

*Diocese of Broken Bay Under the Pastoral Care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2008*

**27 October 2024, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Parish Mass Times:**

Monday to Friday: 9am  
Saturday: 9am, 6pm (vigil)  
Sunday: 8am, 10am, 5pm  
Public Holidays: 9am  
Rock Mass: Once a term

*Baptism: Third Sunday of each month by appointment*

*Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice*

*Morning Prayer: Monday - Friday: 8:30am*

*Anointing of Sick: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 9am or by request*

*Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction*

*Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am*

*Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)*



**Every Monday**

**(during term time)**

Divine Will Prayer Group  
10-11:30am

**Second Wednesday of Every Month**

Parish Catch Up Coffee Morning  
Archies, St Ives Village 10:30am

**First Friday of Every Month**

Exposition/Adoration at 7pm  
followed by Mass at 7:30pm

**Every Sunday at 10am Mass**

Children's Liturgy

**Every Friday**

**(during term time)**

Lectio Divina; Zoom 10am

**Second Thursday of Every Month**

Anointing of the Sick – 9am

**Thursday evenings (during term time)**

Fr Sunny's Bible Study Group  
7:30pm in the Church

**Sunday 27 October**

Corpus Christi 50th Anniversary  
celebration following 10am mass



**“What do you want me to do for you?”  
The blind man replied to him,  
“Master, I want to see.”  
(Gospel)**

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

The healing of Bartimaeus from blindness can be interpreted both literally and metaphorically. There is another healing of blindness in Mark's Gospel at 8:22-26. In that instance, the man is brought to Jesus and healing takes place progressively. The man 'began' to see things clearly. He is sent home, instructed to avoid the village – as though urging him not to draw attention to himself. Bartimaeus has no intermediaries. He approaches Jesus directly and after being healed becomes a follower of Jesus. He knows who Jesus is and understands what it means to become his follower. Jesus affirms him: “Your faith has made you well.”

This is a pivotal point in Mark's Gospel. Bartimaeus comes to full sight – physically and spiritually – then Jesus progresses to Jerusalem where he will encounter great spiritual blindness and faithlessness. Bartimaeus challenges us to ask for healing from our own particular blindness.

May God bless you,  
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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Join us on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> November  
for Friday Holy Hour

The first Friday of every month

*Eucharistic  
Adoration*

at 7pm

Followed by Mass at 7.30pm



## **ALL SOULS DAY IS NEXT SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**



## **NOVEMBER IS A SPECIAL MONTH WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES**

Scripture says it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for our departed beloved ones. Because of Jesus Christ, forgiveness and love crosses the grave. We may pray for them but they cannot pray for themselves. However, they can and will pray for us. I know of parents who had a six year old boy who had big behavioural problems. They tried counselling, which is a good thing to do, but to no avail. It turned out that the mother had a miscarriage. They had a mass said for the miscarried child and the behavioural difficulties of the living child were healed.

In terms of responding for your departed beloved ones, you may write the names in a special book we will have available. You may also have a special individual mass said for the person by writing the name of the person on the envelopes found in the foyer and put a small donation in it, which can be put in the collection bowl or handed in at the sacristy. There will also be candles that you may light up. At each Sunday mass we will remember your departed ones generally as well. Remember that forgiveness and love crosses the grave through Jesus Christ.

God bless, Fr Greg.

## FEAST DAYS OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Mon 28th, Sts Simon and Jude, apostles  
Fri 1st, All Saints  
Sat 2nd, All Souls' Day  
Mon 4th, St Charles Borromeo, bishop  
Sat 9th, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Fri 10th, St Leo the Great, pope, doctor  
Sat 11th, St Martin of Tours, bishop  
Fri 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

## Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



## Candles for the month of November

For a gold coin donation, candles will be available to light in the memory of your departed beloved.

