



SIGHT AND INSIGHT

(MARK 10:46-52)

As with all the stories about Jesus healing a person, there is a deeper meaning to the episode of Bartimaeus at Jericho.

The mention of this oasis city tells us that Jesus is approaching his final destination, Jerusalem. Bartimaeus may well have lost his physical power of seeing, but he has insight into Jesus: other people refer to "Jesus of Nazareth", but the beggar recognises him as "Son of David" and calls out "have mercy on me" (not pity, as our version renders it); this verb is only used of God, so he understands Jesus to be the bringer of God's mercy. When Jesus tells them to call Bartimaeus, the others tell him, "Arise; he is calling you." Mark uses the verb which has overtones of the resurrection (rather than simply 'Get up'), which finds an echo in Jesus' final remark to him that "your faith has saved you". He receives more than the restoration of his ability to see physically: he now becomes a disciple of Jesus, following him "along the road", the way to Jerusalem, which for Mark represents the place where Jesus is finally rejected and put to death.

Thus the Bartimaeus story presents a lesson in discipleship: a personal encounter with Jesus leads to a radical decision to follow Jesus along the way which leads to the cross, a theme which runs through the whole of Mark's Gospel narrative. ■

SAY

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

(Mark 10:48)

LEARN

Jericho is an oasis in the Judean desert, 15 miles north-east of Jerusalem;

The city was a popular winter resort for wealthy citizens of Jerusalem, which was cold and windy at that time of the year.

Bar is the Aramaic word for 'son'; the Hebrew equivalent is *ben*.

DO

If you wear spectacles, when you clean them, think of the story of Bartimaeus and your own spiritual way of looking at life. If you don't wear glasses, study a window and think about your spiritual sight in the same way.



REFLECT

We find the use of sight as a metaphor for faith in several places in the four gospel versions. In this case, it is the recovery of sight which is at the centre of the meeting between Jesus and Bartimaeus. People who have had an operation to remove cataracts from their eyes often say what a difference it has made, not just to their sight but to their whole lives. Even a change of prescription to a person's spectacles can have a dramatic effect. Perhaps the latter might be something that a greater number of

us can relate to: we might have put off going to the optician for some reason or another and so we get used to our vision becoming weaker without realising it. When eventually we do go and it is apparent that new lenses will make all the difference, we wonder why we did not go for a test long before.

Imagine for a moment that Bartimaeus did not pay attention to what was happening around him: he would have missed the opportunity to encounter Jesus and not just to recover his sight,

but the chance to be saved would have passed him by. He would have remained a beggar all his life, but instead became a committed follower. These stories are meant to encourage us to look at ourselves, to see how we have allowed our vision about who we really want to be, to become dimmed. We may not need to have an operation to remove cataracts from our eyes, but we can all benefit from cleaning our spectacles. ■



ST PETER'S, CLONALLON
24th October 2021
The Thirtieth
Sunday In Ordinary Time

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Warrenpoint Parochial House: 417 72201
 The Parish Office: 417 59981
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 Safeguarding Contact Numbers:
 Childline: 08001111
 NSPCC:0808 500 5000. Police Non Emergencies: 101
 Social Services, Southern Trust: 028 308 35000

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: 10.30am from St. Peter's Monday - Friday
 7.30pm Tues & Fri in St Mary's Burren
Saturday Vigil Mass: MQP & St Mary's Burren @ 7.30pm
Saturday Vigil in MQP will be at 6pm commencing 6th Nov
Sunday: 08.30am & 11.30am Mass from St Peter's
 10am mass MQP celebrated in English
 11.30am MQP celebrated in Polish
 10am mass in St Mary's Burren

ST. PETER'S PARISH BAPTISM

Baptisms will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the Month in Mary Queen of Peace Church at 1pm.
 A maximum of 4 babies will be baptised together in the Church and 10 people per family can attend the Baptism including the baby.
 Booking of baptisms are to be completed by attending Fr Kearns/Fr Kosciolk's office hour on a Monday evening in the Parish Centre between 6.30pm 7.30pm.

St Vincent De Paul

Please call the following helplines and they will assist in any way possible.
Warrenpoint: 07561427057
Burren: 07562069337
Rostrevor: 07738837954

Life (Pregnancy Care Helpline): 080 8802 5433
Precious Life: 028 903 02882
Samaritans: 116 123(free phone) Lifeline: 0808 808 8000



StPetersClonallon

The Web address for live streaming of Parish masses is www.churchmedia.tv

Anniversary Masses:

St Peter's

- Sun 24th 08.30 Elizabeth Hughes (Silverbridge)
 Sun 24th 11.30 **Months Mind of Mary Madden**
 Teresa McKeivitt (Mary Street)
 Barry Rodgers
 Seamus O'Hare
 Nan Lawless & Family
 The Morris Family
 Sean Sloan
 Mon 25th 10.30 Marie Downey & Mary Madden
 Tues 26th 10.30 John Savage
 Wed 27th 10.30 **Special Intention**
 Frank Reay
 Thurs 28th 10.30 Joe Curran
 Harry (Snr) & Harry (Jnr) Delahunt
 Margaret Davison
 Fri 29th 10.30 **Special Intention**
 Sun 31st 11.30 Briege & Miko McElwain & Family
 John McCann
 Tony Greenhill
 Felix & Mary McParland
 Owen Casey
 Thomas & Eileen Duffy

