

The Cathedral Parish of St Joseph

Incorporating the worshipping communities of:
St Joseph's Cathedral, St Peter's, St Paul's (Gracemere) & Sacred Heart (Mount Morgan)

23rd—24th of October 2021
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reflection by Fr Andrew Hogan

Focus
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams.
Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.
Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in,
but with what it is still possible for you to do.

Pope John XXIII

Jesus placed a potent question to Bartimaeus, “What do you want me to do for you?”

It is a question that Jesus asks of us as well.

It is an invitation to believe, to trust, and to promise.

“Master, I want to see!” is a brave request. Most of us would have parts of our life that we simply don't want to see: marriage problems, addictions, difficult relationships, questionable decisions. It takes courage to ask for sight because it requires changes, perhaps profound changes that we may be unprepared or unwilling to make.

“Master, I want to see!” may be a moment of prayer to seek God's illumination into difficult decisions and moments in life. It is an admission that we don't always see clearly on our own and so need God's light in our lives.

When Bartimaeus had his sight restored, he joined Jesus on the road to Jerusalem: to his passion and death. A desire to see will not save us from difficulties and tribulations of life. It will allow us to recognise where God is present to us, guiding us, and leading us to fulness of life.

Master, I want to see!

Rev Andrew Hogan

(Adapted from First Impressions Jude Siciliano, O.P)

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Mass Times

Monday 25th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

Tuesday 26th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 5:30pm

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Wednesday 27th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Thursday 28th October

Sts Simon & Jude, apostles

St Joseph's Cathedral 8:00am

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Friday 29th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 12:10pm

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

Saturday 30th October

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral

9:30am - 10:30am

Confessions

Vigil Masses

Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan

4:00pm

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Sunday 31st October

31st Sunday in Ordinary

Time

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:30am

St Paul's, Gracemere 8:00am

St Joseph's Cathedral 9:30am

Also livestreamed on cposj.com

St Joseph's Cathedral 6:00pm

Ordinarate Masses

St Peter's Church, Allentown

Sunday 9:30am

Cathedral Bookshop

Open on Wednesday &

Thursday 9am - 2pm

Open on Friday 9am - 4pm

Contact 4921 2170

www.cathedralbooks.com.au

We pray for our brothers & sisters that have recently died

We pray for those who have recently passed into eternal life:

Felipe Sanchez (Philippines), Michael Yarrow, Mark Pillage, Joan Molloy, Jim Woodall, John Boyle, Kathleen Whelan, Valerie Williamson, Val Miles, Bernice Barnes, John Ebb, Laurel Pinkerton

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Change to Wednesday Cathedral Mass

Parishioners please be aware that from Wednesday the 27th of October the Wednesday mass at the Cathedral will change from 12:10pm to **8:00am**.

We thank you for your understanding.

A Message from Bishop Michael to Volunteers

On behalf of the Cathedral Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council, I invite you to join with me at the Cathedral Parish Centre for light refreshments and conviviality to say thank for your contribution to the faith life of the Cathedral Parish during this past year. This includes all those who serve on committees and ministries of the Cathedral parish of the worshipping communities of St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's Gracemere and Sacred Heart Mount Morgan.

Date: Tuesday 7 December 2021

Time: 5pm to 6,30 pm

RSVP by contacting the Cathedral Office by 3 December

Bishop Michael McCarthy

Bereavement Team Meeting

All members of the Bereavement Team are invited to attend the next meeting to be held on the **26th October** from 4pm to 5pm at the Cathedral Centre.

Mission Sunday Appeal—24 October

For we **CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING** about what we have **SEEN & HEARD**
ACTS 4:20

This week Catholic Mission will share the story of Churai*, who having experienced much heartbreak in childhood, turned to the Mother and Babies Home run by the Good Shepherd Sisters in Bangkok when she experienced rejection as an adult, abandoned by her partner and pregnant.

Without this program, many vulnerable mothers like Churai will have nowhere to turn when they need love and care the most.

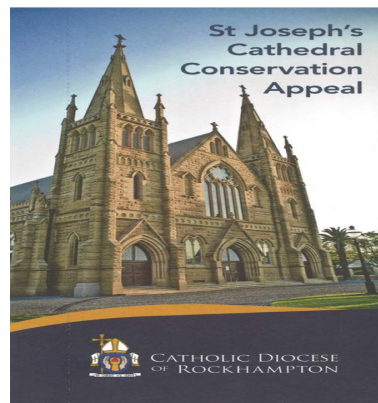
Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/thailand or by texting 'GIVE' to 0488 854 436. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

November Memorial Service

Dear people of the parishes of Rockhampton. On Thursday, 4th November I invite you to gather in St Joseph's Cathedral at 5:30pm to remember all the loved ones who have died during this year. It will be an opportunity to pray together, celebrate our faith in the Risen Lord and seek comfort. As your Bishop I welcome you to gather with me on this day and to celebrate for all of our dear relatives and friends.
Bishop Michael McCarthy

Parish Safeguarding (Volunteer)

We are seeking two volunteers to be Parish Safeguarding Representatives (PSR's) for St Joseph's Cathedral Parish. The position is responsible for ensuring that the parish is aware of the importance of Safeguarding and supporting the fundamental obligations of St Joseph's Cathedral Parish to ensure the proper safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. If you are interested in supporting Safeguarding in your Parish or would like further information Please contact Judy Pidcock 4887 3080 pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au



Special Collection, Weekend of the 6th & 7th of November

St Joseph's Cathedral Conservation Appeal honours the importance of our Cathedral, the seat of the Bishop, and its role in unifying us as one "ecclesia" (one baptised community).