## Prayer Zone



**Anniversary:**  
Ophelia Oviedo

### Please pray for the ill:

Michelle Fisher; Fr Sergio Chauira; Jessie Chang; Amy O'Connell; James Frederick Riley; Tom Brewer; Sylvia Fishburn; Nicolette Harris; Marshall O'Brien; Helen McCarthy; Quentin Stewart; Rob Sanders; Anne Jardane; Naomi Upton; Vanessa Park; Rebecca Davies; Grace Cheah; Elizabeth Walsh; Maria Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Thi Nguyen; Carmel Hadley; Fergus O'Brien; Michelle Soumier; Gracie Spencer; Brendan Stone

***If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let Michelle or Christina know.***

## Social Justice Corner



### Sudan Crisis

Caritas Australia is supporting a joint appeal by Caritas Internationalis and ACT Alliance, in consultation with the Bishops of Sudan, to avert an imminent famine in Sudan.

In Sudan, 25.6 million people – over half of the population – now face acute hunger, with more than 755,000 people on the brink of famine. 10.7 million people are also displaced within Sudan and neighbouring countries, 7.9 million of which have been forced from their homes since the outbreak of civil conflict on 15 April 2023.

Over half of those displaced in Sudan itself are children under the age of 18 years, with reports from the UN describing them as having “endured more than a year of separation, human rights violations, trauma, violence, and lack of access to basic services”.

Despite being one of the world's most severe humanitarian disasters, the Sudan crisis is also one of the most underfunded. Additionally, many local first responders deliver vital services but receive little to no funding from larger agencies.

In a statement presented to the UN General Assembly, the appeal was noted as focused on ensuring “funds reach smaller, informal and community-based organisations in remote areas of the country which international agencies cannot reach or access.”

The statement also raised the voices of local faith leaders in Sudan, one of whom stated, “The cries of our children will echo for generations if the world does not act now.” Another expressed concern: “If nothing changes, entire generations will be lost, and hope for peace may never return.”

For further information about the appeal, go to:

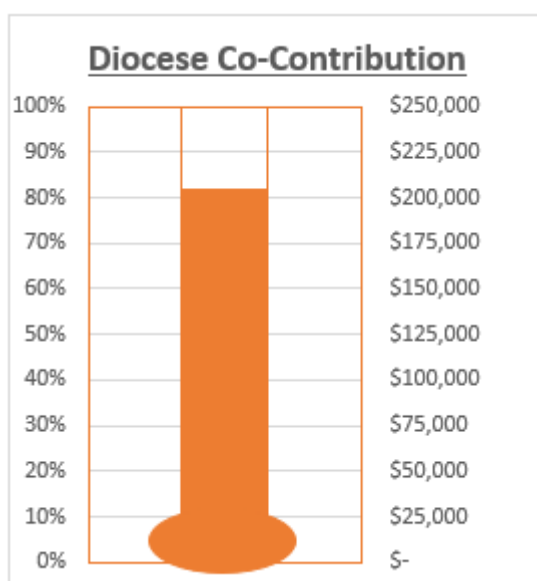
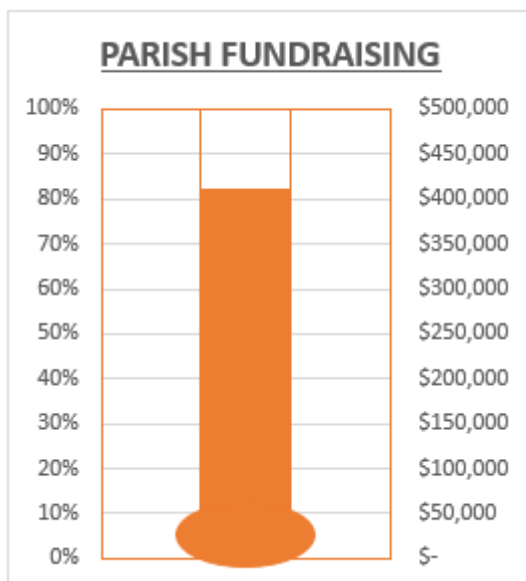
[Caritas Internationalis and ACT Alliance raise voices of local faith leaders in Sudan](#)

# PC ITEMS

We would like to thank those generous parishioners who have already made donation contributions towards the purchase of the PC items. To date approximately \$21,800 has been either paid or pledged to this appeal, which will reduce the total amount of the building contract. There is still opportunity to contribute to this appeal. The items that are still available for a "cash in kind" donation are shown in the attached table.

