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**23RD & 24TH OCTOBER
2021**

Dear Parishioner(s),

**RECOMMENCEMENT OF WEEKEND MASSES
@ CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH**

I wish to warmly welcome you and your families back to our community liturgical celebrations in our Parish Church.

Our weekend Masses and celebrations will resume on **SATURDAY 23rd October 2021** with the 'five Masses program' we used last year during the Covid-19 lockdown -

**SATURDAY 5:00PM & 6:00PM and
SUNDAY 7:30AM, 8:30AM and 9:30AM.**

The roster system that was in place for the above Mass times will be followed.

I encourage you to attend the same Mass time you were rostered on for in last year's lockdown this time around.

This will enable us to be in compliance with NSW Government requirements relating to 'places of worship'. It will also help to keep ourselves and our community safe.

You may contact me on 0415 505 594 for any clarification.

Please, do not forget to check-in at the entrance of the Church with the QR code.

And do not forget to wear your face mask in Church, and practice social distancing before, during and after Mass.

Looking forward to celebrating with you.

God bless.

Fr. Chris Antwi-Boasiako, PP

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF
PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

100

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NOVEMBER MASSES & BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

You are welcome to give names of those to be remembered during Masses in the November Book of Remembrance.

PLEASE PRINT THE NAMES OF PEOPLE CLEARLY ON AN ENVELOPE.
ENVELOPES CAN BE PLACED IN THE LETTERBOX AT THE PRESBYTERY.

If regular Masses have not commenced by November, Fr Chris will offer Mass privately for those you wish to be remembered.

The Parish Book of Remembrance will be updated each week. Please note that the names will not be carried over from last year. Only names that are passed on to us this year will be included.

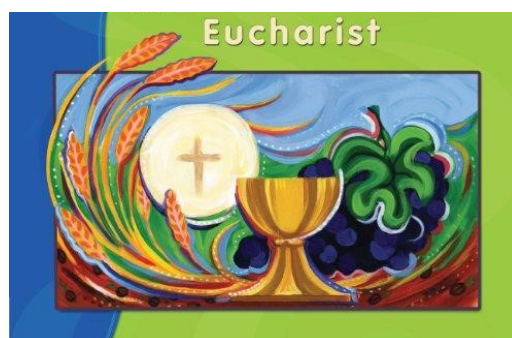
Once regular Masses have recommenced you are welcome to place the envelope in the collection baskets at the entrance and exit or drop it into the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST

Plans have been made to continue with the 2021 Sacrament Program under Covid-19 government restrictions.

Letters regarding First Eucharist have been emailed to all families whose children completed the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this year.

Parents are required to pick up Eucharist Information Packs on Wednesday 27th October between 6.30pm & 7.30pm in the church foyer.



Parish News

**Please read the letter from
Bishop Vincent Long on pages 9 & 10.**

WEEKDAY MASSES HAVE NOW RESUMED

**Tuesday at 7pm
Wednesday—Friday at 9.10am**

THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS AT ALL CHURCH SERVICES IS MANDATORY.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

PLEASE PRACTISE SOCIAL DISTANCING BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS.

**As per government regulations,
please observe the 4 square metre rule.**

Parish Office Hours

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS NOW OPEN FROM
TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY FROM 9AM—3.30PM.**

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

We are currently in the process of organising dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation for those children who received First Eucharist in 2020. Details will be forwarded to the relevant families shortly.

Planned Giving...

Could you please contact Marie at the Parish Office if you are:

- ♦ contributing to the Planned Giving Program via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
 - ♦ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Program. *Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.*
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Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Recently Deceased:

Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey (30/08)

And for those who are sick:

Deacon Owen Rogers, Peter Sinnett, Eleanor Albertyn, Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg



Diocesan News

Office for Safeguarding Offering Online Training to Keep our Parishes Safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.

Upcoming Zoom Face to Face Training Calendar

If you wish to participate in the face-to-face training via Zoom, please contact the parish office to indicate what date, time and module you wish to register for.

TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

Module 1: Introduction to Safeguarding

2.00 to 3.30pm

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TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 10.30am

Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

2.00 to 3.00pm

Module 2: Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

Module 3: Safeguarding Adults at Risk

2.00 to 3.30pm

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ELearning

If you are interested in an online platform where you can do the modules independently and at your own pace, please contact the parish office and provide an email address, so that a log on can be created for you. Please note, for those who are interested to do eLearning online, you will need individual email address for each log on. For example, a couple can't use the same email address.

Useful website for your attention:

What Safeguarding means to me:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/what-is-safeguarding/>

Upcoming Safeguarding Training Dates:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/#events>

Young people of the Diocese – we are with you

"I am with you always" Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people.



The Living Word

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

24th October 2021

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(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

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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

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.



Living the Gospel -

Bartimaeus, a model?

