

St Patrick's Parish Church Hill

Under the Pastoral Care of the Marist Fathers since 1868



27 October 2024

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

The genius of Mark

In today's Gospel – Mark 10:46-52 – we have the healing of a blind man. This healing is related to an earlier healing of a blind man – see 8:22-26. Such connections within Mark are significant. They are part of his overall purpose which he shares with the other Gospel writers: “For the Gospel writers, because Jesus is alive, all that he said and did in his earthly life is not merely a past event but a present source of grace and power to those who believe in him. They write so as to invite their readers to access that grace and power through faith” (Mary Healy, *Gospel of Mark*, (Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture) (p. 25). Baker Book Group - A. Kindle Edition).

In Mark 4:41, the disciples ask each other: “Who then is this?” Mark's Gospel is a response to this question. As Brendan Byrne SJ notes, Mark takes his readers into the “scariest” places: “I say ‘scariest’ because even a casual glance at Mark takes the reader into a world inhabited by demons and malign forces with which Jesus is constantly in conflict. Hostility, misunderstanding, and betrayal dog Jesus right up to the unrelieved starkness of his death” (Brendan Byrne, SJ, *A Costly Freedom: A Theological Reading of Mark's Gospel*, Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2008, 9).

In the beginnings of Mark's Gospel, the only ones to know the answer to the question, “Who then is this?”, are Jesus, the reader and the demons. Mark slowly develops his presentation. We hear Jesus ask the disciples: “Who do people say I am?” (8:27). Slowly the truth begins to emerge as they journey to Jerusalem.

Today's account of the healing of the blind man joins that earlier healing of another blind man, to suggest the disciples are slowly coming to see the truth of Jesus. Mark moves towards a clear-sighted response to the question, “Who then is this?": “He will return at the end of the age as the Son of Man in glory to institute judgment on the world, vindicate the faithful, and complete his messianic work by definitively establishing the rule of God” (Brendan Byrne SJ, op cit, 47).

Who do you say he is?

See www.aquinas-academy.org.au for background material on the Gospel text

Michael Whelan SM, Parish Priest

OUR SYNODAL JOURNEY

The Church is deeply rooted in the world. It exists in the world and draws its members from the world. It derives from it a wealth of human culture. It shares its vicissitudes and promotes its prosperity. But we also know that the modern world is in the grip of change and upheaval. It is undergoing developments which are having a profound influence on its outward way of life and habits of thought

(Pope Paul VI, Ecclesiam Suam, August 6 1964, #26).

The November Book of Remembrance will be placed at the front of the church near the statue of St Patrick on Wednesday 30th October. You are invited to write the names of deceased family and friends in that Book. They will be remembered throughout the month in the prayers of the Parish. **A box has been placed in front of the altar for November Mass requests.** Please **use the November Mass envelopes** from the back of the church. Write the names of those for whom the Mass is requested on the envelope and place it in the box.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedule in November - due to several priests being away at different times in November, there will be adjustments in schedule for Reconciliation as follows: Monday - Friday: 4.45 pm - 5.20pm. Sundays: there will be no Reconciliation during the 9.00am, 12 noon and 6.00pm masses.

Legion of Mary Open Day Meet up - Sunday 3 November, 1.00pm at St Patrick's Crypt. RSVP with Juliana - 0438 268 739.

First Holy Communion Programme - Classes in preparation for Holy Communion will begin on Sunday 3rd November. The ceremony will be on Dec 1st at St Patrick's Church. To register, contact srfidelissm@stpatschurchhill.org.

The Call to Be final lecture series of 2024: Poetry's Job - Presented by Michael Griffith, PhD. Three Wednesdays from 6 November 10am-12noon in the Crypt. Cost \$90. Register at www.trybooking/CVOZY or email thecalltobe@gmail.com.

The Second Session of the Synod on Synodality is concluding in Rome. At the back of the church you will find some notes on the Synod. You are encouraged to keep abreast of this historical event.

Coffee Shop Volunteers needed - for Wednesdays & Sundays. For more details contact: Michael Borromeo 9254-9855 or email office@stpatschurchhill.org.

