

**ST. JOHN FISHER CATHOLIC CHURCH
WEEKLY BULLETIN
24 OCTOBER 2021
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30TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR *B. PSALTER II



And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 17H00	+ IVAN BONORCHIS WHO PASSED AWAY IN CAPE TOWN MHDSRIP
SUNDAY 17H00	BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FOR RODRIQUES (NELITA LIRA'S FATHER) FOR HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY
MONDAY 08H30	† ANDRZEJ BIALOSTOCKI MHDSRIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR PRIESTS AND PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE COVID AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED FROM THIS VIRUS. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL IN HOSPITAL OR AT HOME AND ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR THE LAST SACRAMENTS DURING THIS TIME WHEN FATHER BOGDAN IS UNABLE TO VISIT THESE PARISHIONERS.

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LITURGY OF THE MASS

**30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B
24 OCTOBER 2021**

INTRODUCTION TO THE MASS.

Sometimes in life, we feel stuck, incapable of making a decision, confused. Generally it's because we feel as though we don't see ourselves clearly; we don't see the situation clearly or which way to go to get out of it. Perhaps that's because things just aren't clear, to begin with but many times it is we who pull the wool over our own eyes: *we prefer not to see*. Sometimes it's the weight of our past that holds us back because we feel as if we cannot change. We can feel utterly lost. Bartimaeus is a

little like this. Bartimaeus is a beggar and he has learned not only to ask but to cry out. Like so many of us, Bartimaeus begs for just a bit of affection, just a little attention. **Jesus came that we might see, that we might be free.**

HEADINGS FOR READINGS

First Reading (Jer 31:7-9). The Lord speaks to those who are oppressed and promises to free and comfort them.

Second Reading (Heb 5:1-6). We hear about high priests in the Old Testament; we are to look to the great High Priest who came to redeem us.

Gospel (Mk 10:46-52). The blind man Bartimaeus comes into faith. He is healed and becomes a disciple of Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

We take-up our baptismal priesthood by which we can come to God on behalf of the Church and the world.

RESPONSE: LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

1. For all who are spiritually blind: that their eyes may be opened to the light of the Gospel. Lord hear us
2. For those who are blinded by passion, ambition, unforgiveness: that they may come into the healing of the Lord. Lord hear us
3. For those who are physically blind or have impaired vision: that they may be protected from dangers and helped by those who see. Lord hear us
4. For those who have died, that they may see God face to face. Lord hear us
5. We pray for those who feel that 'God is no more'. Lord, hear us.
6. We pray for young people especially our 1st Holy Communion children and adults who have for the first time this weekend received the Body and Blood of Christ. May they grow strong in the faith. Lord, hear us.

Father of all comfort, we need your care. Send your Spirit upon us to build us up in faith and love. We make this prayer relying on the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and in the name of your Son, Jesus our Lord.

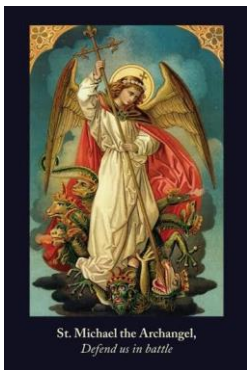
COMMUNION REFLECTION

Why do so many of us go to Mass again and again and walk out the door much the same as we went in? Why so little healing, so little growth in holiness? Maybe because we lack the outrageous faith of Bartimaeus. Every sacramental celebration, especially the Eucharist is a new Pentecost. The gifts of the Holy Spirit-forgiveness, healing, purification, and guidance-all are there for the taking. We don't need to shout like Bartimaeus. But like him, we can determine to stop going home empty handed.



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in this day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE APPEAL



The members of the Catholic Women's League would like to sincerely thank all the Lynnwood Parishioners who have so generously donated to our Food Parcel Project during the Covid Pandemic. With the money received we were able to make a big difference in the lives of the needy in Mamelodi, Eersterust and Madidi – a mission station in Winterveld. As you know, this pandemic is still with us and so is the need for food relief! If you are able to donate funds towards our Food Parcel Project, please deposit into our account as follows:

Catholic Women's League, Standard Bank, The Grove 012445 Account number – 01 220 7780. Your reference – CWL Food Parcels

May God bless you all and please TAKE CARE!

