30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B
28th October 2012

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

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

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER
Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.

www.yearofgrace.catholic.org.au/

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Welcome
St Ambrose Parish community warmly welcomes visitors and new parishioners. We invite new parishioners to fill in a card found on the table at the church entrance and place it on the collection plate. A member of the Parish will visit you as soon as possible.

Northern Deanery
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MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Marriages
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
(Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office)

Reconciliation
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Vincent Kelly, Shannon Hanah-Merrit, Margaret Holgate, Ino West and Sam Barker and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

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| Special Ministers | Oct 27th  | Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton |
|                  | Oct 28th  | Patty McKibbin, Eileen French & Mary Welch |
|                  | Nov 3rd   | Pat McHenry or Angela Grinton |
|                  | Nov 4th   | Rhonda Loret, Martin Prior & Kate Mason |

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
[This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest's stipend.] $306

Church (envelopes) collection
[This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $565

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

Seek first the poorest and most neglected.1900

The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW

‘Master grant that I may see.’ The values we were blind to in our youth, now become clear. Blindness gives way to vision through faith in Jesus. As children of God, we are called to do good things, and to witness God’s love.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Sight is just one of the many gifts that God has given to us. Like all of our basic senses and talents, sight is a gift we often take for granted. We pat ourselves on the back for our accomplishments, forgetting that whatever we do, we do with the gifts that God has given to us.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

Call in at Judy and John Will’s house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat. Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 5427 2827.
**CATHEDRAL CONCERT: SONGS TO REMEMBER**

**25 November, 3:30pm to 5:30pm**
You are warmly invited to enjoy an afternoon of music, including performances from Mark Vincent, Australia's Got Talent, 2009 Winner, Alana Conway, Australia's Got Talent, 2010 Semi-Finalist, Fr Robert Galea, Singer/Songwriter, plus many more talented artists. This event is proudly supported by Doxa Youth Foundation.

*Where:* The Sacred Heart Cathedral, 66 Short Street, Bendigo
*Tickets:* $45 Adults, $40 Concession
*Available from the Capital*
*Contact:* The Capital 5434 6100 OR thecapital@bendigo.vic.gov.au

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**SING FOR A CURE**

Fundraising Concert at St Patrick's for St Vincent's Hospital Cancer Research Centre
Featuring the glorious music of Faure Requiem with The Choir, Johnathon Welch AM, Rosamund Illing & Michael Honeymon.

*When:* Sunday 11th November, 2.30pm
*Where:* St Patrick's Cathedral, *Cost:* $25 or $18 con
*tickets:* www.thechoir.com.au or 0402 973 244

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**RESONANCE STRING ORCHESTRA**

World renowned Cello Soloist Zoe Knighton will be performing in a special benefit concert in aid of Woodend's Resonance String Orchestra. Zoe will be presenting a program of Bach's solo cello suites and funds raised will go towards the orchestra's visiting artists program, which employs a range of professional musicians to work with the orchestra's students.

*St Ambrose Church, Saturday November 17th, 2.30pm*
*Tickets:* $20/$15 or family tickets $55
*Book online* http://trybooking.com/BVVO

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**SINGLE BEDS**

Two single beds (bed & base) available to give away free.
Please contact Bernadette at the Parish Office for more details. ph54272690.

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**EAST TIMOR: JOURNEY OF SOLIDARITY—4 JANUARY TO 17 JANUARY**

You are invited to participate in a “Journey of Solidarity” to East Timor. This pilgrimage to the youngest and poorest nation in South East Asia will include visits to orphanages, health clinics, schools, training centers and other Church and NGO projects. Witness the work of lay ministry workers, nuns, brothers and priests making a real difference in the lives of the people to whom they minister. A core element of the journey will be to spend some time in a remote and isolated village engaging with the community in a true spirit of solidarity. Be humbled by their hospitality, spirituality and community spirit. Persons under 18 must be accompanied by their parent or appointed guardian. *Contact:* dnelson@ggrconnections.com.au OR 0400417988

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**UNIQUE CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: CPE RESIDENCY PROGRAMME**

Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Australia’s leading cancer centre, has 4 opportunities for people with a passion for Pastoral Care. This is a nine-month full-time education programme (commencing 18 February 2013 and concluding November 15, 2013). It comprises 3 units of CPE accredited by ASPEA Inc. The personal attributes required are spiritual maturity and openness, an ability to take initiative and to work within a multidisciplinary team, and a commitment to your ongoing development. You will be a member of a dynamic pastoral care team that promotes spiritual health and well-being within Peter Mac. As a team member, you will provide pastoral care to patients and their carers; participate in the on call roster; and engage in the CPE training programme.

*Enquiries:* Paula Donnoli 9656 1301 OR paula.donnoli@petermac.org
*Applications close:* Friday 16 November
*www.petermac.org*
First Reading  Jer 31:7-9
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.

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  Heb 5:1-6
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.

Gospel Acclamation  See 2 Tim 1:10
Alleluia, alleluia!
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Gospel  Mk 10:46-52
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.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one’s own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith.

In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as ‘imperfect’ – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.
Bartimaeus was a blind man who begged Jesus to help him. He had faith that Jesus could make him see. Help Bartimaeus find his way to Jesus so that he can be healed.