

Feast Days in the Thirtieth Week of Ordinary Time

- **Thu 1 Nov:** SOLEMNITY for **ALL SAINTS**. Today we offer the Lamb and celebrate the victory of our God in the company of all the redeemed in the heavenly kingdom. (Apoc 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 23:1-61 1Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12).
- **Fri 2 Nov:** **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)** — Just as Jesus died and rose again, so will the Father bring with him those who have died in Jesus. Just as in Adam all people die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
- **Sat 3 Nov:** Optional for **St Martin de Porres, religious**. Born at Lima, Peru, in 1579 of a native mother and a Spanish father. Entered Dominican Order where he continued as a medical assistant. Lived a life of fasting and prayer. Died in 1639.

PROLIFE NEWS

People who wrote to Parliament's Justice Committee on euthanasia early this year are being urged by Euthanasia-Free NZ to contact the Committee ASAP if they haven't received a confirmation that their submission was received, or if they still want to speak to the Committee for up to 5 minutes. Unfortunately there have been recurring problems with their system, including 700 submissions being lost temporarily and problems with people not being contacted or contacted for the wrong area. Therefore the Committee is calling on the public to contact them at Justice.EndofLife@parliament.govt.nz or by phoning 04 817 8506.

Subject to demand, the remaining sessions will be on Monday 29 October (Auckland, Wellington), Monday 5 November (Hamilton) and 12 November (Christchurch). More information and free support are available at <https://tiny.cc/orals> or 0800 42 76 42.

Pregnancy Help - Auckland

For info call us on (09) 373 2599
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www.pregnancyhelp.org.nz

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Sunday Mass Times: Sat. Vigil: 5.30pm Sunday: 9.00am

Weekday Times: Mon: 8am Liturgy Tues, Thurs & Sat: 9am Holy Mass

Wed & Fri: 12pm Holy Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat, after 9.00am Mass

NOVEMBER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR **Beloved Ones**

MISSIO-NZ receives Mass Intentions to pray for your beloved ones (living and deceased). We forward your Mass request to priests in dioceses in developing countries. Most of them only rely on Mass Stipends. Thank you.

You may send your Mass Request and details to Fr Bernard Espiritu, SVD at MISSIO-NZ, PO Box 43226 Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt 5048. We will post you a receipt.

See the pamphlets at the door of the church.

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 27: Winifred Kavanagh 1953,
Christina O'Brien 1959

Oct 28: Peter Owens 1936, Thaddaus O'Leary 1947

Oct 29: Olive Patterson 1944, James Manning 2003,
Peter Bell 2014

Oct 31: James Boylan 1922, Andrea Hendry 1961

Nov 1: Desmond Butler 1991, Terence Fagan 2005

Nov 2: Agnes Reid 1941, Jessie Anderson 1944

Nov 3: Horace Stewart 1937, Joan Goldwater 1992

For a Catholic Chaplain to visit a patient at North Shore Hospital, phone 358 0825 Ext.1019

Sunday Dishes

4 Nov — Kim

Counting Roster

4 Nov —Kate &

Catherine

Flowers

2 Nov—Elizabeth



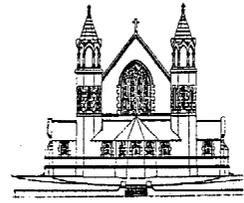
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THIRTIETH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME : 28 OCTOBER 2018

In the Gospel Reading, blind Bartimaeus will not stop yelling for Jesus to have pity on him, until Jesus finally calls for him. And at this point the funny parts of the story start. Why doesn't Jesus go over to Bartimaeus? Why wait for the blind man to find his way to Jesus? And when Bartimaeus does find his way to him, Jesus asks him what seems like the dumbest question: "What do you want me to do for you?" What on earth would anybody suppose Bartimaeus wants? He's blind!

Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted

And when Jesus heals him and Bartimaeus can see, Jesus says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. But why? What does Bartimaeus's receiving his sight have to do with his being saved?

Here we need to notice what Bartimaeus actually says to Jesus in answer to Jesus' question to him. Bartimaeus does not say to Jesus, "I want my sight." He says, "I want to see." To want sight is to want a capacity which can be used for all kinds of purposes—raising sheep, making money. But to want to see is to want the connection with reality that the exercise of sight makes possible. Wanting to see is wanting to know the true nature of reality, hidden in one way from a person when he is blind.

