



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th October 2024

A Heartfelt Thank You and an Invitation to Intentional Giving

Dear Parishioners,

As we reflect on the financial report this weekend, I am deeply moved by the generosity you have shown to our parish. Your contributions are not just numbers on a report—they represent the many hands coming together to build something beautiful. Each of us plays a vital part in creating the community we cherish—a community grounded in faith, service, and love. Your generosity is one of the cornerstones that allows us to continue growing in the mission Christ calls us to.

St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:9, "*For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.*" This is such a powerful reminder that every contribution—whether of time, prayer, or resources—is a part of something larger, something sacred. When you give, you're not simply donating to meet a budget; you are sowing seeds of faith that allow our ministries to flourish and our parish to thrive.

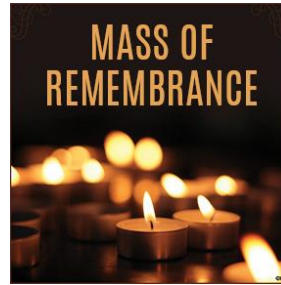
Your support enables the daily work of our parish, from pastoral care and liturgy to administration and outreach. Each of these efforts is essential in helping our parish grow and touch new hearts.

Our church is not just a building; it is a sacred space where generations have come together to worship, celebrate, and grow in faith. Maintaining such a beautiful and historic place comes with significant challenges. From repairs to ongoing upkeep, we are entrusted with ensuring that our church remains a welcoming and inspiring home for all who seek God's presence, both now and in the future.

To continue this important work and plan for our future, I invite you to consider becoming an **intentional giver**. Setting up regular contributions through Direct Debit or Credit Card provides us with the stability to plan effectively, ensuring that we can maintain our historic church, support our clergy and staff, who serve this community, and expand our ministries for years to come.

Thank you for the many ways you already contribute. Together, we are building something truly beautiful, a community where Christ's love shines brightly in all we do.

Fr Chima

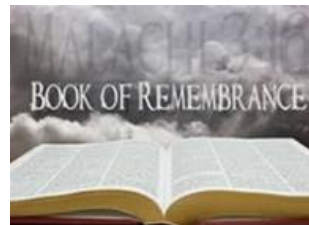


At our **Remembrance Mass on All Souls Day, Saturday 2nd November at 10am** we will remember and pray for all the faithfully departed of your families and our Parish community.

We invite you and your family to one of the Masses.

All Saints Day Mass Friday 1st November at 9.15am at Manly and Freshwater.

All Souls Day Mass Saturday 2nd November at Manly 10am followed by morning tea.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have died. To add the names of your loved ones to our

Parish Book of Remembrance which will be on display in the Churches during November please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

THIS SUNDAY 27 October at 10:30am MASS

Children's Liturgy will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month during the 10:30am Mass.

This will cater for children aged 3 to 8 years old. Each week a theme that correlates to the readings and Gospel is presented to the children using age-appropriate materials. The adult catechists incorporate prayer, song, group discussion, worksheets and other activities so the children can relate the Word of God to daily life. The children leave the church after a blessing from the priest, gather in the parish meeting room, and return during the offertory.

Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our MANLY community

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)

PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA

Parish facebook: [facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish)

Parish website: [bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater](https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/manlyfreshwater)

LET US PRAY FOR

27th October 2024

Recently Deceased: Ann Mullen; Robert Arena; Janet Williams

Anniversary: Joan Ellis; Jim & June Hurman; Ivan (Ivo Cigo) Copo

Prayers for the sick in our parish: "Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage" Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zacchaeus Ratnam; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Paul Donnelly; Julie Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O'Leary; Anna Kalayzich; Veronica Rinaldo; Chinnamma Puliparambil; Rena Curll; John Santos; Shirley Ford; Ana Maria Saladana; Rita Hogan

Dates to remember...

- **Holy Wins Party** Thurs 31st October 6:30pm
- **Anointing Masses** Fri 1st Nov 9:15am
- **SJB Class Mass** Fri 1st Nov 9:15am
- **RCIA** Tues 29th Oct 7pm
- **Spanish Prayer Group** Friday 25th Oct at 6pm
- **Cenacle of Our Lady**
Manly: Tues 9:45am; Freshwater: Wed 9:45am
- **Children's Liturgy commences in Manly**
Sunday 27th October at 10:30am Mass



PARISH MORNING TEA

MANLY: every 3rd Sunday after the 10:30am Mass hosted by the Tongan

Community.