With your donation you are helping preserve St Joseph's Cathedral for future generations.

Thank you for generously assisting in the conversation of St Joseph's Cathedral.

Donations can be made via:

Collection on the weekend
Telephone—07 4887 3090
Scanning QR code



Donations to this appeal are not tax deductible

Email: communications@rok.catholic.net.au for further information

Holy Hour—Friday 5th November

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

When: Friday November 5th 5:30pm

Where: St Joseph's Cathedral



An opportunity for prayer and fellowship. All are welcome to a holy hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for vocations for our diocese and for our own vocations

Dinner to follow at 7pm at **Allenstown Hotel**. To be included in the booking for dinner contact Mick at 0433 897 973 or vocations@rok.catholic.net.au



Get Creative and Colour for World Children's Day 2021

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office have announced a colouring competition to mark World Children's Day on the 20th of November.

The Safeguarding team would love to hear from the kids of all parents, carers and guardians around our Diocese about what keeps them safe.

Kids are encouraged to check out the colouring-in sheets at the front of the church where you can write or draw what keeps them safe. All ideas are welcome!

Youth Competition

The Safeguarding team at the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton want to hear your ideas about 'What Keeps You Safe'. With awesome prizes to be won, all you need to do to enter is:

- Grab some mates or work solo
- Pick a social of choice (insta, snapchat, tik tok) and make a 10 second to 1 minute video
- Ask your parents to sign the permission form
- Message your entry & form to the CDR FB site admins <https://www.facebook.com/rokdiocese>

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton is looking forward to all the amazing entries from our creative youth.

Mercy Work's Raffle

Our parish's most popular raffle is back again with all new prizes!

- 1st Prize - Patchwork quilt worth \$200
- 2nd Prize - \$100 cash prize
- 3rd Prize - Basket of goodies valued at \$75
- 4th Prize - \$60 voucher to the iconic Riverston Tea Room

Tickets are only \$1 each with all funds raised going towards the amazing charitable works of the Mercy Associates and Sisters of Mercy. **Tickets can be purchased from the Parish Office or Cathedral Bookstore.** Raffle will be drawn on Saturday 13th November.

Safeguarding

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the *National Catholic Safeguarding Standards* (2013), and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and vulnerable adults.

For further information or support please contact the Diocesan *Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office*:

Response Line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssoadmin@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

To view the **Diocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults commitment statement and Policy**: <http://www.rok.catholic.net.au/safeguarding-policies.html>

Ministers taking Communion to the sick and housebound

I invite all those who are in the ministry of taking Holy Communion to those in hospitals, nursing homes and within our parishes who are housebound, to a training session on **Saturday, 6th November**, between **10.30am and 12.30pm** in the **Duhig Conference Centre**, West Street.

The ministry of taking Holy Communion to the sick is an important ministry of consolation and prayerful support for those who cannot join us at the Eucharistic table on a Sunday. I ask that all who are involved in this ministry avail themselves to this session. Please let me know directly of your attendance at bishop@rok.catholic.net.au or contact my office on 4887 3070 during business hours if you are unable to email.

Bishop Michael McCarthy

KIDS CORNER

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Blindness

Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the gospel. Saul/Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being 'blind fools' and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah's arrival. It is a very powerful image of being 'blind' to truth and 'blind' to the teaching of Jesus.

In today's gospel reading, we meet a man (Bartimaeus) who in spite of his blindness can see what many people with good vision cannot see. And because of his 'spiritual sight', his physical sight is given to him. How often are we blinded in our faith? How many times do we rely on reading glasses and walking canes?

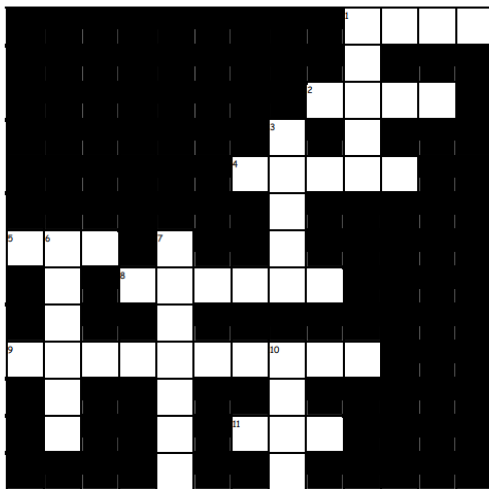
The blind man believed that Jesus could help him but people told the man to be quiet.

