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PARISH PRIEST: Mons. John Usher
MASSES: Saturday (Vigil) 6.00 pm Sunday 9.00 am and 6.00 pm
Mon: 8.00 am Communion Service Tues to Fri: 8.00 am Mass
Rosary after Morning Mass on Fridays
RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5.30 pm to 5.45pm
PARISH ADMIN.: Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm – Brenda

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK: **Monday:** St Narcissus (222- Bishop of Jerusalem); **Tuesday:** St Marcellus the Centurion (309); **Wednesday:** St Wolfgang (994 – Bishop of Ratisbon); **Thursday:** ALL SAINTS DAY; **Friday:** ALL SOULS DAY; **Saturday:** St Martin De Porres (1639 – Patron of South America).

MESSAGE FROM MONS JOHN: In Today's Gospel a blind man called Bartimaeus boldly cries out to Jesus, "Son of David, have mercy on me!". The disciples of Jesus tried to quieten the boisterous blind man. Bartimaeus was not deterred and he cried out all the louder.

The followers of Jesus, as we've heard over the past few weeks, thought that being important in the eyes of Jesus was a status reserved to them. A blind beggar, they believed, was not entitled to a special place near the man they thought would be the great political liberator of Israel. Then something happened that not only surprised the disciples of Jesus but it probably upset them. Maybe they said amongst themselves, "He won't promise us a special place in his kingdom and now he wants to meet and embrace this useless blind beggar!". So Jesus asks the beggar "What do you want?". It is exactly the same question that he asked James and John when they requested him to do a favour for them. He asked the two disciples "What do you want?" They wanted important places in his kingdom. The blind man simply replied "Master, let me see again!".

The blind man didn't want to be important. It is likely that he didn't know anything much about Jesus. All he knew about Jesus was that he had a charismatic gift for teaching and healing, especially amongst poor people, sick and disabled people and even amongst people who others judged to be "sinners". In spite of his blindness he could actually see what the mission of Jesus was really all about. To appreciate that Jesus is really about "mercy" and "justice" is to have the gift of faith. Ironically the blind beggar had a more profound understanding about the mission of Jesus than the disciples themselves. He had greater faith, and Jesus restored his sight.

Today we too are invited to ask the Lord to "let us see!". We are invited to appreciate that a true disciple of Jesus is a person who, like Jesus, is not committed to power and authority but, rather, to "mercy" and "justice".

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY: This coming Thursday and Friday, respectively, are the feasts of All Saints and All Souls. These feasts mark the beginning of the month of November. During November we are invited to honour the Saints and all who have died. If you would like a special Mass said for loved ones who have died, just write their names on one of the

November envelopes that will be in the Church next Sunday. (*Note: ALL SAINTS DAY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - MASS ON THE 1ST & 2ND OF NOVEMBER WILL BE AT 8.00AM.*)

CATHOLIC MISSIONS: Following on from last week-end, the opportunity to contribute to the Catholic Missions throughout the world is still available this week-end. Envelopes remain on the seats. Many of us have been generous supporters to the Catholic Missions and it provides for special help to struggling communities in terms of education, welfare and health care.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Members of the Pastoral Care group will offer light refreshments after each Mass next weekend 3/4th. We hope you can stay for a while and join us.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' PLENARY COUNCIL 2019-2020: This Council is designed to establish a dialogue amongst Catholics across Australia. The questions we are invited to discuss are these:

- What do you think God is asking of Australian Catholics at this time?
- What questions do you have about the future of the Catholic Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020
- Do you have a story of your experience as a Catholic you would like to share

Here at St Patrick's we will develop ways in which we might address these questions during the next few months.

ORDER OF MALTA - LOURDES DAY MASS – 1ST DECEMBER 2018: This special Mass, especially for those who are sick or fragile, is to be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 10AM on Saturday 1st December 2018. After the mass, which will be celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher, there will be a blessing of the sick with water from the spring at the Lourdes shrine in France.

ALL PASTORAL CARE MEMBERS AND THOSE THAT TAKE COMMUNION TO THE SICK: There will be a brief meeting 11-11.30am that all members are asked to attend it will take place in the hall.