READERS AND MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARTIST

MASS	MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST	READERS
SAT 17H00	JENNY PETERSSSEN	SANDRA PAYNE MEGAN SCHULDT
SUN 08H00	KEVIN MCNAMARA ANTON VEST	MARGARET MARAKALALA BERNARD BISCHOFF
SUN 09H30	PETER STOHR KRYSTYNA SMULDERS	PAT HWENHA (ZONGE) DAISY JACOBS
SUN 17H00	LEANNE KIRKCALDY	CORINNE HENRY VANESSA KING

NEWS

From Our Church

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY EVENING @ 17H00

SUNDAY MORNING @ 08h00 AND 09H30

SUNDAY MORNING @ 11H00 *POLISH MASS*

SUNDAY EVENING @ 17H00

WEEKDAY MASSES: MON ~ WED ~ THURS ~ FRI @ 08H30

MORNING ROSARY IN THE WEEK BEGINS @ 08H00

NO MASS ON A TUESDAY MORNING AS THIS IS FATHER BOGDAN'S DAY OFF.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS @ 17H00 AND SUNDAY EVENING MASS @ 17H00 WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHURCH.

SUNDAY MORNING MASS @ 08H00 AND 09H30 WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE PARISH GARDENS UNDER THE TENT WEATHER PERMITTING

PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETY ANNUAL COLLECTION

FROM SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER TO 31ST OCTOBER THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Please make an appointment for Confession during this time of the Covid-19 pandemic.

FUNERAL:

Our sincere condolences to the families Popich, Rusch and Kuhn, on the loss of NICKY POPICH, MRS ADELE RUSCH AND HESTER KUHN whose funerals took place this week.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the departed rest in peace. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

Please write your Mass Intentions with the preferred Mass time on an envelope and give to Father personally or place in the collection plate.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Notice must be given at least six months before receiving the Sacrament of Marriage.

BAPTISMS: Notice for the preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism has to be done at least one month before the Sacrament is received. Please contact: MARIA BOTHA: 0833971064

POLISH COMMUNITY: ELZBIETA OSUCH: 082 770 0629

WALL OF REMEMBRANCE / CWL FLOWERS & HALL: DELENE HOLT 082 560 2224

ALTAR SERVERS: Jan d'Oliveira 0824980614 / Alvaro Peres 0824476231

CATECHISM CLASSES – Compulsory for all children G1-G11.

Francis Ward 0724197580 kib@eyecare.co.za

Nicki Koorbanally 0828359432 nkoorbanally@gmail.com



First Holy Communion children will receive this sacrament on: **23 October 2021 @ 10h00**
First Holy Communion for the adults will receive this sacrament on: **24 October 2021 @ 17h00**
Confessions for Confirmation candidates:
6 NOVEMBER 2021
Confessions for Confirmation candidates with a rehearsal: **12 NOVEMBER 2021 FROM 16H00**
Confirmation Candidates will receive their sacrament on: **13 November 2021 @ 17h00.**

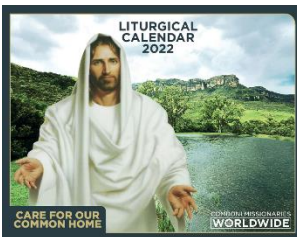


PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE CATECHISM TEACHERS TEAM AND HELP SHAPE THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH IN THE FAITH.

If you are available please contact Nicki Koorbanally on 0828359432 or nkoorbanally@gmail.com



To all our parishioners who are continuing to support us by your donations it is most appreciated. God bless Fr. Bogdan.



WORLDWIDE COMBONI MISSIONARY CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME CALENDARS FOR 2022 ARE AVAILABLE AT R40-00 EACH. THEY ARE IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH AND YOU CAN PLACE YOUR MONEY IN THE MAGAZINE MONEY SLOT. MAGAZINES ARE ON SALE IN THE CHURCH FOYER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY A COPY.

PIOUS LIST FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER: ALL MASSES WILL BE HELD FOR OUR DEARLY DEPARTED. YOU MAY WRITE DOWN YOUR LIST OF DECEASED MEMBERS I.E FRIENDS AND FAMILY ON PIOUS LIST ENVELOPES.THESE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MASS AS FROM THIS SUNDAY SO PLEASE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PREPARE THEM EARLY AND HAND TO FATHER BOGDAN YOU ARE MOST WELCOME.

