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30th Sunday of Year B, 25th October 2015

Jesus restores our sight

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark's Gospel, actions accompany Jesus' words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For ex-

LORD THAT I MAY SEE!



ample, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—"Son of David." Many

in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendant of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

For today's Mass

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Sorrento

Holy Year of Mercy, Diocese of Dunkeld - 2016 Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi and Sorrento - 11 nights/10 days on 8-18 September, 2016. Cost around £910 (B & B) or £1060 (Half Board).

Further information and Booking Form through Bishop Stephen's Secretary: bishops-secretary@dunkelldioocese.org.uk or Bishop Stephen Robson, Diocesan Office, 24-28 Lawside Road, Dundee DD3 6XY or Anne Marie Cairns, Alba Tours, 40 Chestnut Grove, Motherwell ML1 3JF.

AROUND PERTH

Sunday Mass in St Mary Magdalene's, Craigie

10am - Sunday
8am - Weekdays
(except Wednesday)
7am - Wednesday

Sunday Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Letham

5.30pm (vigil); 11am

Sunday Mass in St Mary's, Kinnoull

10am

Sunday Mass in St John's

6.30pm (vigil); 9am; 11am & 6.30pm

PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of
the soul of
Charles Hendry (Mgr's dad)
and the souls
all the faithful departed.
**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls, O Lord.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.**

Opportunities for Education

Recently the Pope prayed that opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

If you can help the young people of St John's Academy with work experience or placements, or can help the school in any other way with preparing young people for the world of work then get in touch either by email to st-johnsacademy@pkc.gov.UK, tweet to @gruffthree or phone 01738 454300 and ask for Pauline Ward.

Collections

Thank you for your generosity - last Sunday's collection amounted to £299.40. The Mission Sunday collection amounted to £187 - thank you for your generosity.

November lists

November envelopes are available at the back of the church. Masses will be celebrated throughout November for those whose names appear on your lists. Please hand them in to Mgr Hendry as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Eucharistic Ministers

A Day of Formation and Celebration for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is to be held on Saturday, 31st October from 10.30am-3pm. in St John's High School, Dundee. Packed lunches to be taken.

Feastdays this week

Wednesday 28th October
Ss Simon and Jude

Italian Association

Members and friends are reminded about the Rosary in Italian, at 2pm on Saturdays, and also about going to the Messa per i Mortu celebrated by Archbishop Tartaglia in St Andrew's Cathedral in Glasgow on Monday 2nd November. Our bus leaves St John's at **PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME of 3.45pm** - with High Tea en route.

We will be attending White Christmas in Pitlochry on Thursday 3rd December - price (including High Tea) £30.50.

Christmas Dinner Dance at McDiarmid Park - Monday 14th December - cost £28.

Justice and Peace

'Out of regard for Christ...the Church cannot remain insensible to whatever serves man's true welfare, any more than she can remain indifferent to what threatens it.'

Redemptor Hominis, 13.1

Diary dates

Perth Action of Churches Together

CAROL SERVICE

7.00pm Fri 18th December

St Leonard's in the Fields,
Marshall Place, Perth
(opposite the South Inch)

Carols, readings, prayers
and a Christmas message

Featuring the 'Churches
Together' choir

An offering will be
taken in aid of charity

ALL WELCOME



If you would like to become a member of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith please ask your parish priest for more details. Membership costs £10 per year (individual); £25 per year (family) and £100 per year (life).

ARE YOU GOING TO BE IN HOSPITAL? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS IN HOSPITAL?

Name _____ Hospital _____ Ward _____

Please complete/ tear off and hand it to Mgr Hendry after Mass