Mary Queen of Peace

- Sat 23rd 7.30pm **Months Mind of Marie Downey**
 Sean O'Tierney
 Annie Dinsmore
 Laurence Lynch
 Mary McAvoy
 Peter Mackin
 Anne McCormack
 Sun 24th 10am Tommy & Kathleen Donaghy (Seaview)
 Mary & John McKeivitt (Forth Avenue)
 Sat 30th 7.30pm **Months Mind of Olive Ryan**
 Nuala McLaverty
 Don Bradley, Margaret McEvoy & May Bradley
 Edward, Annie, Bridie, Clare, Lily & Sister John Barry
 Anne, George & Leonard McAteer

Mary Queen of Peace Change of Mass Time
The Mary Queen of Peace Vigil Mass
Will change from 7.30pm to 6pm from Saturday 6th Nov.

Thank You For last week's
Church Collection of £2,346
and
Family Care Services
Special Collection
in September of £688

Next Parish Office Hour
Will be on Mon 25th October
in the Parish Office: 6.30-7.30pm
Attend for booking of all sacraments,
form signing, etc.

Parish Office Opening Hours
Monday – Friday: 9am – 3pm
Telephone: 028 417 59981
Email:
Warrenpointparish@dromorediocese.org
The Parish Office will be closed on
Mon 25th and Tues 26th October.



**THE MEN OF
ST. JOSEPH**

Invite male Parishioners
to a prayer group in
The Crypt of St Peter's on
Tuesday 26th Oct @ 7pm.

**Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**
Tuesdays in St Peter's
Exposition & Rosary: 11am
Benediction: 6.30pm
Divine Mercy Novena 2.30pm

Booking of Baptisms
In order to book a Parish Baptism,
Parents must attend
Fr Kearns Parish Office Hour
on Monday Evenings in
The Parish Office, St Peter's Street.

The Southern Area Hospice
Would like to thank everyone,
who so generously gave to their
Church Collection last weekend.
The amount collected was
£881 & €50

Parish Bingo
in the Parish Hall
on Sun 24th Oct at 8pm

**St Joseph's Young Priest Society
Burren Branch**
Coffee Morning
on Sat 30th Oct, 11am – 2pm
in the Hub (GAA Grounds)

**The Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

We can see clearly through the
faith that has been given to us.
"The Lord has done great things
for us".

We now have to help others
to see the way, to guide them,
to the streams of saving water.

Feast of the Holy Souls
Vigil Mass on Mon 1st Nov at
7.30pm in MQP and 10.30am
Mass on Tues 2nd Nov in St Peter's

**St Peter's Annual Mass
For Our Recently Deceased**

will be celebrated in
St. Peter's Church,
on Wed 3rd Nov at 7.30pm,
Due to social distancing
regulations each family who
has had a bereavement in the
last 12 months can have
3 family members in attendance.

Adoration

With The Holy Rosary and
The Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Led by The Legion of Mary,
Every Sat in Newry Cathedral, 3-4pm

Pioneer Mass

In honour of the
Sacred Heart of Jesus will be offered
in **St Mary's, Burren** on
Fri 5th Nov at 7.30pm.
Pioneers & friends from Warrenpoint
& Burren are invited to come along to
this special mass to pray for the
intentions of all Pioneers
in the association.
We also invite those who are due
Jubilarian pins or Diplomas
to come along.
Any young person wishing to join the
association can leave their name
in the Parish Office

The annual Mass for those who
died in the past year and for all our
dead will be celebrated in
St. Mary's Church, Burren
on Tuesday 2nd Nov at 7.30pm,
The Feast of the Holy Souls.
If anyone has a family member
whose funeral took place in
another Parish and wish to have
them included, please give their
name to the Parish Office

RECENTLY DECEASED



*We Pray for
our recently deceased.
Janet Bannon*

*Eternal rest grant unto her
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon her.
May her soul & the souls of
all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*

**Propagation of the Faith
Special Collection 23rd & 24th Oct**

"Today, vast numbers of people
just do not know Jesus Christ.
For this reason, the mission to the
nations continues to be most urgent.
World Mission Day is a privileged
moment when the faithful of various
continents engage in prayer and
concrete gestures of solidarity in
support of young Churches in
the mission lands" (Pope Francis).
Your contribution is one way in which
you can fulfil your call to be
a 'missionary'.

**A Warm Welcome to all
Our Newly Baptised.**



*Doireann Armstrong
Aoife Kane
Katie Mae McArdle
Willow Carroll-Magee*

It is a legal requirement to wear a face
covering on the way into a place of
worship and on the way out.
We also ask that you wear face coverings
at all services.

Calling All Men.

Men's Rosary of Reparation,
Repentance and Conversion
for our Nation Sat 6th Nov at 1pm
Beside Newry Cathedral.

Prolife, Life Chain

Around Belfast City Hall,
Sat 23rd October at 2pm

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.
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.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 125

Response:

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.

- 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.

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.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a
large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son to
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.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

(all bow during the next three lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look, we pray, O Lord,
on the offerings we make to your majesty,
that whatever is done by us in your service
may be directed above all to your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help
and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray,
perfect in us what lies within them,
that what we now celebrate in signs
we may one day possess in truth.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

I complained about my eyesight, my
parents would say, "You're lucky you're not
blind." My upbringing gave me a sense of
confidence even if we didn't have much.

Roger McGough