Welcome to all our new parishioners. If you are intending to make St. John Fisher Parish your spiritual home, please complete a Data Information Form which can be found in the foyer of the church, so we can add you to our data information list and to our weekly bulletin mailing list. To all our visitors today ~ welcome and enjoy your visit. God bless. Fr. Bogdan



EMPLOYMENT REQUIRED

Kim Robertson (34) is looking for full-time, part-time work in any field. Kim has a BA, a diploma in Human Resources and at present studying for a B. Com degree. If anyone has anything to offer please contact Lyn on 0846528822. Thank you.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

**Seeking accommodation for single female with a dog. Garden cottage
Non smoker / sober habits. As soon as possible 0748561411 Sandra**

If you have changed any details there are data information forms in the foyer of the church or send us an email to: lynwoodparish@gmail.com

SAINTS OF THE DAY

SUNDAY		SAINT ANTHONY CLARET
MONDAY		SAINT ANTONIO DE SANTANNA GALVAO
TUESDAY		BLESSED CONTARDO FERRINI
WEDNESDAY		BLESSED BARTHOLOMEW OF VICENZA
THURSDAY		SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE
FRIDAY		SAINT NARCISSUS OF JERUSALEM
SATURDAY		SAINT ALPHONSUS RODRIGUEZ



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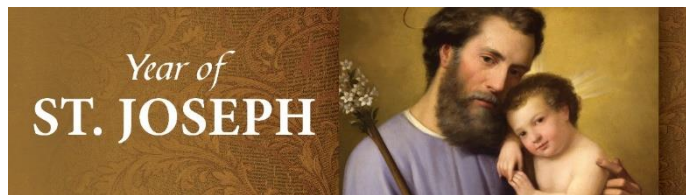
"I am the
of the world. John 9:5



HISTORY OF OUR SAINTS SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE

They both were among the twelve Apostles lived with Jesus. They occupied the 10th and 11th place in the list of twelve apostles of Jesus. In Persia they converted the king and about sixty thousand persons to Christianity. The king of Persia respected them more for the reason that they over powered two ferocious tigers that were terrorizing the public. They both preached the Gospel in Mesopotamia and Persia. St. Simon is mentioned in all the Gospels. In one of the Gospels he is called as "the Zealot". Zealots were a group of Jews with extreme Jewish nationalism. He is depicted in art with a saw, by which he was martyred. He preached in Egypt, Spain and Libya. He is the patron saint of couriers, saw men, sawyers and tanners. St. Jude was a legal cousin of Jesus Christ. He was the nephew of St. Joseph through his father Alpheus. Jude is the name we see in the Gospel of Luke and in the Acts, which is also written by Luke. But as per the Gospels of Mathew and Mark, his name is mentioned as Thaddeus. He was the apostle who asked Jesus at the last supper that why He (Jesus) chose to reveal Himself to the disciples only. The meaning of the word Thaddeus is "strong man". He was the brother of James. He is the author of a short epistle in the New Testament. He was killed in Armenia. He is the patron saint of hospital workers and hospitals. He is also called as the saint of last resort. Hence he may be prayed in desperate situations, for forgotten causes, to achieve impossible causes and for lost causes.

ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE PRAY FOR US.



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen ~ Pope Francis.

PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE 2ND SYNOD IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PRETORIA

Leader: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

All: And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Let us pray God our Father and our Creator, you have called us in Baptism to be faithful members of your Church. Send your Holy Spirit to lead and guide us during our Archdiocesan Synod. Enkindle us with the flame of Faith, Love and Hope so that we may truly become an evangelising community serving God, Humanity and all Creation. Enable us to listen to your Word

as we discern the needs of our local Church as missionary disciples of the Gospel who are called to bring good news to all people. Help us to open our hearts and minds to discern your will, to listen to each other, to work together and to become the Church that you call us to be. We entrust our Synod to the grace and mercy of the Most Sacred Heart of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Good Counsel. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

AMEN

If you would like to participate in this synod please give your name and contact details to Father or Sabie in the parish office.

