

# 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## 27th - 28th October 2018

**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.

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.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-6

*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

**Gospel Acclamation:** 2 Tim 1:110

**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 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

*Loving Jesus, open my eyes to see what you want me to see. And let me respond with your healing heart to care for those around me. Guide me to remember that you will be with me when I see some of the painful and frightening situations around me and show me how to let them into my heart.*

*I trust that if you let me see with your eyes of love and feel with the warmth of your heart, then you will give me the grace to respond to you. You know that I really do want to respond your call more freely and without fear in my daily life to my family, to those around me and to this conflicted world where so many are in pain.*



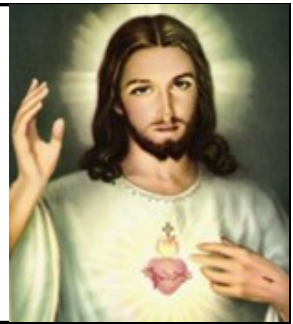
# Sacred Heart Parish

## Preston

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### Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday  
10.00am - 12.30pm

### Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

### Priests in Residence:

Fr Ennio Mantovani SVD

Fr Phuong Vu SVD, La Trobe  
University Chaplain

**Parish Office:** Cristina Agius

**School Principal:** Mark Tierney

**School Phone:** 9484 3514

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Judeline Wadhvani

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### Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard

Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio

(Pauline) Veamatahau, Mark

Tierney, Timothy Nolan,

Fr Jan Szweda SVD

### Parish Mass Schedule

#### WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

#### WEEKDAY MASSES:

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**Healing Mass:** 1st Thursday of  
the month at 1.30pm

#### DEVOTIONAL PRACTICES:

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after  
9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday  
(English) & Friday (Italian) after  
9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday  
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

#### Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

#### Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

## 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### 27th - 28th October 2018

### “Master, Let Me See Again”.

Many would be familiar with the saying, “There are none so blind as those who will not see.” The Gospel today turns this saying on its head and suggests that there are none so insightful as those who have been deprived of sight. In recent Sundays we have seen original followers of Jesus and other well intentioned people failing to understand the true nature of discipleship.

A rich young man had turned away from following Jesus because he was a man of great wealth. Following that, James and John made a claim for positions of superiority up the discipleship scale as a reward for their ongoing faithfulness.

Prior to these incidents, Jesus had preached the need for people to change their attitudes if they were to embrace the rule of God – you must become like little children: who live by trust, and who listen with open hearts.

Today we are given an example of true discipleship in Bartimaeus, a blind beggar and social outcast who cries out to Jesus. He, although bereft of sight is blessed with insight into the true nature and mission of Jesus, while the sighted people around them fail to see who Jesus really is. Bartimaeus, in faith, sees with the heart. He recognises in Him the compassion and love of God and he shouts out to Him for mercy. Jesus stops and calls to him. The blind man jumps up to go to Jesus who asks him “What do you want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus asks simply for a restoration of his sight. Jesus acknowledges this plea as the sign in Bartimaeus of true faith and he is healed. His sight restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus along the road to Jerusalem.

The story of Jesus’ encounter with Bartimaeus comes to the heart of the Gospel – and a need for a change of heart in each of us: to be poor in spirit, to trust in the mercy of God by being merciful to others: to live in the peace of God by being peacemakers in our world: to become safe by looking out for the safety of others to know one’s weaknesses and to learn from the humble and innocent.

Today we could ask ourselves individually and collectively and as a Church community, where have we been blind and not seen what we should have seen. Acknowledging how selective deafness and blindness of leaders and others failed to innocent and vulnerable of our communities? How do we bring about change?

*This week is National Children’s week. We are reminded in the wake of the tragic Institutional failures of the past to protect children, of the importance of Listening to children, respecting their opinions and sharing their concerns. It’s about Listening from the heart - Jesus’ message for us today.*







### Parish Stewardship Program

Welcome to week two of our Parish Stewardship Program and this week is all about FAITH.

We ask you to reflect on the importance of faith in your life. Is your faith the foundation of who you are? Does it drive the way you choose to live your life?

We also ask you to re-affirm the importance of Sunday Mass – how we gather together as a community to celebrate our faith. The Eucharist is something much bigger than ourselves – it is not a private or anonymous experience. The communal celebration of the Eucharist at Sunday Mass gives us the spiritual nourishment to live our lives as true disciples of Jesus.

Finally this week we ask you to commit to growing in faith – to take the opportunity to learn and develop a mature understanding of our faith. There will be a special Homily this weekend on this most important aspect of the Program.

#### PARISH 'OUR FUTURE' FORUM

A reminder that all parishioners are warmly invited to a special event as part of the Program – the **Future Forums to be held at two different times – Wednesday 7th November at 10.00am (after Mass) or 7.00pm in the Church.** This is a great opportunity to make your contribution to the discussion. You will hear about the values we hold dear, our recent achievements and the priorities we have for the future. Full Program details will be available on the dedicated Program page on our parish website – which will be updated regularly throughout the Program. All parishioners are welcome.

