

Please Pray for


OUR SICK - Craig Dixon, Kim Lord, Fay Pattison, Michael Long, Jacqui Williams, Paul LeClerc.


REMEMBRANCE - Myrtle Taylor, Ken Black

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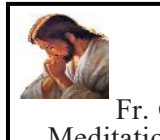
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Meditation on Jesus For Healing and Wellbeing Of Body & Soul (on zoom)
 Greetings of Peace,
 Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD is offering Meditation on Jesus. Meditation on the name Jesus has helped many to ease the distress caused by Pandemic. Those who wish to join zoom meditation may contact Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD. Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com.

This Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
 Jer 31:7-9
2nd Reading
 Heb 5:1-6
Gospel
 Mark 10:46-52

Next Sunday's Readings

1st Reading
 Deut 6:2-6
2nd Reading
 Heb 7:23-28
Gospel
 Mark 12:28-34

The Carmelite Centre Melbourne presents:

- Centering Prayer Meditation with Kathryn**
 It is an invitation for all with an open heart who are seeking to bring unity and wholeness into their daily life. Meetings via zoom every Tuesday, at 5:00pm. For more info contact : kathryn@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org
- Thursday Eve Meditation with Peter Thomas**
 Experience the benefit of meditation as a way of bringing peace, harmony and joy to your life. Meditation is a way to assist us to live a 'mindful' life to enhance our day-to-day awareness by living in the present moment. Meetings via zoom every Thursdays at 7:00pm. For more info contact: info@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org or call 03 9690 5430.
- Lectio Divina - A Reflective Prayer with the Scriptures by Fr David Hofman O'Carroll**
Lectio Divina, a Latin term, means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. An opportunity to experience being with a supportive community on the spiritual journey on Zoom every Fri at 10:00 – 11:00am. For more info contact 03 9690 5430 or email: info@thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org.
- Meditation and Mindfulness by Peter Thomas**
 series of ten modules podcasts. Peter Thomas who facilitates the usual Thursday evening meditation has produced a series of ten podcasts. Listen to each of the episodes to gain some appreciation of the value of meditation and mindfulness to your life. Treat each episode as a 'lesson', as though you are doing a course in meditation. Study the questions that arise from each one and answer the questions supplied as best as you can. The podcast could be found at <https://www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org/meditation-mindfulness-podcasts/>.

Thanksgiving

We wish to thank all you parishioners of St John's and St Francis Xavier's for your financial support to our parishes as the Victorian lockdown continues. The parish bills continue to accumulate despite the lockdown, so we thank and appreciate all of you that have been remitting your thanksgiving during this difficult time.

Please for those of you who use the thanksgiving envelope, we ask that you consider remitting your thanksgiving through the bank. We also invite all of you our friends who though are not parishioners but have been praying with us through the live stream to support our ministry if you can.

The Parish accounts are as follows:
St Francis Xavier's: (NAB) 083347 674295650
St John's: (NAB) 083347 553866349

Please for parishioners, state your name and envelop no. For more info call the parish office: 03 9783 3484.

Mass will be streamed online daily from :

Saturday, 23rd October - Saturday, 30th October

Weekday Mass - 9.15am

Saturday, 23rd October - *St John of Capistrano*
 Monday, 25th October
 Tuesday, 26th October
 Wednesday, 27th October
 Thursday, 28th October - *Sts Simon & Jude*
 Friday, 29th October
 Saturday, 30th October

Sunday Mass

Sunday Vigil, Saturday, 23rd & 30th Oct, 6.00pm
 Sunday, 24th October, 10.30am.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B - 24 October 2021



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St. Francis Xavier's Programme

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass: 6.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Saturday 9.15am; 1st + 3rd Mondays of the month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service

Monday 9.15am; 2nd, 4th + 5th Mondays of the month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration

Wednesday before 9.15am Mass, Friday after 9.15 Mass
 1st Friday of month until 10.00pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 10am & 5.30pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass

1st Thursday of month 9.15am

Rosary

Tuesdays before 9.15am Mass and Saturdays after 9.15am Mass

St. John's Programme

Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass: 7.00pm Saturday Evening
 Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Saturday 9.00 am

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service

Monday 9.00am

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Adoration

Wednesday before 9.00am Mass, Friday after 9.00am Mass
 1st Friday of month until 12noon

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.30am & 6.15pm

Anointing of the Sick Mass

1st Thursday of month 9.00am

Rosary

Before weekday Mass, (except Wednesday)
 Saturday at 9.30am

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.





Homily for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican, and a Jesuit, (apologies Fr Chinua/Jude, no golf playing Spiritans present!) were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to play through. By the eighteenth hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind. The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass very day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight.' The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, I can't see why they don't play at night!"

Sometimes, when faced with a person with special needs, we ponder as to what to do, how to respond, or ask ourselves, "Should I do anything differently?" We may overlook that we are all equal people. The crowd in to-day's gospel faced this same question. They believed that the blind man didn't belong in their midst. They regarded blindness as the lowest degradation that could be inflicted upon a person. The blind, together with cripples and lepers, were outcasts of society and kept quarantined outside the town limits, forced to become paupers and a menace to passers-by. In the eyes of the ancient Hebrews the maimed, and especially the blind, were thought to possess a debased character. Their illness believed to be a punishment. This prejudice was not based on the scriptures but rather the prevailing culture. Throughout the Old Testament God instructed His people to not mistreat those who were blind. Deuteronomy 27:18 "Cursed is the man who leads the **blind** astray on the road." **There was a cultural antipathy to the blind.** Even today society can have difficulty coping with someone who is different.