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PASTORAL LETTER ON THE 2021 ELECTION POLITICS INFLUENCED BY NARROW INTERESTS

“Let us not go back to normality, sick with injustice, inequality and environmental degradation. The normality to which we are called is that of the Kingdom of God, where there is bread for all and the social organisation is based on contributing, sharing and distributing.” (Pope Francis, 30 September 2020).

In Fratelli Tutti and in other platforms, Pope Francis has consistently reminded us that politics is as yet to discover its calling in relation to the poor and the interests of the common good. Politics should be lived as “the highest form of charity since it seeks to serve the common good and the poor.” (Pope Francis, 1 May 2015). Decades into constitutional democracy, that which we consider normal in South African politics is clearly failing the poor and the interests of the common good. This is because our politics is not yet firmly rooted in ethical values. It is instead strongly influenced by narrow interests of politicians, political organizations that they represent, as well as the business elite who have managed to capture our politics.

A CALL TO MORAL RENEWAL IN SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS

With time, the kind of politics that refuses to subject itself to ethical values gradually develops into a virus that entrenches consideration of politics as an opportunity for self-enrichment, protects those who are implicated of corruption, and destroys public confidence in the rule of law, elections and other democratic processes.

Along with this, politics without an ethical soul loses its capacity to hear the cries of the poor and to effectively address the economic challenges, like unemployment, inequalities, and poverty, which the current pandemic has exposed and aggravated.

The elections should influence a new vision of politics where there are consequences when politicians display serious failures in clean governance, effective service delivery and the consideration of the common good.

LET US NOT RESORT TO VIOLENCE AND THE BOYCOTTING OF THE ELECTIONS

In the face of these circumstances, our answer should not be a resort to violent protests or a boycott of elections, as some seem to be advocating, but a greater commitment to building a new normal in our politics, a moral transformation of our politics, using all legally accepted tools at our disposal as citizens.

As the nation prepares for municipal elections, we therefore make a strong appeal to all eligible voters to participate in the elections, and not boycott them as sign of protest and disillusionment against the state of our politics.

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In our call for participation in the election, we also urge all to vote according to your conscience and in a manner that influences our country to take the first steps in the moral renewal of its politics.

A CALL TO FOLLOW AN INFORMED CONSCIENCE WHEN VOTING

The building of this new normal requires that each one of us behaves differently and ethically in relation to the forthcoming elections. Particularly, we should give serious attention to the importance of prayer, discernment of the Spirit and formation of conscience before casting a vote.

The discernment of the spirit and the formation of conscience can itself be guided by these and similar questions:

1. What is the vision of South Africa that God wants? What is the kind of South Africa that I want? What kind of leaders should I vote for so that our country achieves this vision?
2. Should I vote according to my conscience or in accordance with my loyalty to a particular politician or a particular political party?

3. The moral strength of our politics and our democracy is diminished when there are no consequences for failure in ethical leadership. Which candidate should I vote for so that these elections send a warning message to politicians that there will now be consequences when critical municipal services (water, sanitation, waste management etc) are disrupted as result of corruption, incompetence, and factional politics?

4. There cannot be true democracy amid deep inequalities that diminish a sense of being one human family, created equal before God. Which candidate should I vote so that these elections send a warning that there will be consequences when the poor continue to become poorer while a few live-in extreme wealth?

5. What are the service delivery needs of our community? Which candidate and political party will be more effective and efficient in the delivery of such services?

VOTING AS A MOMENT OF MAKING A MORAL CHOICE

At a fundamental level, the results of an election are a mirror of our moral values, that which we consider as valuable as a nation. If we want a kind of politics where leaders are held to account when implicated of corruption and incompetence, if accountability and integrity in leadership are valuable to us, it must be shown in our votes.

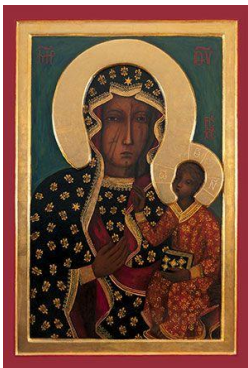
We must always consider the moral implications of our vote.

A CALL FOR A FAIR AND VIOLENCE-FREE ELECTION

The forthcoming elections will become a first step towards moral transformation of South African politics if we have peaceful elections that can produce leaders who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God (Micah 6:8).

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**GO IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST, STAY SAFE AND MAY GOD BLESS US
ALL!**