette Rodrigues
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Anthony Wong	Daniel Cakarun Rozz Morris	Jensen M Judah M	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong	Dominic & Lynette Rodrigues		
<b>Sun 10.00am</b>	Eddie Appleby	Khush Jilla Nada Coorey	Tashnie W Tashen W	Evelyn Artiaga Elaine Gade			

## 9/10 November 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
<b>Sat Vigil 5.30pm</b>	Thomas Russo	Leah Garcia Lynette Rodrigues	Matilda s Harriet S	Susan Boulous Kathy Saad	Kathleen Burrows	Marthe Nalletamby	Linda Tsang Grace Coco Gabriella Spinetti Sheila Tapiador
<b>Sun 8.00am</b>	Anne Marie Lyons	Angela Finnane Will Finnane	Daniela M Tara C	Barbara Rosario Lina Flores	Marthe Nalletamby		
<b>Sun 10.00am</b>	Juvy Austria	Joseph Andrews Cynthia Oscar	Angelina B Avril L Chloe & Olivia G	Sheila Tapiador Evelyn Artiaga			



# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## Morning Tea to Celebrate our Parish Youth



Following the **10am Mass** on **Sunday, 10 November**, we will be hosting a morning tea to celebrate the young people in our Parish and to kick start our

**Youth Group!** While all are welcome, we are working to engage young people aged between **12 and 35** to help form and establish our group.

*Come and meet the Youth Group leaders and get to know your fellow parishioners over a bite to eat. Look forward to seeing you all there.*

## Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month on **Sunday after 10am Mass** to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

**When: Sunday Nov 17, Sunday Dec 22**

**Where: The Family Inn**

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends!

This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details and/or to RSVP

contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**.

**Looking forward to seeing everyone there!**

We had 30 attend our parish lunch at The family inn hotel,

lots of conversation and laughter and new friends made!

If you would like to attend our next lunch, you are invited to

write your name on the sheet located at the back of the

church, this is to assist Allison with the booking reservation.



## Diocese of Parramatta

### Parramatta Street Feast: 13 November

On behalf of Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, you are warmly invited to the Parramatta Street Feast 2024. Come and share a free meal, entertainment and company in a spirit of friendship and solidarity: **Wednesday 13 November 2024, at 10:30am - 1:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta.**

BE A VOLUNTEER: If you would also like to volunteer on the day (e.g., set-up, ushering, serving food), please fill out this registration form: [parracatholic.org/streetfeast](http://parracatholic.org/streetfeast)



## Thank you for your generosity and support

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.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia). Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour*

*Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

**ROSARY** at 3:00pm on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

## ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

## BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

## PARISH TEAM

**Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu**  
Parish Priest

**Maritza Graciela**  
Parish Secretary  
Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri  
9:30am to 5:30pm

**Deacon Leon**  
Finance Secretary  
Thur  
10am to 2pm

**Sacramental Coordinator**  
**Childrens Liturgy Coordinator**  
**Lectors Coordinator**  
**Senior Server Coordinator**  
**Finance Chairman**  
**St Vincent De Paul President**  
**Rydalmen Coordinator**

Diane O'Shea  
Allison Markarian  
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