FRESHWATER: every Sunday after the 9am Mass in the parish hall.

Join us for morning tea and a chat.

All welcome and bring a friend.



If you are new to the Parish or are not currently registered we warmly welcome you and ask that you complete a Parish Census form.

This will assist us to connect with you and your family and advise you of any of our parish community activities.

The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate or emailed to the Parish Office - manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au



Ministers of
Communion
for the Sick

We would like to recommence Communion to our parishioners who are unable to attend Mass on Sundays.

This includes our local Nursing Homes and parishioners at home.

We look forward to hearing from you if you have previously been a part of this ministry or if you are interested in being trained as a Minister to the Sick. Please contact the parish office 9977 5822.

THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE MASS

Holy Handwash: Scrubbing and Sacrifice

So I just got back from walking the Camino.

...And it was brutal.

Northern Spain. Hiking. 160km. Forests. Mountains. Oceans. Rivers. Countryside. And rain. Lots and lots of rain.



Still, I must admit, even amidst all the pelting rain and thunderstorms, there was something special about pushing through each day, hiking onwards, and overcoming the challenge. Despite getting completely washed, I loved it.

But let's not dwell here - I'll tell you more about it some other time. Because today, we're looking at a different kind of washing. The Washing of the Hands, in Mass.

Smooth transition, I know. But let's still ask the question: In Mass, why does the priest wash his hands?

† † †

The first reason is because of need. In the early Church, it wasn't just bread and wine neatly brought up in the Offertory. No, rather many gifts – grain, vegetables, fruits, chickens, sheep, goats – all sorts of gifts were brought up, and the priest or deacon would separate that which could be used for the Mass, and that which was for the poor. So then, having touched half of Old MacDonald's farm, I reckon everyone was praying the priest wash his hands.

The second reason is so the priest might offer the sacrifice worthily. In the 4th century, St Cyril of Alexandria said: "We perform actions with our hands; to wash our hands is the nearest thing to purifying our deeds." Thus the priest washes his hands, yes, because his hands will hold the precious chalice and sacred host for consecration, but also, to remind himself that his soul must be cleansed before making the Holy Sacrifice. No wonder the priest whispers quietly while washing: "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity; and cleanse me from my sin."

And lastly, the priest washes so he can offer the sacrifice... alongside you. Sadly, so very few Catholics know this, but it's not just the priest offering the Sacrifice in the Mass. No, the truth is, we lay faithful in the pews **also** offer up Jesus Christ to the Father, along with the offering of our own lives. This is why, immediately after the washing of hands, we hear the priest say to us: "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and **yours** might be acceptable to God, the almighty Father." Men, women and children – all they lay faithful, united with the priest – offer the sacrifice of ourselves and Christ to the Father. Woah! Thats big!

So, dear friends, what shall we do this Mass?

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Well, firstly, let us look closely at the hands of the priest. As the water is poured over, gaze at those consecrated hands that will offer up (alongside you) – your offering and the offering of Jesus Christ to the Father. How good.

And secondly, pray that God will accept your offering through the priest's hands. Good news. You already do – each time you respond to the priest: "May the Lord accept the sacrifice *at your hands*, for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church."

Do that, and you too shall be washed, ready for the holy sacrifice. --- **God bless you. Seminarian Matthew**



FAMILY MASS MANLY

We welcome the Kindy 2025 students and their families to our Family Mass this weekend. The kindy children will meet their buddies and share in a BBQ following the Mass.



Christmas Day Lunch Planning meeting next Monday 4th November at 6pm in the parish centre.

ALL SOULS DAY

2nd November



All Souls' Day provides the opportunity to gain indulgences for our departed loved ones and for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory. What is an indulgence? "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven (in the Sacrament of Confession), which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1471).