PC ITEMS	Approximate cost \$	Donations Pledged
Supply & install kitchen, laundry & pantry	20,000	
Carpet (to be selected)	8,000	
Ceramic tiles (to be selected)	3,000	
Vanities (3) (Custom made for openings)	2,400	
Alarm system (to be selected)	2,000	
WC suites (3) (Mondella Signature)	1,500	
Mirrors (4) (to be selected)	800	✓
Clothes drier (Fisher & Paykel)	800	✓
Shower roses (3) (Methven Satinet)	600	
Basin mixers (3) (Caroma Basin Mixer)	550	
Floor wastes (7) (Kinetic 100mm Chrome)	210	
Laundry tub (Estilo 45l bench mount)	150	✓

## PRESBYTERY BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISING



Our updated total raised is **\$410,770!** Please reference: **New Presbytery Build** in your payment message.

**Account Name: St Ives Catholic Parish    BSB: 062 784    Account No: 100001798**

TOWARD THE  
2025 JUBILEE YEAR

# YEAR OF PRAYER

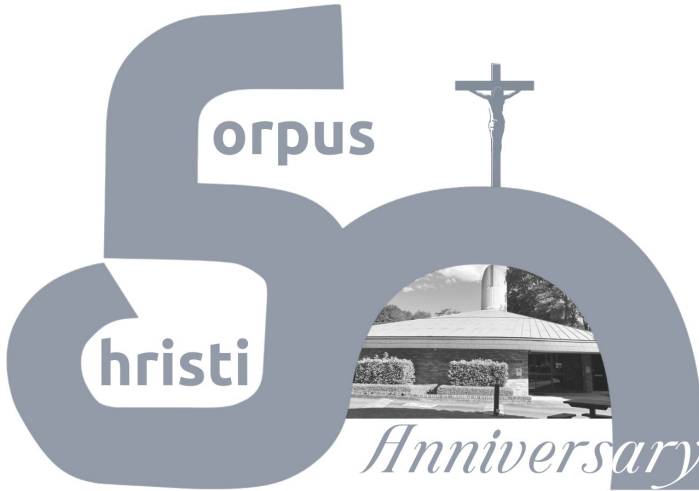
YOU ARE CALLED TO BE  
"PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

Pope Francis has dedicated 2024 to the Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year.

As we prepare the celebration of our Parish Church's 50th Anniversary in on Sunday 27th of October, there will be various events and activities in our parish to help all to journey together in the rediscovery of the great value and need for daily prayer.

The "Wall of Prayer" you see near the front entry of the church is one such space that allows children and adults to participate in making small prayers, together. Please encourage each other to write prayers there, as we join together in one Spirit, one Church, one community.



## Wall of Prayer

Prayer is special. We can talk to God by praying.

We can pray to say thank you  
We can pray to ask for help  
We can pray to ask for advice  
We can pray for someone else

We can pray about anything!



## Let's Pray!



1. Pick up a piece of paper from the tray below
2. Write your prayer on the paper

You can use your own words, or start with any of the below phrases:

- Thank you for \_\_\_  
I pray for \_\_\_  
Please take care of \_\_\_
3. Use the Blu Tack to stick your prayer on the glass below
  4. During Sunday Mass, we will offer the prayers

January 2025

# SUMMER PROGRAM

Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and meet other young Australians who share your passion for history, literature, philosophy and theology.

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# THANK YOU

# 26-29 Sept 2024

**A** huge thank you to all of our parishioners who supported the Ignite Event on 26-29 September 2024. We raised over \$5,300 towards this event. We were able to provide every youth that attended a "free" ticket. We had youth telling us they would go but didn't have the money. So, because of the parish support we were able to pay for every youth ticket. That would not be possible without the support of our parish and for that we are very grateful – THANK YOU.



# Ignite

## CONFERENCE

**T**he Ignite event was held at St Leo's school in Waitara. There were over 1200 people that attended this event daily. We had 50 people from our parish attend the event over the 4 days. It was wonderful to have Fr Gerard with us each day also experiencing this amazing event. What struck me the most was seeing the power of the Holy Spirit working through our youth. The event began on the Thursday night with the Rally and fun games the kids really enjoyed. Friday and Saturday were full day events and they did not disappoint. It was a wonderful blend of music, talks,

sessions and keynote speakers. The adults and youth all went to age appropriate sessions. The primary aged children joined on the Saturday and Sunday. I witnessed youth coming together in a way I had not seen before. By the end of the event on Sunday the unity amongst the youth was incredible to watch. A highlight for me was watching some of the youth, as young 10 or 11 years old kneeling when receiving communion. It brought tears to my eyes to witness this beautiful relationship with Jesus that had begun to develop. I thought these kids will be the future leaders in our church. How blessed to witness and be part of such a beautiful experience.



