



Reaching Out

ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

PART OF THE GEELONG DEANERY
WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

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A CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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Let me see again

The presence of the blind man - a person on the margins of society - in today's Gospel is, more profoundly, a journey of faith.

Bartimaeus recognises who Jesus is and what he can do. There is no holding him back as he moves forward, in faith, towards Jesus. Jesus calls him and Bartimaeus responds, presenting himself as he is. The granting of his sight is another indicator of what follows. The disciple is called to respond. This "sight" results in only one thing that is possible: to follow Jesus along the road.

This story provides us with the right path in discipleship. Are we following Jesus in this manner?

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**Better to illuminate
than merely shine.**

St Thomas Aquinas

Preface and Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer V - Third Form

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

EL SHADDAI PRAYER PARTNERS

This is a Prayer Group within the Catholic Charismatic Movement. Prayer meetings are usually held every fortnight.

CARE FOR CHILDREN

Please remember, it is the duty of parents and carers to supervise their children at all times. This includes accompanying them to and from the toilet area.

PLEASE REMEMBER

The First Collection goes towards the running of the presbytery and the support of the priest. The Second Collection, which includes the Thanksgiving envelopes, goes towards the needs and maintenance of the church, presbytery and grounds.

Please pick up your new set of envelopes after Mass.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN HUANCANE, PERU

Please support this Project to assist in the learning needs of the children in Huancane.

You can view *Be part of HIS mission!* on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0pjTEcYGys>

PARISH CALENDAR

Please note:

3 November 10.00 am Mass - Visit of Fr Martin Galea mssp, Superior General

10 November 10.00 am Mass - Confirmation with Bishop Martin Ashe presiding

From the Writings of the Servant of God Joseph De Piro (1877 - 1933)

Founder of the Missionary Society of St Paul



Labour and pray, as much as you can, that the light of faith penetrates everywhere.

TOGETHER WE CELEBRATE AND PRAY

St Thomas Aquinas Church, Norlane

Monday	28 October	10.00 a.m.	Sts Simon & Jude
Saturday	2 November	5.00 p.m.	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time (vigil)
Sunday	3 November	10.00 a.m.	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available before and after Mass, or by appointment.

St John the Evangelist Church, Rippleside

Wednesday	30 October	10.00 a.m.	30 th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday	1 November	10.00 a.m.	All Saints
Sunday	3 November	8.30 a.m.	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time
		10.35 a.m.	Rosary
		11.00 a.m.	31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available before and after Mass, or by appointment.

From Our Parish

The 10.00 a.m. Mass from St Thomas' is being live-streamed. You can connect here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCCCfX42IFvK9wkPzeZcj8QA>

You can also watch the live-stream at another time.

St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne is available daily. The 1.00 p.m. Mass is streamed live daily (Mon-Fri) and is then available as a recording on-demand until one hour prior to the next Mass. Sunday Mass is available, with the 11.00 a.m. Mass live streamed and it is also available as a recording on-demand. Watch here:

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>. Other links recommended by the Melbourne Archdiocese are: <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Mass for You at Home

Mass for You at Home is broadcast on Eleven and Network Ten on Sundays and Aurora Channel on Foxtel every day. Watch here:

<http://www.mfyah.com/video.html> or <https://10play.com.au/mass-for-you-at-home>

Remembering the Sick

Philomena MacBryde, Antonio Romeo, Mary Ruzzo, Josephine Wakeman, Frank Beattie, Alice Squires, Corrina Schintler, Darren Doyle, Susana Cioch, Psyche Manuel, Mary Byrne, Veronica Giles, Thomas Cartwright, Kathleen Beattie, Chloe Benincasa, Theresa King.

Those whose anniversary we remember

Cora Hazelager, Marie McGinness, Jose Evalle Sr and Lorna Oling.

GOD CALLS US

Jesus hears our cry for help. What do you want Jesus to do for you? How will you show your gratitude? (Mark 10:46-52)

MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE

Thank you to all those whose love and support have sustained me in the time since Mum passed away. Thank you for all you do to care for me. It is deeply appreciated. Please continue to pray for me and my family.

OUR CALL TO MISSION



The Christian life is "joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17), for the necessary result of the love of charity is joy; since every lover rejoices at being united to the beloved... the effect of charity is joy.

Pope Francis, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, 122.

MESSAGE OF FR MARTIN GALEA MSSP, SUPERIOR GENERAL, FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2024
“EXTEND THE INVITATION”

I wonder what kind of images are evoked in the minds of people who, like me, come from the so called more developed countries when they are presented with an invitation to reflect on Mission Sunday. I get the impression that most of us would think of people, particularly children, who are in need, suffering from hunger, and lacking financial resources, inviting us, through this day to be generous and share our resources with them. Of course, this remains part of the message of this day, but I hope that many of us who are part of the Paulist family have developed a deeper understanding of Mission Sunday and are now able to see that the invitation extends much further. It is closer to home than we once imagined.

Our brothers and sisters coming from, for lack of a better term, developing countries helped me appreciate that this day invites us to share more than just material support. It invites us to share the gift of faith, the light of Christ, with those struggling in darkness.

This day calls us all to discover ourselves, using the words that Pope Francis often uses, as “missionary disciples.” This means that all of us, while called to follow Christ and become more one with Him, are also invited to embrace our missionary calling – the task of helping others make a personal encounter with the Lord.

This is the greatest gift we can offer to anyone. Mother Teresa is famously quoted as saying, “The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved.” This kind of poverty cannot be alleviated with financial aid alone. Only when a person encounters the love of God, as revealed to us in Jesus Christ, can this need be truly addressed. Moreover, financial aid makes Christian sense only when it becomes a concrete proclamation of God’s love to those in need.

This day invites us to look around and see to whom we might be sent. We might not need to look far. It could be someone we meet daily at work, a neighbour, or even a social contact online. Let us realize what a great gift faith is and how terrible life can be when someone is deprived of that light.

I might feel that my faith is too little or too weak to be of help to others. I might be tempted to think that I first need to grow stronger in my faith, become more intimate with Christ, and become holier in my behaviour before I can ‘qualify’ to share my faith with others. However, the Gospel follows a different logic. The Gospel follows the logic contained in the story of the feeding of the five thousand, or the passage of the widow’s mite, two images which were very dear to our Founder. The Gospel’s logic goes like this: if you feel you have very little, share that little, and you will have more than enough!

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year’s Mission Sunday is “Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt 22:9).” Many of us are regularly nourished by the banquets offered by our MSSP communities and the ministry provided by our MSSP brothers and sisters. This theme is certainly an invitation to make our spaces more inclusive, to “enlarge the space of our tents,” to use the title of one of the preparatory documents of the current Synod, so that more brothers and sisters can benefit from the graces being showered upon us.

Furthermore, this is an opportunity to allow two of our identified MSSP characteristics – solidarity and hospitality – to shine. Let us ask God to help us identify those in desperate need of someone to reach out to them, give us the courage to do so, and welcome them into our lives and into our communities.

THANK YOU!	20 October 2024	READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK	3 November 2024
Thanksgiving Collection	\$ 295.45	<i>31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</i>	
Direct Deposits & Cheques (T)	\$ 266.00	<i>First Reading</i>	Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Presbytery Collection	\$ 152.50	<i>Second Reading</i>	Hebrews 7:23-28
Direct Deposits & Cheques (P)	\$ 255.00	<i>Gospel</i>	Mark 12:28-34

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has saved you.’ And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.” (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don’t happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God’s active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.