From the Handbook of Indulgences: A plenary (full) indulgence, which is applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory on All Souls' Day. The requirements for obtaining a Plenary Indulgence are:

Visit a church and pray for the souls in Purgatory while in the state of grace

Say the Our Father and the Creed during the visit to the church (this is accomplished in the liturgy if your visit is during Mass; outside of Mass, offer these on your own)

Pray for the Pope's intentions (an Our Father, or Hail Mary, or any other appropriate prayer is sufficient)

Worthily receive Holy Communion (on the day itself or soon thereafter)

Make a sacramental confession within 20 days of All Souls' Day, either before or after

For a plenary indulgence, be free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin (otherwise, the indulgence is partial, not plenary). It is sufficient that the Christian makes an act of the will to love God above all things and to despise all sin.

In addition, you can gain a plenary indulgence visiting a cemetery each day between 1 November and 8 November.

All Souls Day Mass Saturday 2 November at Manly 10am followed by morning tea.

WHY CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN
WHEN WE CAN CELEBRATE
HOLY-WINS PARTY
31 October 2024
6.30pm - 8.30pm

RSVP by

or at the parish office

Dress your children as saints and join us for an evening of pizza, games, treats and prayer. Let's promote a culture of saints not monsters and death.

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We are planning on it being a fun night for the children. If you are able to donate any treats or goodies which can be handed out to the children – NO NUTS (e.g. mini chocolates, lollies, chips, crackers etc) they can be left in the containers in the Church foyer or in the parish office from Sunday 20th October.

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



"The Rosary is the most beautiful and richest in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." *Pope Saint Pius X*

During October you can pick up a **free copy of the Holy Rosary Leaflet** from Piety Store – listing the four Mysteries, Prayers of the Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, How to Pray the Rosary.

CONGRATULATIONS



Bernadette and Colin Langford

are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



**CAN'T GET TO MASS ON SUNDAY
AND WANT TO RECEIVE HOLY
COMMUNION?**

Many of you have not been able to come back to Mass on Sunday for different reasons. If you would like one of the Priest to visit you at home, please ring the parish office on 9977 5822



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON
WEDNESDAYS 6pm – 7.30pm**
**Quiet Prayer, Adoration and
reconciliation will be available**
6pm – 7pm concluding with **Benediction**

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tues 9:45am Manly Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Christian Meditation: Tues 12:15pm Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Prayer Group in Spanish – 2nd & 4th Friday 6pm Parish meeting room
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church
- Youth Group (Yrs 7 – Yr 12): 1st & 3rd Sunday 7pm – 9pm

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men's Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul Conferences:
Manly 1st Mon each month 5:30pm
Freshwater 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm



Thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the

tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash, there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.

PILOT PROGRAM –The Diocese has agreed for Manly to pilot a **ONE COLLECTION** at the weekend Masses. The Diocese will continue to monitor this.

The collection is for the First and Second Plates and will be allocated as follows:

- 25% to Supporting our Priests including the sick & retired in our Diocese.
- 75% to Parish operations and maintenance of building.

SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS

FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly **direct debit** or **credit card**. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or **EFTPOS Terminals**.
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Direct into Parish Bank Accounts**
 - **Parish Giving (2nd collection)** Funds the running of the Parish
Account Name: Manly Freshwater Parish
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
 - **Clergy Giving (1st collection)**
Supports our Priests
Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account# 13958002 BSB: 062 784



MADE FOR LOVE:
Intro to the Theology of the Body

Guest speaker
TOMASZ JUSZCZAK

JOIN US CAPSTONE YOUNG ADULTS AS WE TAKE A DIVE INTO THE DEEPEST LONGING OF OUR HEARTS AND DISCOVER THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTIONS OF WHAT WE ARE CREATED FOR!

Date: Sunday November 3rd
Time: 5:30 pm Youth Mass
6:30pm Dinner + Talk
Harrington Hall, Our Lady of Dolours, Chatswood

RSVP FOR CATERING

For any teachers wishing to bring a group of year 12s or for any other queries, contact:
Bettina Ignacio
bettina.ignacio@bbcatholic.org.au

HAS YOUR CREDIT CARD EXPIRED?