CATHOLIC CARE PRESENTATION: If you think you may need some help with accessing in-home care and support or you are finding it difficult to understand the aged care system and how it works, Catholic Care can help. Following on from a very successful recent presentation we are extending another invitation to Seniors and their families, Carers and Community members who have regular contact with Seniors to help you get a start with organising home care for yourself or loved one. Please join us for an information session in the Parish Hall on **Wednesday 31st October, 2018 at 7pm RSVP Marie 0414 588846.**

"INNER – WESTFEST" FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT HOLY CROSS COLLEGE RYDE Calling all Youth and Young Adults, Wednesday, 7th November – Join famous singer and musician Gary Pinto who has worked with big names like Stevie Wonder, Guy Sebastian to name a few and co-wrote the theme song for World Youth Day 2008 "Receive the Power". Gary also tours in his own right sharing his powerful story of conversion. **A free night of dinner, music and a chance to encounter Christ. Bring your friends. Dinner at 6.00pm, event start at 7.00pm** Venue will be Holy Cross College Ryde. More details contact Fr Dan on 0428687808 (phone) and email brdan@rgcp.org.au

A CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT CARMEN'S AT BARNWELL PARK ON THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2018: For those who are available during the day, our Parish Social Ministry extends an invitation to attend a Christmas Lunch at Carmen's Restaurant, Barnwell Park Golf Club. The cost is \$45 for lunch, tea, coffee and entertainment commencing at 12 NOON. RSVP Anne Manenti on 87658260 by 21st November.

BEHIND THE SMILE OF CARDINAL GILROY: Historian and author, Br John Luttrell will speak about Cardinal Gilroy, as detailed in his wonderful book about Cardinal Gilroy, at the Catholic Institute of Sydney, 99 Albert

Road Strathfield on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 10.30 am . RSVP by 9th November to veechlibrary@cis.catholic.edu.au (See Parish Notice Board).

DIARY DATES

Mon	10.00am Bingo in the Parish Hall – All Welcome just come along on the day
Wed	11.00am Christian Meditation in the Lady Chapel – Everyone is welcome!

RECENTLY DECEASED: Norman Klein; Brian Donohoe; Amelia Fiormentino; Vonnice McGill; Frank Vella

ANNIVERSARY AND SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Paul Jackson; Caterina Archetti; Umberto Rusconi; Alvaro Bianchi (16th Anniversary); Pina Bianca (3 months Anniversary); Francesco Cannone; Andrea, Angela & Loretta Ricchiuti; Lusy, Elena, Brunia, Flora Foresto; Gaspare Favero; Peruzzi Favero; Favero Family; Puglisi & Tindiglia Families; Catherine Gooley; Monica Allen; Giacomina Lo Surdo; Laurence Cosgrove Vicky Aquilina.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY: Join the Prayer Group after Sunday's 9am Mass to say one decade of the Rosary and the Memorare for petitions received Margaret Dix; Queenie Menso; Zac; Fr Davino; Maria; Maria Pia Rapi; Sr Carol; Nives Tessarolo; Ade Barton; Tony; Donald Tepeau; William Usher; Anthony; Tony Brezlin; Bernadette; Michael; Nina McNamara; Rod; Kaitlyn Toohey; Kane Petersen; Raylene; John Coulson; Margaret Love; Domenica; Dannie; Diane. To have your own petitions included, please see one of the group, or phone Carmel Moliterno 9736 1718.

NEXT WEEK 3 & 4 NOVEMBER 2018 – WEEK ONE			
	Sat. 6.00 pm	Sun. 9.00 am	Sun. 6.00 pm
Readers	Amanda Gierek Barbara Bolster	Anne Manenti Peter Manenti	Sadie Younan Alyssa Younan
Acolytes	Kevin Nelson-Smith Julian McCarron	Eric Kent Gigi Pelizzari Neve Pelizzari	Peter Scicluna Rocco Arce
Communion at Mass	Paula Patterson Lorette Quinlan	Carmel Moliterno Vicki Garcea	Britta Crozier Diane Gamra
Communion to the Sick	Paul Ballesty and Ron Vozzo		
Children's Liturgy	Sinead Kent		
Altar Society 1st Saturday	Philomena Turley and Bernadette Griffin		
Money Counters	B. Cramsie, T. Driver, P Driver, S Kent		
Altar Servers	Please see Mons John		

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE BY PURCHASING A CATHOLIC WEEKLY TODAY FOR ONLY \$2.00 - MANY THANKS