Bartimaeus is a man who has almost nothing in life. His blindness has made him outcast and he is reduced to begging on the side of the road. When he is called to Jesus he jumps up and casts off what may well be his only real possession – his cloak. Yet what he does have in abundance is faith and hope. When asked what he wants Jesus to do, his answer may seem obvious, but his desire to see goes beyond physical sight. He asks for the sight of one who truly believes and to whom the truth of Jesus is revealed. In this way, he is a model to all who would be disciples.



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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.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA



When we set out to follow Jesus, faithful to the promises that we made at baptism to renounce sin and live lives directed by the Spirit, we normally do so with generosity of heart. However, after we have borne the burdens of this decision and realise some of the implications of our commitment, we begin to wonder if it was worth it. We believe that God will generously bless us. Still, would it be so wrong to hope for a little more, especially if we have made significant sacrifices along the way?

Of those to whom much has been given, much will be required in return. The closer we are to Jesus, the more we will be expected to mirror him. The great ones in the reign of God, the ones who exercise authority over others, must be the servants of the rest. Parents, teachers, civil authorities, managers of every kind, pastoral leaders must all be servants, as Jesus was a servant. We will also have to drink from his cup of suffering and be baptised into his death. As we draw close to the one who gave his life as an offering for sin, we will find that the same self-sacrifice is being asked of us. When we struggle with the misfortunes that we face because of our commitment to Jesus, we will have him as an inspiration and a model to follow. He can sympathise with our weaknesses, identify with our suffering. We can draw strength from his example and hope from his kindness.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples



We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Why do the crowd try to keep Bartimaeus quiet at first?
- * How does the attitude of the crowd change once Jesus calls for Bartimaeus?
- * In what way is physical blindness a symbol or metaphor?
- * When have you been 'blind' to a situation or truth?
- * How is this event a story about discipleship?

Questions for Adults

- * Which phrase or statement in the passage bears particular significance for you?
- * Would the impact and message of the story be different if Bartimaeus had some other affliction?
- * Why does this account come at the conclusion of a section about discipleship?
- * When have you ever experienced a sense of 'sitting at the side of the road'?
- * How would you answer Jesus' question, 'What do you want me to do for you?'

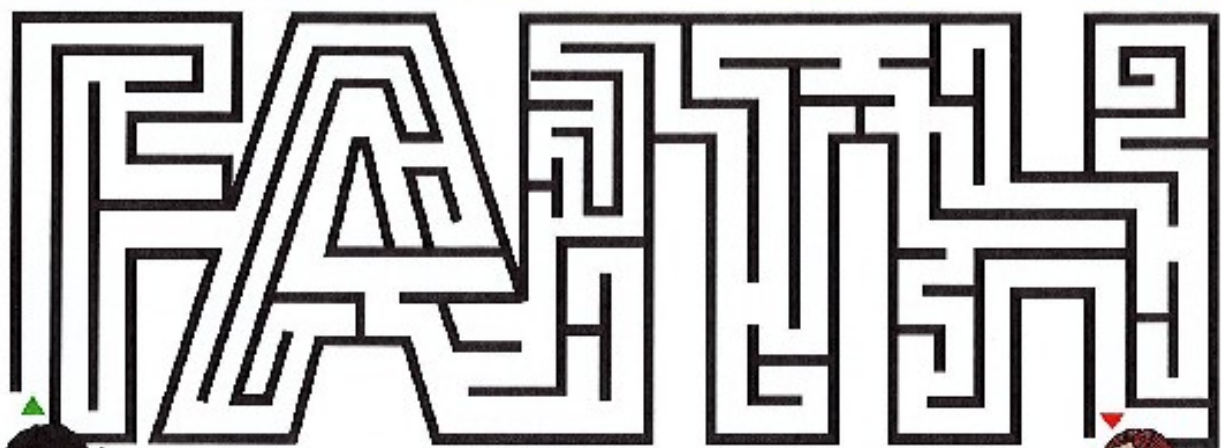
This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * The blind man believed that Jesus could help him but people told the man to be quiet. Why do you think these people told the man to stop calling out?
- * Why didn't this stop the man from continuing?
- * Why did Jesus reply to him?
- * What did the man do after he had been cured?
- * How does Jesus listen to our prayers?



The Lord helps those who have faith

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Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged Jesus to help him. He had faith that Jesus could make him see. Help Bartimaeus find his way to Jesus so that he can be healed.



The Lord helps those who are less fortunate - the poor, the sick and people who are sad. Write or draw about something nice you could do for someone who is poor, sick or sad.



Jesus showed his love for all people by welcoming the poor and the sick. What were some of the wonderful things he did? Circle the correct answers.