If you donate to the Parish using your credit card please let us know if you have a new card or the card has expired by contacting the Parish Office 9977 5822 or email manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au

DIRECT DEBIT FROM BANK ACCOUNT

Please consider changing your giving from a credit card deduction to a direct debit from your bank account. Please contact the parish office to have this set up automatically for you.

**MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR
TO 30 JUNE 2024**

Dear fellow parishioners,

The Parish Finance Committee is pleased to report a summary of the financial health of the Parish as at 30 June 2024. This REPORT gives an overview of the sources of our income and just as importantly, where the money goes. In the table, you will see a comparison with last year's report and our budget for the current year to June 2025. For those who are interested, please see a representative of the Committee after mass to discuss any aspect of the REPORT.

Without your generosity the Parish would be unable to function as a centre that equips us to serve as true disciples of Christ, worshipping together to build an inclusive, caring community that reaches beyond our parish walls. Total Parish Giving (near the top of the table) forms the backbone of our income. After a post covid boost in 2022/23 the figure has plateaued short of \$300k and we are remaining conservative in forecasting a similar figure in the current year.

Rental income is our other important source of income and that comes from the former Presbytery at St John's in Freshwater. We used an opportunity to carry out a badly needed refurbishment which cost c\$50k directly and \$18k in rental foregone. We estimate the payback on this expenditure will be less than 4 years on such a valuable asset. Rental income will normalise in 2024/25 (at c\$85k gross) enabling us to expand the Operating Expenditure to refocus on growing our spirituality and outreach.

Overall, we are forecasting a slightly softer Net Operating Surplus in the June 2025 year (\$60k vs \$66k in FY24).

After the above-mentioned \$50k spend in FY24, Non-recurring Capital Expenditure is budgeted at \$95k as we embark on projects which have been mentioned previously and are now becoming urgent (Manly Presbytery verandah restoration, Manly Church internal painting and external sandstone repair). This precinct will need to be in a condition of which we should all be proud as we approach our 150th year in 2026.

The planned new capex will reduce the NET FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE PARISH (\$128K AT 30 June 2024) by \$35k if the Parish was to receive NO special donations or bequests in the current year. We have

**Manly Freshwater Parish
Revenue and Expenditure Summary**

	Actual \$ 2022/23	Actual \$ 2023/24	Budget \$ 2024/25
Operating Revenue			
Planned Giving *	165,229	159,957	160,000
Unplanned Giving *	125,486	122,756	125,000
Total Parish Giving #	290,715	282,713	285,000
Bequests (unfettered)	0	12,277	20,000
Interest	205	4,401	3,000
Other Revenue/Hire	40,568	56,634	55,000
Rent Received	82,991	57,524	85,000
Total Operating Revenue	414,479	413,549	448,000
Operating Expenditure			
Administration	9,199	12,458	12,500
Altar and Church Requisites	15,449	17,762	20,000
PWBB Shortfall	0	0	0
Donations	1,949	2,418	2,500
Employment	108,916	79,965	110,000
Insurance	64,645	80,983	80,000
Interest	6,518	6,813	6,500
Motor Vehicles	21,826	19,921	23,000
Office Expenses	36,580	26,392	24,000
Pastoral Programs	10,966	21,948	25,000
Repairs and Maintenance (parish use recurring)	38,147	52,774	55,000
Repairs and Expenses (rental properties)	6,157	0	3,500
Superannuation (Clergy)	5,667	4,885	5,000
Telecomm and Utilities	16,968	21,385	21,000
Total Operating Expenditure	342,987	347,704	388,000
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	71,491	65,845	60,000
Non Operating Revenue			
Donations / Bequests (fettered)	0		25,000
Total Non Operating Revenue	0	0	25,000
Non Operating Expenditure			
Purchase of Furniture and Fittings, etc.	0		20,000
Repairs and Maintenance (non-recurrent)	0	49,757	50,000
Donation / Bequest Expenditure	0		25,000
Total non operating expenditure	0	49,757	95,000
Net Non Operating Items	0	(49,757)	(70,000)
Net Profit/(Loss)	71,491	16,088	(10,000)
CASH AND DEPOSITS @30 JUNE			
Less CDF LOAN	(94,000)	(72,000)	
Less OTHER NET LIABILITIES (incl trade creditors)	(37,000)	(77,000)	
NET FUNDS AVAILABLE TO PARISH	113,000	128,000	

