

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.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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HEALING POWER OF FAITH

The exile was a brutal experience for the people of Israel. It was a moment of powerlessness, shame, and disgrace for them. Feeling abandoned by God and bearing the scars of the bitter siege which had preceded their defeat, they huddled together trying to understand how their world, and God's promise, had been turned upside down. Jeremiah who had warned the people of their impending fate can now finally proclaim a word of comfort and hope. They will be brought back to their land. Furthermore, the path God is making for them is not one just for the strong. The vulnerable, the blind and lame, and those in labour will be able to tread this path.

As Jesus makes his way to Jerusalem a blind man calls out for his help. For others on the road, this man is an intrusion and obstacle. But he is the one who demonstrates what it means to have faith in Jesus. As Jesus bravely and compassionately journeys to his death and resurrection it is the blind man who ironically has the eyes to see what is really happening – and the courage and faith to follow.

The compassion of Jesus for the blind man is in keeping with how the letter to the Hebrews sees Jesus' high priesthood. He is the one who offers sacrifices on our behalf, the one who heals our wounds and brings us back into relationship with God and with others. He deals with us gently and with sympathy knowing our vulnerability and weakness.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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.

■ 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.

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

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MASSES ARE BACK AT MALABAR

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Sat 5pm Recorded & streamed

Tuesday - Friday 9am at St Andrew's

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Greetings to parishioners one and all of our Twinned Catholic Parishes St Andrew & Agnes, Malabar-Matraville. Life has been quite crazy at present with Covid 19, and all associated with restrictions with vaccinated persons and face masks etc. The good news is that all is working towards 90% vaccinated people and now the government is talking about vaccination boosters! What a roller coaster experience we have over the last two years, without going to Luna Park, which is now open!

I am very grateful for everyone from St Agnes' & St Andrew's who have assisted in concern with ministers during these Covid lockdown times, with our Live-streaming Masses and those who have given generously through using our support button on our St Agnes' & St Andrew's websites. As you may or may not know that St Andrew's was affected by the electrical storm the other Thursday evening, as I am sure many were affected as well. The damage was quite sufficient that our new sound system was fried together with our new television screen in the church which you would not have experienced yet, such a sizable insurance bill! Our phones and NBN were out, and livestreaming Masses are out at present. All these infrastructures of the parish will be repaired ASAP. In concern with Livestreamed Masses, we will only livestream on the weekend, and we will let you know which masses will be livestreamed. For the next two weeks this will be at our 9am mass.

With Covid restrictions and supply of materials, our St Agnes' Catholic War Memorial Church at Matraville with its restoration, and reopening date, has been delayed, due to matters beyond our control and will not reopen until 9am Mass on 4 November 2021. The church is a work zone, and it is not safe until its completion to reuse as our church. I would ask for your patience. Please be aware that we have done Stage 1, 2 & 3 and possibly 4 all in one, it has been a mammoth restoration project, so once again I would ask for your patience. I would at this stage wish to thank Chris Keher our Project Manager, who has volunteered many hours in preparation of the restoration program and has spearheaded the actual restoration project and continues to coordinate final touches in this wonderful restoration inside and out. I would also like to thank Gary Leafe his partner Cas and Roy Burton from St Agnes', who have assisted with their time and energy with the restoration. With the church reopening on 4 November, I would ask as many people as possible to join with me on Wednesday, 3 November in assisting with cleaning the church by dusting down all areas and other matters that need attention, before our 9am reopening Mass 4 November.

Our Masses this weekend and next weekend together with Masses through the week will take place at St Andrew's, Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am & 10 am, Tues-Fri 9am. I am fully aware that 1 & 2 November are special days of celebrations, there will be Masses at St Andrew's on All Saints Day at 7am & 9am and on All Souls Day at St Andrew's 7am, 9am & 12 Noon. So, all these Masses will be at St Andrew's and, I please ask again for your patience. In concern with Masses at St Andrew's and the Boom Gate, please just buzz the School Office and state you are coming to Mass, and they will open it for you, the Gate on exiting will open when you approach.

Please visit our parish websites for the document to protest to the Bill of voluntary Euthanasia.

God bless you all and keep you safe & well.

Fr John

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/



Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as the original custodians of this land

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Joe Brady, Margaret Smith, Pete Quirk, Annette Auld, Robert Donelley, Claude Timbery, Victor Ballard, Delma Davison, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Xavier & Louise Micallef, Som Luks, Robert Aquilina

The Sick: Fran Evans Fares Tadros, Emilia Grace Kelly and all the sick, dying, poor and homeless.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

This week Masses are all at St Andrew's

F John - Saturday 5pm streamed and recorded, Sunday 9am

Supply Priest - Sunday 10am

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From my desk