So to-day's Gospel is about a person living on the fringes of society. A blind beggar, a homeless person. **He is nameless**, his name Bartimaeus simply means son of Timaeus He is sitting beside the road. He hears all the noise, is told that Jesus is passing by, and begins to call out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" However, the people around tell him to be quiet. After all, he's only a poor beggar and in the eyes of society such an insignificant person should not disturb the important person passing though, i.e. Jesus. They blocked him from Jesus. They did it unthinkingly. Easy to happen. Something for us to reflect on. **Have we ever become a blocking force to someone approaching Jesus?**

Bartimaeus was persistent and Jesus heard.

Note Jesus' response. He is patient with Bartimaeus. He didn't rush in to restore the man's sight. No, Jesus waited. He asked Bartimaeus, "What would you have me do for you?" Jesus was a respecter of people, their hopes and desires. He doesn't rush in to solve problems. He waits for the request.

The beggar receives the sight he asked for ("Ask, and you shall receive"). Now he was seeing not only the face of Jesus but all the faces of those who judged him not to belong. Those who told him to go away. What does he do? He now had options – did he turn and embrace them? We don't know. We know that he does the only thing that a person with true vision can do – he follows Jesus on the road, that Way to Jerusalem and all that it means. He becomes unconditionally a disciple.

It reminds us all that sight, and the insight that can come from what we see, bestows on us the dignity of having options and the responsibility to do something about what we behold. **We are in the position to make choices about what we look at and what we choose to really see. We won't see people in need unless we remove our personal blindness.**

We cannot let ourselves off the hook with regard to seeing the world as it is and doing somethings about creating a better vision of humanity for everyone, everywhere.

Our Gospel is a **summing up of how Jesus' disciples learnt to see and walk with him along the Way.** As Christians, we have our eyes opened to the meaning of life. We are ready to walk with Jesus on the way to Jerusalem with clear vision, with true freedom. The question that Bartimaeus was asked, is the same question put by Jesus to us, "**what do you want me to do for you?**" If our answer is to have sight or insight, then let us pray for the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with such a gift.

Kevin Pattison

Pastoral Letter

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace be to you all. With the reopening of Melbourne from 11.59pm on Thursday October 21st the churches are allowed to reopen and to offer religious services which either twenty worshippers who are fully vaccinated or ten worshippers whose vaccination status are unknown can physically participate in.

Our Archbishop, Most Rev, Peter Comensoli has granted general permission for churches in Melbourne metropolis to reopen, while leaving it to individual parishes to make the determination if they would reopen immediately or wait until Victoria reaches eighty percent of double vaccination which would allow up to fifty double vaccinated people and perhaps up to 20 worshippers whose vaccination status are unknown to be in church.

In the past, we have opened our churches even when only five people were allowed. However, in the current circumstance of making a distinction between the fully vaccinated and those whose vaccination status are unknown, I have decided after consultation to delay the reopening of our churches until Sunday 31st October. By then, Victoria would have reached 80 percent of double vaccination, and with the higher number of worshippers that will be allowed in the church, it will be easier to manage our daily masses both for the vaccinated and for those whose status are unknown.

In my pastoral letter next week, I shall be detailing how we shall be celebrating masses to cater for the needs of all of you parishioners.

I thanks you for your resilience during the lockdown, Fr Jude and I are looking forward to leading you in worship face to face again.

I Remain your Pastor,

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp
Parish Priest
20.10.2021

2021 Walter Silvester Memorial Lecture: 'Truth, Treaty and Transformation'

Free online public lecture to be presented by *Jason Kelly and Frank Brennan SJ AO* on
Tuesday, 26 October 2021 at 5.30-7pm [AEDT]
No registration required. Click here to join: <https://acu.zoom.us/j/84877950748>

Enquiries to Anne Dowling: phone: 03 9304 2926 SMS (text): 0429 869 457
email: wsml@uacpallottines.org.au.



Meet Sophia : The Feminine Face of God Wed 27 October 2021 at 7.00pm – 8.00pm (AEDT)

Professor Mary Coloe's commentary on John's Gospel reveals the strong presence of Wisdom/ Sophia permeating the text.

From the **Prologue** to the **Passion**, *Sophia* is there – hidden often by weak translations, and our ignorance of the Jewish Scriptures that John draws upon when he tell his story of Jesus.

Cost: Free.

Registration: <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/z2kyutq1rpxp9n/>

The Zoom link will be forwarded upon registration.

***Booking is essential, as places are limited.**



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Catholic Theological College 2021 Knox Public Lecture

Thurs, 4 Nov at 7.00pm – 8.30pm

Professor Eleanor Bourke

Truth Telling & the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission

Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or

Phone 9412 3333

Venue: online

From Vatican II to Fratelli Tutti: Catholicism Encountering the World

Friday, 29 October 8.00am and Saturday, 30 October 2021 at 9.00am

IRCI Religion & Theology 2021 seminar series - This online conversation will explore how Fratelli Tutti—as an expression of Vatican II's call to renewal—illuminates contexts and methods for deepening genuine dialogue within an increasingly fractured church and world. The panellists have produced three ten-minute video presentations, which participants will be able to view and reflect on in advance of the discussion. The live event will make space for participants to dialogue with the panel as together we seek ways of living out the vision of Fratelli Tutti.

Register : <https://acu.zoom.us/joining/register/tZMvCu-rqDsoHtS7ILFhizRTPvwfIDIdUWIZ>

For more info email: ReligionTheology.seminar@acu.edu.au