St Pats Synodal Gathering - St Patrick's is on a Synodal Journey. The next Meeting in the Crypt is on Sunday 17th Nov. 10.00am and 11.00am. The spirit of synodal gatherings is praying, sharing, listening and entering into dialogue. Online gatherings via zoom are also offered. Check the flier at the back of the church for more details.

PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

28 Oct Mon Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles
30 Oct Wed Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena; 12.30pm
31 Oct Thur Rosary Group 12.30pm, Crypt

1 Nov Fri All Saints Day
2 Nov Sat All Souls Day

The parish of St Patrick's acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of this place we now call Sydney.

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah 31:7-9 (NRSV)

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' "See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them those who are blind and those who are lame, those with child and those in labour; together, a great company, they shall return here. "With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water; in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Response to the Psalm

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:1-6 (NRSV)

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour; but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest

forever; according to the order of Melchizedek."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark 10:46-52 (NRSV)

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher; let me see again. Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately the man regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

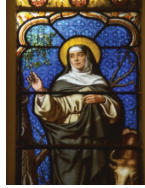
WISDOM FROM TRADITION

God is in truth a hidden God. He comes to us under cover of darkness. It is when we have uncovered the void within ourselves, opened up the empty space of our need for God, that we can encounter God in sheer faith.

(Charles Davis, "A Hidden God", America, January 29, 1966, 173)

**St Brigid's Church,
14-16 Kent Street, Millers Point**

Did you know - St Brigid's, designed by colonial architect Ambrose Hallen, is the oldest surviving place of Catholic worship in Australia? Governor Richard Bourke approved the site and building plan in 1833.



**Join our community
for Mass - Sundays at 9.00am**

Visit our **Piety Store and Book Store** in the William Davis Courtyard every Sunday from 10 am. Discover good finds pre-loved books, prayer cards and gift items

Electronic Donations: We have two tap machines for electronic donations near the entry to the church. For regular donations from your credit card, please contact the Parish Office.

RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

MONDAY - FRIDAY:

7.30 - 7.55 am; 10.00am - 11.00am;
12.00 noon - 1.00pm; 5.00 - 6.00pm

SATURDAY: 7.30am - 7.55am; 10.30am -
12.30pm; 5.30pm - 5.55pm

SUNDAY: 7.45am - 8.30am; 8.45 am -12.45
pm; 2.45 pm - 4.45 pm; 5.30 pm - 5.55 pm.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS: 7.30am - 7.55am;
11.30 am - 11.55am; 4.45pm - 5.20 pm

PARISH OFFICE

Address: 141 Harrington Street, Sydney
Office hours: Monday to Friday,
10.00 am - 2.00 pm

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Sydney, NSW 2000

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

ST. PATRICK'S COFFEE SHOP
Open Tuesday - Friday 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Sunday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

Sunday First Collection: Support of the Marist Community at St Patrick's
Sunday Second Collection: General Parish Expenses and Maintenance.

MASS PROGRAM

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8.00am, 10.30am,
12.00noon & 5.30pm.
**Church open from 7.30am - 6pm*

SATURDAY: 8.00am, 12.00 noon
Vigil Mass at 6.00pm.
**Church open from 7.30am - 6.45pm*

SUNDAY: 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am,
11.00am, 12 noon, 3.00pm, 4.00pm, 6.00pm
**Church open from 7.45am - 6.45pm*
St. Brigid's, Millers Point: 9.00am Mass

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: 8.00 am, 12 noon, 5.30
pm **Church open from 7.30am - 6.00pm*

St Patricks Parish

Fr. Michael Whelan, SM <i>Parish Priest</i>	Cindy Kurniadi, <i>Business Manager</i>
Fr. Peter McMurrich, SM	Mona Redito, <i>Office Manager</i>
Fr. Paul Mahony, SM	Andrew Carter, <i>Maintenance Manager</i>
Fr. Paul Hachey, SM	Michael Borromeo, <i>Coffee Shop Manager</i>
Fr. Michael Carroll SM	Tereza Seric, Karen Larkman <i>Safeguarding</i>
Sr. Fidelis McTeigue, SM <i>Pastoral work</i>	Helen Nejaime, <i>Sacristan</i>
Br. Terry Garrett, SM	

The church is fitted with an audio loop for the hearing impaired