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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

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First Reading Jer 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. 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

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 See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Mk 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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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.

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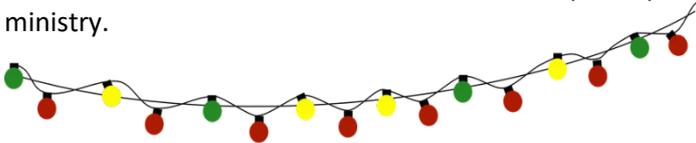
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HYMNS	
392	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
410	Praise to the Holiest in the Height
473	The Lord's My Shepherd
323	Where There Is Charity and Love

NOTICES

Welcome Fr Dang Nguyen

Today we welcome back Fr Dang Nguyen to the Parish. We congratulate him again on his Ordination to the Priesthood, and wish him all the best in his priestly ministry.



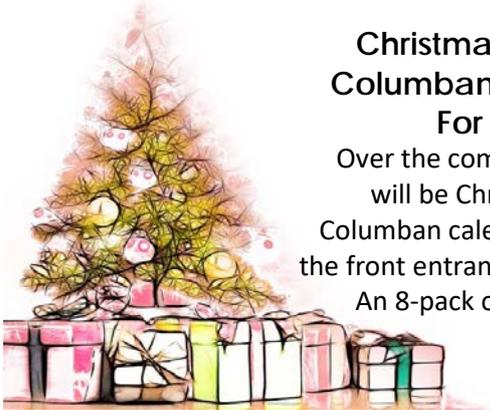
The Lights of Christmas at St Stephen's Cathedral

This Christmas we invite the people of Brisbane to gather on the Cathedral lawn to celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill, with an extraordinary light and sound show.

7:30pm until midnight every night from Wednesday 12 December until Christmas Eve.

Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars For Sale

Over the coming weeks, there will be Christmas cards and Columban calendars for sale on the front entrance of the Church. An 8-pack of cards is \$3, and calendars are \$9.



ST CECILIA DAY CELEBRATION

When: Thursday 22 November, 7pm – 8:15pm
Where: St Luke's Church

An ecumenical event celebrating the Feast Day of St Cecilia, Patron Saint of Music.

Various musicians performing, all donations given to nominated charities, and light refreshments to follow.

All donations will go towards the drought affected areas of Winton, Clermont and parts of the Mt Isa district.

For more information please contact Michael Whitehouse at whitehousemd@bigpond.com.

Anointing Mass for the Sick

Mass for the Anointing of the Sick will be held at 9am on Friday 2 November for those who feel the need for this sacrament at this time. Mass will be followed by Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please feel free to invite others to this mass who you feel may benefit from the reception of this sacrament

Plenary Council Discussion Session

Sunday 4 November 2018

After Mass, 9am – 10:30am

St Luke's Green

Sr Sonia Wagner will be hosting a listening and dialogue session for those seeking to discuss the upcoming Plenary Council in 2020.

This session will give you the opportunity to share your thoughts on this important question:

What do you think God is asking the Church in Australia at this time?

Please **RSVP** your attendance by completing the sign on sheet at the front entrance of the Church.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Available from the churches this weekend for \$2

This week's edition includes:

- ❖ Australia says sorry to victims of abuse
- ❖ Hundreds honour Our Lady of Fatima in street procession
- ❖ Abortion no longer a crime, fears that euthanasia will be the next target for politicians
- ❖ Bendigo priest Fr Rob Galea takes faith-sharing in and beyond the classroom

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Simon and St Jude were two of Jesus' twelve apostles. St Simon was known as 'the Cananite' or 'the Zealot' by other evangelists and St Jude was a blood relative of Jesus and known as one of the 'brethren of the Lord'. Little, however, is known about either of these apostles after the events at Pentecost. Western traditions suggest that St Simon preached in Egypt before joining St Jude in Persia, where they were both martyred. In recent times, St Jude has become popular as the patron of 'hopeless causes'. This probably originates from early Christians confusing St Jude with Judas, who betrayed Jesus. As a result people never prayed for his help and so devotion to St Jude became somewhat of a lost or hopeless cause.

If you have an item you would like considered for the newsletter please contact the Parish Office.