

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Mk 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.

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

28 OCTOBER 2018

OUR NEED FOR SIGHT

The healing of the blind beggar Bartimaeus takes place in Jericho, the last town Jesus visits before the end of his journey to Jerusalem.

Like so many other people desperate to access Jesus' power to heal, Bartimaeus has to surmount a barrier to get to him. The crowd, including presumably Jesus' disciples, try to silence him and keep him away. But their discouragement only makes him cry out louder, until, at last, becoming aware of him, Jesus stops and asks that he be brought over.

Jesus' question, 'What do you want me to do for you?' seems redundant; the blind man's need is obvious. But for Jesus it is important, both for Bartimaeus' own sake and that of the bystanders who had tried to shoo him away, that he states exactly what he wants.

His request, 'Master, that I may see again', is one that all disciples of Jesus, including ourselves, have to make again and again—not pleading for physical sight but for enlightenment of spirit.

In this sense everyone lacks a capacity to 'see' which only divine power can remedy. There are moments in our journey of life when trials, temptations and other difficulties crop up, obscuring our vision of God and rendering us spiritually blind. Just as Bartimaeus, his sight restored, 'followed (Jesus) upon the way', so we will follow him along the 'way' of our own lives only if we know our need for a 'sight' that he alone can give.

At this climactic stage of Jesus' journey, Bartimaeus has become for all a model of faith and discipleship.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Jer 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

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 are 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

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest for ever, 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.

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Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family at St Clement's Parish
Sienna Arter
Edward Paradiso
Mattia Balassone
Zak Stevenson
 baptised this Sunday

All Saints and All Souls
 In preparation of these holy days, you are invited to write the name of a deceased member you wish to remember on a sticky note and place it on the wooden cross by the baptismal font. The cross will be brought to the sanctuary on November 1.

Masses will be celebrated at St Clement of Rome as follows :
 All Saints Day—1st Nov 2018 at 9.15am & 7.30pm
 All Souls Day—2nd Nov 2018 at 9.15am

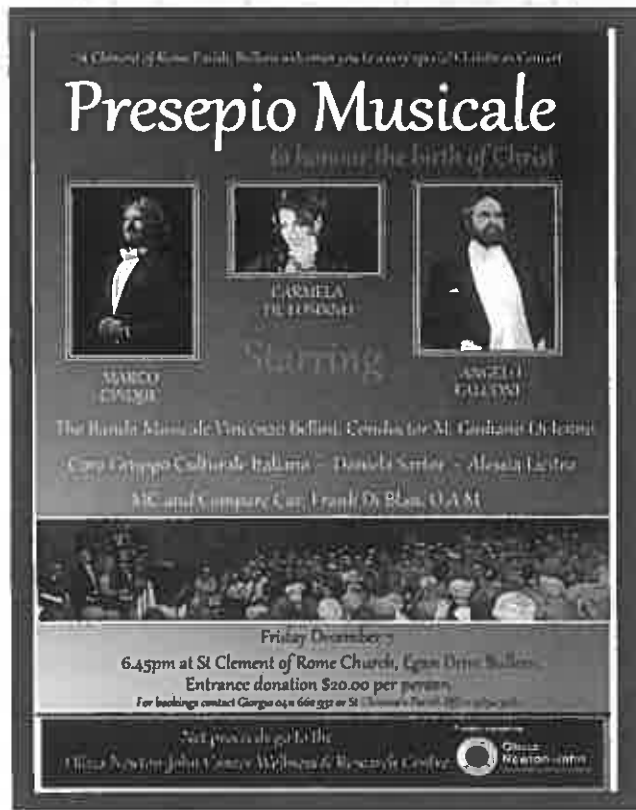
Please note the following schedule of Italian Masses on All Souls day at different Cemeteries.

Sun 28 Oct - Preston Cemetery Mausoleum
 900 Plenty Road, Bundoora 3083
 Melways Ref : 19 E6
 2.00pm ITALIAN

Sun 4 Nov - Williamstown Cemetery Mausoleum
 Champion Road, Williamstown 3016
 Melway Ref : 55 J7
 2.30pm ITALIAN

Sun 11 Nov - Fawkner Memorial Park Marquee
 1187 Sydney Road
 Fawkner 3060
 Melways Ref : 17 G4
 2.30pm ITALIAN

Mass services are free to attend. All welcome!