Total Parish Giving: These figures are "NET" to the Parish Account, ie after allocation to the Pastoral Account, and are separate to other campaigns such as Pastoral Works, Catholic Mission, SVDP, Caritas etc

* Planned Giving: Includes envelopes, credit cards, Direct Debits, scheduled EFT's


* Unplanned Giving: Includes loose cash, Tap machines, adhoc EFT's

conservatively budgeted for \$25k and thus a net cash outflow of \$10k in FY25.

In conclusion, your individual generosity each and every week - whether by direct debit (preferred for our budgeting), credit card, EFT, tapping the terminals at the doors, or cash in the plate - is gratefully received and makes all of the above possible.

If you feel you could make a commitment, or adjust your current commitment, please speak to any of the welcomers at the church doors or contact Jenny in the Parish office.

*God Bless
Manly Freshwater Parish Finance Committee
October 2024*



What if it's real?

ALTARATION
THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED


DO I HAVE TO COME TO MASS?
WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING DURING MASS?
IS MASS MORE THAN JUST A STORY FROM THE PAST?
AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS ANSWERED
AND MANY MORE QUESTIONS REALISED

MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

COMMENCING:
28 OCTOBER

PROGRAM
IS MADE UP OF
5 SESSIONS
HELD
ON MONDAYS
FROM 7.30PM
TO 9PM
AT PARISH
MEETING ROOM

BOOKING



We've been coming to Mass for years. And we are familiar with it. When we are at the Mass, we already know what is going to happen next. But do we know why?

Why do we kneel down, why do we have procession, why do we start every Mass from the sign of the cross? Why Jesus like us to come for Mass, while He is everywhere?

We like to answer these question and many others with you on our Mass reviled course called Altaration, by Ascension Press.

Altaration commences on the 28 October at 7.30pm at Parish Meeting room.

We invite everyone, who would like to have a better understanding on what is happening during every Mass. This time we do not provide dinner. There is no fees. However, for logistics purpose we would like you to register. You can do so using QR code on the poster or by filling registration cards and placing them in the basket.

YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

We welcome all youth who are in High School (Yr 7 – Yr 12) to come along and join the Manly Freshwater Parish Youth Group which is held every **1st and 3rd Sunday** following the 6pm Mass (7pm – 9pm). Join us for free food and drinks, table tennis, basketball, party games, talks and new friends! Feel free to check out our instagram or send us an email!

Email: manlyfreshwatercatholicyouth@gmail.com

Instagram: manlyfreshwater_catholicyouth



HAVE YOU EVER ASKED YOURSELF: HOW CAN I MAKE CHRISTMAS BETTER FOR OTHERS? HERE IS ONE OF THE ANSWERS: WE ARE SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT OUR NURSING HOMES FOR

Christmas Carols

register before 24th November



SCAN ME

All it takes is one hour practice and one hour visit



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

DO YOU HAVE A HEART THAT WANTS TO BRING

JESUS

TO OTHERS?



WHY NOT BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION AND BRING JESUS TO OUR PARISHIONERS IN THEIR HOME OR NURSING HOME?

WE WILL ORGANISE THE TRAINING FOR YOU



SIGN UP HERE



or contact our office



MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year B

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9 (JB)

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125 (JB)

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

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-6 (JB)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the

one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

cf 2 Timothy 1:10 (JB)

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:46-52 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Gospel Reflection


Mark's story of the blind Bartimaeus, which takes place just before Jesus' Palm Sunday entry into Jerusalem, is as much a "call" story as a healing story. For Mark, Bartimaeus is model of faith. The blind beggar

calls out to Jesus using the Messianic title "Son of David." He first asks, not for his sight, but for compassion: He understands that this Jesus operates out of a spirit of love and compassion for humanity and places his faith in that spirit. Ironically, the blind Bartimaeus "sees" in Jesus the spirit of compassionate service that, until now, his "seeing" disciples have been unable to comprehend.


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