Once we see what Bartimaeus asks for, the funny parts of the story make more sense. When Jesus calls Bartimaeus to himself, he gives Bartimaeus a small period of time to consider what he really wants, before Jesus asks him. And then the presence of the Lord and that question serve as a call to Bartimaeus to commit himself to just one heart's-desire. And Bartimaeus finds it: I want to see.

Seeing isn't limited to seeing the blue of the sky or the road to home. It is also a matter of seeing the truth about things, or even of seeing The Truth himself.

And so Jesus gives Bartimaeus all that he asks for. Bartimaeus sees not only the world around him but also his Lord. And in seeing Jesus, Bartimaeus accepts the Giver together with the gift of sight. Although Jesus gives Bartimaeus the option of going off, Bartimaeus stays by Jesus and follows him.

Bartimaeus came to Jesus and he saw the Lord, because seeing was what he really wanted. And that's why Jesus tells him that his faith has saved him.



Sight does not guarantee insight. Sight can get in the way of vision. God's word offers us vision and 'insight', opening our hearts to reality, truth, presence.

30TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

The Lord Who Works Marvels

Jer 31:7-9 I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back

Ps 125 The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Heb 5:1-6 You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever

Mark 10:46-52 Master, let me see again.

31ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME 4 Nov

Christ The Priest Of The New Covenant

Deut. 6:2-6 Listen, Israel: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Ps 18: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Heb 7:23-28 Because he remains for ever, Christ can never lose his priesthood.

Mk 12:28-34 This is the first commandment. The second is like it.

Lectors:

(28 Oct) Sat N Witham-Blackwell A Blackwell Sun A & N Gibson

(4 Nov) Sat S Burke C Sinclair Sun P Röllin M Felix

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

(28 Oct) Sat M & H Dennis M Burke Sun A Steel K Lynch M Lyttelton

(4 Nov) Sat J McFadden K Isidro K Isidro Sun B Turner K Rawlinson J McGivern



ROSARY
Every Monday
evening in the
church,
6.00pm

Contemplative prayer/ Christian meditation:

Monday evenings 6.30 –
7.15pm in the parish
meeting room.

All welcome. More info:
www.christianmeditationnz.org.nz

or call Pippa
0278085308

The Monday afternoon
group meets at 3pm—
4pm at St Luke's church,
Bayswater.

Please Note

On Sunday 11 November
at 11.00am the St Leo's

School Jubilee Mass will be celebrated by
Bishop Patrick Dunn.

**The parish Sunday Mass will be celebrated
at the usual time of 9.00am on that day.**

Nation-wide Rosary Crusade (for Life and Faith) on 8th December, 3 pm

To find out more, or how to lead a group:
www.rosarycrusade.co.nz or 022 1912 886

2019 Columban Calendars

\$12 each. To order your
copy, please add your
name and details to the
form at church door.
These are good value
and make excellent gifts.

Youth News

Diocesan Youth

Mass: Sunday 28
October 7pm, St
Patrick's Cathedral.
"Called To Follow",
hosted by Emmaus.
www.akyouth.org.nz
for more info.

Choral Mass for the Eve of Armistice

Celebrating 100 Years Since the Declaration of
Peace. Saturday 10 November at 7.30 pm. At St
Patrick's Cathedral, 43 Wyndham Street. With the
Cathedral Vocal Ensemble.
*Validated parking will be available at the Wilson car parks
on Hobson Street (\$4) & Durham Lane (\$2)*

Children's Nativity Play

We are looking for children who are interested
to join our Parish Christmas presentation.
Naomi Wallis Sanandres will be our director.
Naomi is a local dance and ballet teacher at
Devonport School of Dance and has worked
professionally in the performing arts doing a lot
of teaching and children's theatre in and
around London/UK wide.

If interested, please email her at

thesanandresfamily@gmail.com

or send her a TXT at 02102670039.

Also register at the back of our church.