Presepio Musicale
 to celebrate the birth of Christ
 Starting
 The Handel Messiah Vincenzo Bellini, Comedie de M. Gilberte Orlandi
 Coro Gruppo Culturale Italiano - Daniela Serrin - Alessia Lector
 MC and Compère Car. Frank Di Biasi O.A.M.
 Friday December 7
 6.45pm at St Clement of Rome Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen.
 Entrance donation \$20.00 per person.
 For bookings contact Giorgio on 666 952 or St Clement's Parish 9850 3262.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
 Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)
 Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)
 Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.
 Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Death Anniversaries : Franca Valmorbida, Nino Blasetti, Nicola Lauletta
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH DIARY

Sun 28th Oct @ 12.30pm : Baptisms
 Wed 31st Oct @ 7.30pm : Finance Committee Meeting
 Thurs 1st Nov @ 9.15am : All Saints whole School Eucharist (Grade 2)
 Thurs 1st Nov @ 7.30pm : All Saints Mass
 Fri 2nd Nov @ 9.15am : All Souls Mass

Mario & Angela's Café
 No café this weekend. It will take place next on Sun 11th Nov. Thank You.

Meditation, Prayer every first Saturday of each month
 You are invited to come to pray and meditate, to find some quiet rest in God especially when life gets too hectic. Contact: cecilia.tan@cam.org.au or call 98503262 to make an appointment.

Plenary 2020/ Plenaria 2020
 Thank you to those who have responded and begun to write their responses in the book in the foyer. Please keep listening, thinking, praying and giving your thoughts to this personal invitation to the question: What do you think God is asking of us at this time in Australia?

More Plenary Prayer cards are available in the foyer.

Grazie a coloro che hanno risposto e hanno iniziato a scrivere le loro risposte nel libro nel foyer. Per favore continua ad ascoltare, pensare, pregare e dare i tuoi pensieri a questo invito personale alla domanda: cosa pensi che Dio ci stia chiedendo in questo momento in Australia?

Altre carte Plenary Prayer sono disponibili nell'atrio.

Please look at some of the responses we have had so far and add your thoughts in the book in the foyer.

Si prega di guardare alcune delle risposte che abbiamo avuto finora e aggiungere i tuoi pensieri nel libro nel foyer.

Scripture Studies
 Year of Luke Study Day at Trinity College
 Saturday, 10 November, 10:00 am-3:30 pm
 For information, please visit the website.
<http://vox.divinity.edu.au/event/year-of-luke-study-day-at-trinity-college/>

Our Parish Advent Scripture Studies are scheduled for:
 29 November
 6 December
 13 December
 20 December
 All sessions will begin from 7.30pm.
 Our Theme: Art as the carrier of the Word

2018 Victorian Election
 Engaging with candidates to promote a fairer Victoria where everyone flourishes.
 Victorians go to the polls on Saturday 24th Nov this year. Catholic Social Services Victoria, with our member organizations, have prepared a pre-election brochure "Building a fairer Victoria where everyone flourishes", that is designed to assist dialogue with candidates in the lead up to the election. Copy of this brochure can be downloaded from the website www.css.org.au

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5:30pm	Sun 9am
27/28 October	Sacristan <i>Rita Gagliardi</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR <i>Linda Cultrera</i>	Yamna Taouk
	Reader <i>Jacinta De La Cruz</i>	Grace Canatelli
	Special Ministers <i>Maree Marsi</i>	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	<i>May Teh</i>	Gabriella Grande
	<i>Martin Teh</i>	Eleanora Mascitti
		David Mitchell
		Pam Mitchell
		Gloria Ng
		Maria Papalia
3/4 November	Sacristan <i>John Bruce</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR <i>Jacinta De La Cruz</i>	Grace Canatelli
	Reader <i>Rene De La Cruz</i>	Jim Cowhey
	Special Ministers <i>Enza Wilcox</i>	Elsa Waters
	<i>Warwick Wright</i>	Chris Zordan
	<i>John Bruce</i>	Trish Atherton
		Anne Fusca
		Rita Gagliardi
		Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Gabriella Grande

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL'EUCARISTA
04/11	P. LOMBARDO I. ROMANIN	FAM. E. CASTRIOTTA	L. VETTORETTO G. VETTORETTO C. TRAVAGLINI

Sacramental Program 2019
 Please register your interest for 2019. The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

Lourdes Day Mass 2018
 Will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sat 1st December 2018 at 10.30am. This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly, and their carers. As many are unlikely to ever visit Lourdes, in a sense, it's like Lourdes coming to them.