PERFORMED MIRACLES

HURT PEOPLES FEELINGS

HEALED THE SICK

FED THE HUNGRY

SAID MEAN THINGS

WELCOMED EVERYBODY

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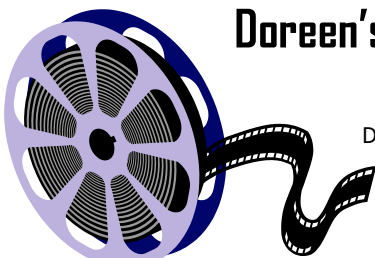
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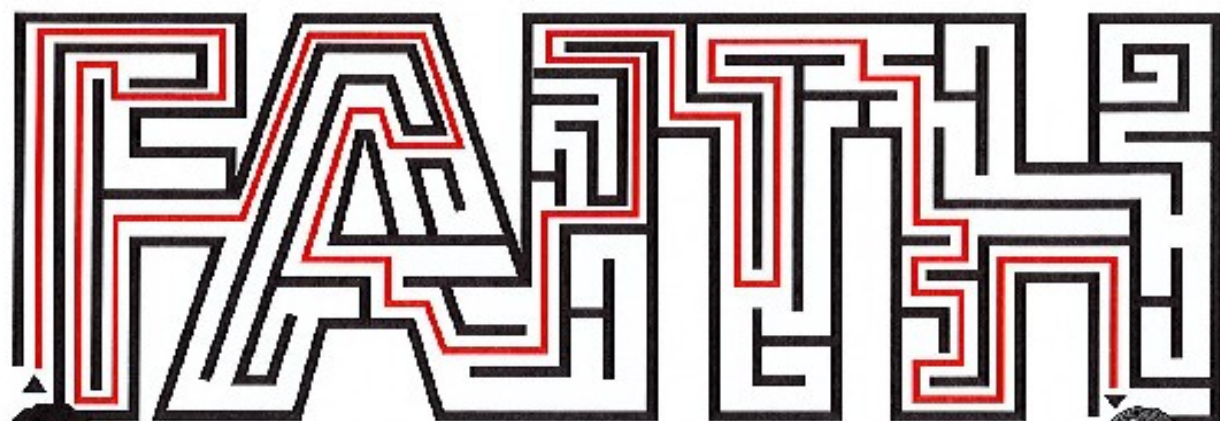
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Solutions

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Pastoral letter to the People of Parramatta on the return to worship

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Praised be to our God who as St Paul says is always at work for the good of everyone who loves him (Romans 8:28).

Next, I want to say a big thank you to all the families and parish communities in our Diocese of Parramatta!

During the long months of necessary lockdown, you have all risen to the challenge of sustaining one another through times of great isolation, loneliness, and grief in an impressive variety of ways, spiritual, emotional and practical. Thank you for bearing all these things with patience and for promoting the common good so responsibly.

I especially thank all who have worked tirelessly, in hospitals, aged care homes and across the nursing and medical profession for giving of yourselves so generously.

I thank all who have worked valiantly in our schools, facing unforeseen demands, and meeting them with characteristic professionalism, a sense of duty and dedication.

So many laity, consecrated persons, deacons, and priests have given so generously of their time and energy to keep open our churches here in the Diocese of Parramatta, as havens of peace and prayer.

In this pandemic crisis so many have creatively developed diverse new patterns of outreach - of prayer, catechesis, study, and spiritual solidarity; all who have made participation in the Mass possible through the internet. A special thanks to our Diocesan team who have provided us with *The Well* (thewell.org.au) which has nourished so many in these trying times, including those from far and wide.

Perhaps, some may be concerned that when things finally return to 'normal,' many Catholics will have grown accustomed to staying home and either watching Mass online or not participating at all.

But as we all know deep down, 'virtual' worship can never really replace the in-person celebration of Mass. Livestreamed liturgies should remain available for the sick and the elderly. But, even then, parishes should try to reach out to them in a personal way so that they remain connected to the community.

And how can we fail to thank all those in the outreach agencies of our Diocese who serve the Body of Christ in the poor, the refugees, the lonely and all on the 'peripheries'? They have contributed magnificently to the immense effort of providing food for those most in need. The generosity shown in the distribution of so very many meals and other acts of solidarity has given eloquent expression to the mercy, love and compassion which are at the very heart of the Gospel.

What will be the pace of our emerging from this pandemic remains as yet unclear. However, one challenge is certain.

Sometimes in times of stress like these, our work, shopping, sport, and entertainment media can capture our hearts. Let's all now take special care to recover a sense of sacred time as we emerge from this pandemic.

May we all, as the People of God in the Diocese of Parramatta, recommit ourselves to awaken in people a grateful love for the gift of the Eucharist as well as the Lord's Day.

When we go to Communion, we receive Christ in the most intimate way possible during our life — allowing him to become one with us — so that we actually become what we receive, the Body of Christ.

May we again devote ourselves to the grace and beauty of the Eucharist. Our Risen Lord is so close to us in the Eucharistic mystery.

Strengthened by His Body and Blood, our Saviour Jesus of Nazareth, constantly sends us out on mission, to live the Gospel afresh.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Vincent Long Van Nguyen".

Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta

Given at Parramatta on 22 October 2021
The Feast of St John Paul II, Pope