- ◆ 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?

CROSSWORD

The Lord helps those who have faith

Mk 10:46-52



Across

- 1: the opposite of start
- 2: you might wear this over your other clothes to keep you warm
- 4: Jesus told the man his eyes were healed because of his _____
- 5: the blind man jumped up and ____ to Jesus
- 8: next to
- 9: this blind man asked Jesus to help him
- 11: Bartimaeus told Jesus that he wanted to be able to do this

Down

- 1: yell
- 3: Bartimaeus called out to Jesus, 'Son of _____, have pity on me!'
- 6: scared
- 7: Jesus and his disciples met a blind man as they were leaving this place
- 10: you see with these

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

We are all God's children

Jer 31:7-9
Ps 126:1-2ab, 4-5, 6, R, v.3
Heb 5:1-6
Mk 10:46-52

B T C A A R O N X B L I N D
H W H X Q B N J S T O P L F
L V I U T M I J F T M P N L
Z M L G V Z N I Z O E U R F
T W D B A R T I M A E U S A
Z Q R N Y H C A C R O W D I
X Y E N A Y K F G I F T S T
J F N D L H I R D A V I D H
Z S M W H H Y A Y L E D T F
P J S G E T I I S A T D I M
V R K M W E B D X C D T G Y
G G B W P D Z J M X N C U Y
P R K J E R I C H O C Q B K

Try to find these words:

Aaron
afraid
Bartimaeus
blind
children
crowd
David
faith
gifts
Jericho
priest
stop

An Invitation

To everyone who enjoys reading books, you are warmly invited to join Di-Anne Rowan at the Cathedral Parish Centre on Friday 29 October from 10:30 and 11:30am to learn about Fr Richard Leonard's latest book "The Law of Love."

Copies of the book can be purchased for the Cathedral Bookshop.

Morning tea will be available from 10:00am.

Please RSVP to Di-Anne by Wednesday 27th October at Di-Anne_Rowan@rok.catholic.edu.au or ring 4994 8100.

Ecumenical Corner

Churches Together

This weekend please keep in your prayers the praying community of The Cathedral of Praise.

Ecumenical Teaching

Before offering Himself up as a spotless victim on the altar of the cross Jesus prayed to the Father for those who believe. "that all may be one even as thou, Father, in me and I in thee; that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that thou hast sent me". (John 17:21)

Catholic Principles of Ecumenism Article 2

Submitted by Sr Beryl Amedee

If you wish to read more on Ecumenism go to the Documents of Vatican 11 Decree on Ecumenism.

Weekly Prayer

Making a Difference Prayer: Philippians 4:8

"Keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise".

"...And God, who gives peace, will be with you"

Men Alive—Men's Weekend—Emerald



**MEN'S WEEKEND—October 30 – 31
St Patrick's Primary School, Emerald**

An opportunity for men to explore what makes you feel fully alive as a man. Discover a new sense of purpose and mission in your marriage, family and community. Organised by men from the Emerald Parish and suitable for men of all ages. \$50 for two days. Good food and company assured. Bring a mate.

Saturday 8:30am-8:30pm; Sunday 8:15am-1:30pm

Billeting or Car Pooling may be available for men from outside of Emerald.

To register or for any inquiries please contact:

Ben Fraser on 0466 583 945 or

benjaminfraser@gmail.com

Or

Mick Otto on 0433 897 973 or

Michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au

Pope John Paul II

The true Christian can nurture a trustful optimism, because he is certain of not walking alone. In sending us Jesus, the eternal Son made man, God has drawn near to each of us. In Christ he has become our travelling companion.

Sacraments 2021-2022

Continuing the Journey in the Catholic Faith Sacraments 2021 - 2022

Calling all families with children who have reached the age of reason (which is seven years of age) to join the preparation journey 2021-2022 towards the celebration of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist in 2022.

The time has arrived for the journey to commence

The first meeting will be held on 26 or 27 October

This meeting is for parents only – parents only need to attend one meeting...

- 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Venue Kevin Castles Centre West Street (opposite Red Lion Hotel)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Mary's on Nobbs Street holds adoration each Thursday from 4:30pm - 7:00pm.

This evening commences with the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

All are welcome!

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The gathering of the people back to the Lord is a sign of the homecoming that God desires for each one of us.

Psalm

Responsorial Psalm 125



The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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Second Reading

Hebrew 5:1-6

Christ, the high priest, offers prayer and intercession to the Father that we might have life in its fullness.

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

The healing of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, is a sign of the gift of faith which alone comes from Jesus so that we may be his friends.

Parish Schools

St Joseph's, Wandal



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Principal:

Kellie Jenkinson

St Peter's



4994 8225

Anthony Greene

St Paul's



4994 8235

Patricia Adair

The Cathedral College



4999 1300

Rob Alexander

Please join us in song

Gathering

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Traditional

Procession of Gifts

Blessed Be Our God Amanda McKenna

Communion

Gift of Finest Wheat Robert E. Kreutz

Recessional

The Summons John L. Bell