#### POPE FRANCIS SAYS

*"In the Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the people of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ."*  
5 February 2014

#### Dates to Remember

**27th/28th October - 17th/18th November:**

Parish Stewardship Program

**Thursday 1st November:**

All Saint's Day - Mass at 9.10am, 1.30pm & 7.00pm

**Friday 2nd November:**

All Soul's Day - Mass at 9.10am & 7pm

#### Last Week's Collection: 21/10/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1383.25  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$596.60

Thank you for your kind generosity!



### Stewardship Program Prayer

*Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.*

*In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.*

*By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.*

*Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve, to grow in faith and service*

*and to give without counting the cost.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



### Bible Study: Gospel of Mark, The Person of Jesus

**When: 6th November - 11th December (Tuesdays for 6 weeks)**

**Where: Sacred Heart Church, Preston**

**Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**By: Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD**

### Blessing of the School Administrative Area and Learning Space

Today after 10.30am Mass, everyone is welcome to the Opening and Blessing of the administrative area and new learning space. Right after Mass, everyone is cordially invited to the School for the blessing which will be followed by light refreshments.



The **St. Vincent de Paul** conference meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Presbytery. If anyone is interested in becoming a member or to assist in the managing of the Piety Stall, please contact Pauline O'Day on 9484 2445.

*"The knowledge of social wellbeing is learned in climbing the stairs of the poor man's garret, sitting by his bedside, feeling the cold that pierces him and sharing the secrets of his lonely heart and mind."*

Frederick Ozanam-  
Founder of St Vincent de Paul Society



### Thank You!

Sacred Heart School children for donating \$430 from the **Pyjama Day fundraiser** for our church renovation.

And also to the wonderful ladies who have been **donating flowers** to the church!



### Taizé Evening Prayer

Friday 9th November, 6.30pm  
Trinity College Chapel, 100 Royal Parade, Parkville

Come and share a meal and prayer while Br Matthew from Taizé is visiting Melbourne. A Taizé prayer service will be held at 8pm at the Trinity College Chapel, with singing practice at 7.30pm. All welcome to attend. Access via the 19 tram line, along Royal Parade.

Cost: dinner \$5 per person

More information: [taize.melbourne@gmail.com](mailto:taize.melbourne@gmail.com)

### Taizé All Day Retreat

Saturday 10th November, 10am  
Merc Hub, 67 Nicholson Street, Carlton North

The day will consist of three prayer services (just like at Taizé), song practice, shared meals, small-group discussions and silent reflection. Brother Matthew will be visiting from Taizé. For ages 18-35 (All ages welcome for evening prayer).

### Fifth Anniversary Concert: From African Chant to Gospel

Friday 2nd November, 7.30-8.45pm  
Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, 31 Sturt Street, Southbank



In its Melbourne Recital Centre debut, Excelsis presents a program of genres that the choir has become renowned for performing—African chant and song, spirituals and gospel music. A concert event not to be missed.

Bookings: <https://www.melbournerecital.com.au/events/2018/fifth-anniversary-concert-from-african-chant-to-gospel/>



### Plenary 2020: Start Now

The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" and "what question do you have for the Catholic Church in Australia today?" Submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team or place it in the special box at the back of the church.  
**PLEASE GET INVOLVED & BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOU WISH FOR!**

### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

*Theresa Bittar, Margaret Doyle, Irene Navascues, Veronica Parkes & Yvonne Tierney*



Those recommended to our prayers

*Alfonzina Consigli, Vincenzo Capobianco, Giuseppe Gandolfo,*

*Michela Gandolfo, Francesco Iannella, Rosaria Iannella, Lorenzo Gugliotti, Maria Gugliotti, Mario Gugliotti, Maddalena Martone, Ersilia Regnani, Nello Regnani, Ubaldo Regnani and all deceased members of the Privitelli family.*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

### 2nd November: Remembering our Deceased Loved Ones

If you like to offer masses for your relatives and friends who have gone before us, please write their names on papers available in the foyer and put them together with your offering into a box placed in the middle of the church after mass.

Masses for their souls will be offered daily for 7 days, beginning Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Please print their names clearly!

### NEW MASS TIMES PLANNER

A new website for mass times and locations across the entire Archdiocese of Melbourne is available. You can find masses near you by location or language and read the latest news from *Melbourne Catholic*.

Details: <http://masstimes.melbournecatholic.org.au/>

### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 3rd November 2018



Rebecca/Belinda

Thank you for your help!

### Roster for weekend of 3rd - 4th November 2018

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy Vincci Lee
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Mancini M. Paiano T.	Ilardi L. Malavisi I.
Sun 10.30am	Ophelia Swai Jessy Thambiraj	Giovanna D'Intino Pauline Veamatahau
Sun 6.00pm	Cameron Dunn Marijana Jurjevic	Robert Dullard