### Next Year!

Bishop Anthony announced Broken Bay will host Ignite again next year **10-13 July 2025** which we were thrilled to hear. The experience has "ignited" something in me to encourage anyone and everyone to attend next year, especially the youth. It really was a life changing experience and I would encourage anyone who considered going this year, to absolutely clear or book in the dates for Ignite next year. You won't regret it!

*Jen Perrott – Faith Formation Facilitator*



# Parish / Community

## INVITATION

**B**ishop Anthony Randazzo invites everyone in our community the opportunity to participate in the Pastoral Discernment North Shore project. The Project aims to understand the unique challenges and opportunities distinct to the North Shore Deanery in order to develop a Pastoral Mission that enables all in the community the opportunity to participate more fully in the Mission of Jesus Christ.

All members of our community are invited to participate in the consultation phase of the project at the service of shaping a pastoral discernment submission for Bishop Anthony's consideration.

Please join Corpus Christi for a parish/community Consultation Forum, an opportunity for us to listen deeply to each other and attend to how the Holy Spirit is moving within us. Our Parish community's listening and dialogue sessions will be held in the hall and church on the following dates and times.

Please contact Jen Perrott if you can help with the tables.



Please register your attendance in the foyer of the church or with the office for catering purposes.

**Tuesday, 29 October 2024**

**The Hall - 7:00-9:30pm**

*Q1 relates to the decline in the pastoral and sacramental life of our communities*

**Wednesday, 30 October 2024**

**The Hall - 7:00-9:30pm**

*Q2 relates to community collaboration across the North Shore Deanery*

**Thursday, 31 October 2024**

**The Hall - 7:00-9:30pm**

*Q3 relates to the most pressing issues for people of the North Shore Deanery*

**Saturday, 2 November 2024**

**The Church - 10:15-12:30pm**

*Q4 relates to the increasing demand and stress on community members due to high living costs and housing distress*

**The Hall - 1:00pm-3:30pm**

*Q5 relates to the current grouping of Catholic Communities on the North Shore. Do they facilitate or limit; mission, ministry, worship, liturgy and catechesis?*



## CORPUS CHRISTI 50TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration

The 50th Celebration of our Church is upon us and to celebrate the event we have this wonderful mug for our parish with the winning logo design by Ava G in year 6 at Corpus Christi.

Order now to Celebrate this milestone and to raise funds for the parish office build by scanning the QR code or using the TryBooking link on this page



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Sample of the Logo





## 2024 Corpus Christi Parish Christmas Hamper Appeal



Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 15th, as we come together for a special Mass to celebrate our 37th annual Christmas Hamper Appeal. This year we are honoured to have Fr Nguyen Van Cao SJ, Parish Priest of Holy Family, Mt Druitt, co-celebrating this momentous occasion with us.

For nearly four decades, our parish has embraced the true spirit of Christmas by reaching out to those in need. This cherished tradition has not only brought smiles to countless faces but has also strengthened the bonds within our community.

As we embark on this seven-week journey of generosity, let's reflect on the impact of our collective efforts. Each item added to your weekly grocery shop becomes a beacon of hope for a family in need. Whether it's a can of soup, a box of cereal, or a festive treat, every contribution matters.

# Rose Petal evening prayer

*with St Therèse*

Through prayer and Adoration, enter into the way of trust and love of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, and ask her intercession for yourself and for the need of our parish community!

**CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**

**3:00-5:00 PM**

AN AFTERNOON OF  
PRAISE & WORSHIP | REFLECTION  
TESTIMONY | ADORATION | NOVENA

**FOLLOWED BY EVENING MASS**

part of 50th  
Anniversary  
celebration  
activities



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# 50th Anniversary

## CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH

### An Historical Overview

**T**he formal beginnings of the Catholic Parish at St. Ives were marked by the building of the first 'Corpus Christi' Church (now the Parish Centre / Hall) in 1953, the foundation stone being laid on October 18th. The area was then part of the Pymble Parish and served by the priests from there. In those early years the parishioners were predominantly orchardists and market gardeners.

From as early as 1937 the Passionist College, where young men studied before joining the Passionist Community of Priests, had been a significant Catholic presence in the area.

In 1954 the Brigidine Sisters came to St. Ives and began both their College and Corpus Christi School, which initially occupied the site of the new church building during weekdays.

St. Ives was established as a separate parish by Cardinal Gilroy in 1958, when he appointed Fr Peter Sheil as first Parish Priest.

The 1960s and 1970s was a period of rapid population growth in the St. Ives area, and this meant repeated expansion of parish facilities. Land was acquired in several parcels from the Passionists, a presbytery built (1961) and several blocks of classrooms built on the present school site.

In 1969 Sr. Carmel McEwen was appointed school Principal. She was to remain for eighteen years, and deeply touch the lives of hundreds of families.

Such was the growth of the area that after only twenty years the original church building was no longer adequate. The new church, designed by parishioner, Mr Alan Eedy, was blessed and opened by Cardinal Freeman on October 27th 1974.

In 1986 two new dioceses were created within the existing Archdioceses of Sydney - Parramatta in the West, and Broken Bay in the North. On May 28th that year, Bishop Patrick Murphy was installed as first Bishop of Broken Bay, and Corpus Christi, St. Ives, very much at the geographical centre of the Diocese became the Cathedral Church.

After thirty years of dedicated and hard working service as a much loved pastor, and troubled by ill health, Fr Peter Sheil stepped down as first and only Parish Priest of St. Ives in 1988.

Fr Paddy Gillic became Cathedral Administrator in 1988. Health problems unfortunately troubled his time there, and so in 1990 he and Fr Brian Moloney, then at Harbord, exchanged parishes.

During Fr Brian's time at St. Ives, a major building project was undertaken to upgrade and complete Corpus Christi School. He encouraged initiatives to develop and deepen the faith life of parishioners and expanded involvement in parish life and ministry, before he moved to Toukley.

Fr Rex Curry came to St Ives in 1994. Under his enthusiastic leadership the Parish came to exude an atmosphere of willing involvement and co-operation, as people work together to build and enrich this faith community. In 1996, Fr Rex Curry moved to Manly - Balgowlah.

Fr Terry O'Brien took over as parish priest and Cathedral Administrator until 2003. Shortly after Fr Terry arrived in 1996, Corpus Christi Parish lost its status as Cathedral Church to Our Lady of the Rosary, known now as Hornsby Cathedral in Waitara to be closer to the Broken Bay Diocese at Pennant Hills.

From 2003 until 2007 Fr Jack Robson became the parish priest. In early 2008, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe served as parish priest for a short time followed by Fr Jim McKeon also for a short time, until the end of 2008. In late 2008 Fr Peter Dowd became the parish priest, serving the Corpus Christi community for 4 years until 2012 at which time the Carmelites came to the parish. Fr Bernard Hancock served as parish priest from 2012 to 2017, handing over to Fr Greg Chee in 2017 and who is currently serving the parish community as Parish Priest.

Over the last 71 years, Corpus Christi has had 11 priests serve the St Ives community in their journey's of faith so that we may all grow in faith, hope and love. May the next 50 years, be a testament to the beautiful St Ives Community as our Church continues to reach out in charity. May all those who wish to join in on the faith journey do so filled with faith hope and love.

*Excerpt from Parish Book written by Fr Terry O'Brien*





## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

### For A Shared Mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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## The Word

Sunday 27 October 2024: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Collect

Almighty ever-living God,  
increase our faith, hope and charity,  
and make us love what you command,  
so that we may merit what you promise.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer 31:7-9

*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.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

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

1. 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.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *(R.)*
4. 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

From the letter to the Hebrews Heb 5:1-6

*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.

### Gospel Acclamation

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

### Gospel

From the holy Gospel according to Mark Mk 10: 46-52

*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.

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