Te Ngakau Waiora: Mercy Spirituality Centre

(104 The Drive, Epsom)

Retreat Day: Nurturing Our Contemplative

Selves — with MARY BETZ. Sat 3 Nov, 9.30am-

3.30pm. \$45. BYO Lunch. **Dreamwork 103:**

Inspirational Dreams and Visions — with

MARGARET BOWATER. Sat 3 Nov, 9.30am-4pm.
\$95. BYO lunch

Sacred Expedition: Evangelisation and

Settlement in early California — with BEATE

MATTHIES. Thurs 8 Nov, 7-9pm. \$15.

Bookings essential. More info:

info@mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz

www.mercyspiritualitycentre.org.nz, 638 6238

Faith in a World of Science, Fr Roy Pereira SJ.

Are you and your cell phone inseparable? The
Neuroscience of addiction research presented
through music, meditation and discussion.

Inviting you to join the conversation

**Wednesday, 31 Oct., St Vincent de Paul Church,
Milford, 7.30pm:** Increasing our Faith in a World
of Science: Mutual Complementary

**Thursday, 1 Nov., St John's School, Mairangi Bay,
7pm:** The Neuroscience of Change: Developing
Behaviour Patterns for a Life of Abundance.

**Friday, 2 Nov., St Joseph's Church, Takapuna,
7.45pm:** Are you and technology a match made
in heaven? The Neuroscience of Mental Health
as a help to Freedom

FIVE WEEK ADVENT REFLECTION

Thurs 15, 22, 29 Nov. 6 & 13 Dec. 7-8.30pm

In St Mary's Church, Northcote

Pope Francis "On the Call to Holiness in Today's
World" led by Fr Lio Rotor. Please register with
the parish office info@northcotecatholic.org.nz
or ph.480 7357. Participate encouraged to start
reading the document, "Gaudete et Exsultate".



ST LEO'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Working Bee

Last weekend a small group of our
school community cleaned gutters,
started painting court markings,
worked in classrooms and the sports
shed. We really appreciate how people pull together
to help our school.

Pastoral Care

Occasionally members of our school community find
themselves in situations where they need support.
The school has a pastoral care account which we use
to help if this should occur. If anyone from the Parish
would like to help out these families by donating to
the account, you can do so on 01/0137/0070245/00.

St Leo's Fair

We are gearing up for the Fair in 2 weeks time.
Thanks to those who have offered to help on the day.
Your generosity is appreciated. Note there is no
White Elephant stall this year but we are able to
accept other donations to the school office.

125th JUBILEE

It seems to be the norm for people to leave booking
for events to the last minute so I encourage you to
make sure you book for the Jubilee if you are going to
attend or know any others who are. We need to have
exact numbers for catering purposes. **Please**

**encourage people to spread the word about our
125th Jubilee on 11 November and get them to book
in using the website address**

<https://trybooking.co.nz/LN>.

It is sure to be a wonderful occasion.

God bless, Maureen Harris, Principal

All are welcome to join our Parish Choir

If you love to sing or interested in
learning more about singing we
would love to hear from you!
Everyone is welcome to join – all ages
& all abilities. There is no audition
and you don't need to know how to

read music. The choir will learn a range of beautiful
sacred music; from early polyphony to contemporary
choral compositions. There was a good attendance at
the first practice session last week. Thanks to Olivia
Webb for leading this.

**Interested? Come and see! Practice sessions are
Tuesday evenings 7pm in the church.**



ALL SAINTS DAY — Thursday 1st Nov:

Mass at 9.00am (usual Mass time)

ALL SOULS DAY (parish Feast Day) —

Friday 2nd Nov: Mass at 12.00pm, & 7.00pm

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday, 4 November at 3.00pm

All parishioners of North Shore are invited to come
and pray for their departed loved ones:

**North Shore Memorial Park Cemetery, Schnapper
Rock Rd, Albany, in the Ash Memorial area.**

Hosted by local Catholic parishes of North Shore.

"WITH THE YOUTH WE PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL"



Thank you for your
prayers and generous contributions for this year's
MISSIO-NZ World Mission Sunday Appeal
supporting global mission. Your heartfelt gifts will
help provide for so many people around the world.
We invite you to consider continuing being a part of
MISSIO-NZ and furthering life-giving work with us
through a regular monthly gift, by volunteering or
simply through prayer.