



# STS PETER & PAUL'S

## CATHOLIC PARISH

### SOUTH MELBOURNE



Under the Pastoral care of the Capuchin Friars

24<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time

#### Seeing the Son of David

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see **2 Samuel 7:12–16**; **Isaiah 11:9**; **Jeremiah 23:5**). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see **Mark 11:9–10**).

As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see **Psalms 2:7**). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see **Psalms 110:4**), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see **Genesis 14:18–20**).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see **Matthew 25:31–46**)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us?

**Scott Hahn**

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#### MASS TIMES

Sunday 10am

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Mon - Sat: 8am

#### Confession Times:

Sat after 8am Mass

Sat 5:15pm

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*<sup>13</sup> "I can do all this through Him  
who gives me strength."*

*Philippians 4:13*



## COVID-19 Safe Plan for Church re-opening

There are new government requirements by which we are obliged to follow so our Church remains fully compliant with current regulations.

The current maximum limit of those who can attend a place of worship from 6/7 November is 106 in our Church according to the 4square metre measure, provided all those 16 years and over are fully vaccinated and can provide valid proof.

There are four acceptable methods for proving your vaccination status:

- service Victoria app linked to your Medicare COVID Certificate
- copy of your vaccination certificate saved in your digital wallet on your phone
- a hard copy of your certificate issued by Medicare
- proof of a valid medical exemption. Status to be sighted via the Victoria Services App or by letter from an approved practitioner.

These must be produced every time prior to entering the Church.

Failure to provide one of the above forms of vaccination status will mean we are unable to grant access. Please note that volunteers who act as marshals are present to ensure that these governments restrictions are followed.

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### FEAST OF THE WEEK

#### Blessed Maria Teresa Ferragud Roig

25<sup>th</sup> October

#### Mother of Capuchin Poor Clare Martyrs (1853-1936)



Maria Teresa Ferragud Roig was born 14 January 1853 in Algemesi, Spain. She married Vicente Silverio Masià, a man of deep faith and constant prayer, on 23 November 1872. They had nine children, three of whom became Capuchin Poor Clare Nuns (Maria Jesus, Maria Veronica, Maria Felicidad) and a fourth became a disalced Augustinian nun (Josefa de la Purificación). Maria Teresa went to Mass every day and was very devoted to the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She promoted charitable works especially through the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, of which she was also president. At the outbreak of the civil war and the religious persecution that spread throughout Spain in 1930's, Maria Teresa had her four daughter religious at home. These were discovered and their mother was imprisoned with them because she refused to leave them on their own. On 25 October 1936 they were all slain near Cruz Cubierta. Maria Teresa asked to be shot last so as to be able to encourage her daughters in their faithfulness to the Lord. They all cried, "Long live Christ the King!" and forgave their slayers.

Source: [www.capdox.capuchin.org.au](http://www.capdox.capuchin.org.au)

Please remember in your prayers and Masses the following people who are ill:  
 Sr Annunciata, Valda Hogan, Sr Joyce Stewart, Peter Wood, Joanne Kilmer, Liliana Bobadilla, Ruby Roxa,  
 Eunice Costa, Richard Fennessy, Giovanna Santarossa, James Burnes, James Atkins, Jeff Martin, Naomi  
 McSweeney, Miles Buntleski, Teresa Sheehan, Joseph Barbara, Helen Keighery, Dale Cocker, Grace, Lucie  
 Rodriguez, Simone Condon, Glenn Matton

### 30th Sunday in ordinary time

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly see his face.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Jeremiah 31:7-9

The prophet Jeremiah reassures the people at a time of conflict and suffering that the Lord God will save the faithful remnant of His people. One of the signs of this is gathering those in need, like those with problems of sight, which connects this to our Gospel passage.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**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.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! In deed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

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 sheaths.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Hebrews 5:1-6

Another classic passage from the letter to the Hebrews, about the difference between the high priests of the temple and Christ as priest of the order of Melchizedek

#### Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

#### Gospel – Mark 10:46-52

We hear of the large crowd who followed Jesus when they passed by a blind beggar by the side of the road. Hearing it was Jesus of Nazareth, Bartimaeus acclaims Jesus as Son of David, thus evoking from Jesus His affirmation that it is His faith that has saved him.

**Next week's readings:**

1	Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14
2	1 John 3:1-3
Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**We pray together:**

We pray for Pope Francis, his bishops, clergy and religious that they may listen to the cries of the people who are suffering.

We pray for those who are vision impaired. May the Gospel of the man born blind encourage us in the way Jesus showed His willingness to respond to his prayers.

For disadvantaged countries and communities, that they will be given a just share of vaccines and resources to deal with the COVID pandemic.

We pray for those who share the mission of the Church in our local parish through their work on committees and agencies. We thank them for their generosity of spirit and may God bless their energies in the way He knows best.

We pray for the people in troubled areas of our world, may their leaders intensify efforts to bring about peace and harmony.

We remember with compassion our family and friends who have gone before us. Hold them in your keeping, especially those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Clarke Shields, Denis Foley, Anne Mulrooney, Norm Staite, Rose Cassar, Fr Gavan Fitzpatrick, Lucy O'Dwyer, Margaret Stevenson.

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 2nd collection goes to  
 the running costs of the Parish.  
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#### Readers

#### E.M.E

#### Flower Arrangement

Sat 23  
 Sun 24  
 Sat 30  
 Sun 31

Janet  
 Gerry & Mario  
 Andy  
 Olwen & Rhoda

Doris  
 Doris  
 Aline

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