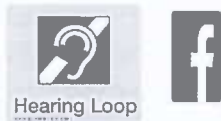


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Mass Times Schedule

This Weekend 27/10/24
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gunnedah: Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 8.30am
Tambar Springs: Sunday: 11.00am

- Home Communion next Sunday 3/11/24
- Alkira Communion Weekly

Weekday Mass: Gunnedah
Mon: NO MASS
Tues: 9.15am Church
Wed: 9.15am Church
Thur: 9:15am Church
Fri: Hunter St Cemetery 9:30am
Sat: Edlin Chapel Lawn Cemetery 9am

Next Weekend 03/11/24
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gunnedah: Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 8.30am
Mullaley: Sunday: 11.00am

RECONCILIATION: 2/11/24 12 NOON

BAPTISMS This weekend 26/10/2024
Paddy & Fleur Berryman
Children of Ken & Clair Berryman

Please pray for the faithful departed
 Sr. Mavis Dick rsm, Helen Hagley,
 Deacon Peter Harrison, Kevin Pollock,
 Peter & Ruth Clarke, Chris Kidd,
 Bishop Kevin Manning,
 Fr. John Carey,
 Sr. Gemma Burke rsm,
 Sr Judith Carney rsm,
 Fr. Peter Lui, Bishop Luc Matthys,
 Fr. Tom Shanahan, Fr Stan Campbell,
 Spackman Family, Denis Bell,
 Bill & Michael White,
 Noel Kennedy (anniv), Judy Koch (anniv)

Monthly Home Communion Ministers
 Roster for NOVEMBER now available on the table at the rear of the Church.

HOME ROSARY FRIDAY 1.30pm
 Fri 1/11: Gleeson's Unit 28 Oaktree

	26 Oct/Saturday 6pm	2 Nov/Saturday 6pm
Technology	A. Martin	J. Marmara
Intro & P of F	V. Shakeshaft	M. Hobson
1st Reading	M. Turner	V. Shakeshaft
2nd Reading	K. Spinks	N. Herslett
Altar Gifts	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Holy Communion	C. Hoffman	J. Densley
Altar Servers	K. Martin	VOLUNTEER
Collectors	F. Chauraya/G. Law T. Hagley/D. Whiteman	F. Chauraya/G. Law T. Hagley/D. Whiteman
Altar Keepers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Organist	K. Clarke	K. Clarke
	27 Oct/Sunday 8:30am	3 Nov /Sunday 8.30am
Technology	J. Kokegei	J. Stanley
Intro & P of F	T. Kennedy	J. Spackman
1st Reading	J. Kokegei	A. Paull
2nd Reading	G. Broekman	M. Paull
Altar Gifts	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Holy Communion	Jacinta Stanley	M. Hennessy
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Collectors	J. Stanley/Volunteer P. Tuckerman/T. Kennedy	J. Stanley/Volunteer
Altar Keepers	S. Hopkins	S. Hopkins
Organist	K. Jacobs	K. Jacobs
Cuppa	S. Tydd	VOLUNTEER
Altar Linen	D. Andren	D. Andren
Altar Cleaning	L. Sanson	A.Kidd/V. Shakeshaft
Lawn Mowing	27/10: R. Lucas B. O'Gorman	28/10 to 10 Nov D. Palmer/P. Paul

Mary MacKillop medals now available at the back of the church. \$1

CATHOLIC WEEKLY AVAILABLE \$2 AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS FREE—pick up a copy.

Please pray for all the sick in our Parish
 Ron Kelly, Jenny Watterson, Tracey Roberts, Lucia Fajardo, Gloria Reading, Michael Herden, Sadie Streater daughter of Luke & Rebecca, Basil Bendeich, Louise, Derek Lucas, Rebecca Downes Ellis, Tony Bovey, Benjamin Joseph (brother of Fr Antony).

Parishioners who have pre-ordered

- 2025 Ordo,
- 2025 Daily Mass Book,
- The Light Christmas Reflections,
- 2025 God's Word

Orders now available on the back table

November—Celebration of Mass for the Faithful Departed
 Everyone is invited to attend the celebration of Mass For the eternal rest for the faithful departed.
NEXT Friday 1 November 2024 @ Hunter St Cemetery 9.30am
 (please bring a chair)
NEXT Saturday 2 November 2024 Edlen Chapel at the Lawn Cemetery 9.am

November dedicated month of the Holy Souls
 Throughout the month of November the Book of Remembrance will be placed at the foot of the altar with names of deceased relatives and friends received for the November Mass list.
November Mass Envelopes are available on the back table.

Our Parish Retreat
All parishioners and friends are invited to a Reflection/Retreat day on Saturday 23 November 2024 presented by Helen Baguley rsm

Note from Sister Helen: For me, this is an Invitation for us to come and relax into the presence of our God who loves us much more than we can imagine. It is an opportunity to gently BE with God, without having to 'tick off' things we should be DOING. It is a time for listening to God's word, unique to each of us, for listening to God who inhabits our own hearts, our own lives. It is a time for each one to respond in prayer to God's presence within and around us.

The day will include time for input around an Advent theme, time for personal prayer and reflection, time for sharing with each other and praying together, for enjoying the company of each other. *Does this resonate with you?*

I am excited that I have been invited to be with you in this special way, and look forward to meeting you.
Please add your name to the Registration sheet if you would like to attend.

MORNING TEA
All parishioners are invited to Morning Tea in St. Joseph's Hall after 8.30am Mass each Sunday.
 This is an important time to get together with other parishioners and visitors to our Parish.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HOST
Phone 0427422912
 Only need to turn on urn and get food out of frig. You may bring some food to help out. Donations of slices/cakes are most appreciated.
Sun. 3/11 VOLUNTEER
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, GUNNEDAH
 Acknowledges the Kamilaroi people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
 We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land.

SACRED HEART PARISH BOGGABRI
Sacred Heart School— Ph 6743 4656
VIGIL MASS: 4.00PM
 Principal Sacred Heart School Claire Ryan
Maules Creek 11.00am 24/11/24
ROSTER SATURDAY 26/10/24
 Readers: K. Warner
 POF: S. Bradshaw
 Technology: B. Elliott
 Offertory: Neil/Ellen
 Organist: A. O'Connell

ROSTER SATURDAY 2/11/24
 Readers: R. Grover
 POF: K. Warner
 Technology: P. Adams
 Offertory: Plevy Family
 Organist: J. Bastardo

SACRED HEART OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES.
 Jack Rose, Lexie Crowley, Cath Sullivan, Elva McIntosh, Ernie Stengert, Wayne Bailey, Sudan Griffiths, James Murphy, Josephine Roser, Peter Archibald, Bruce Baker, Bert Riley, Ruth Flack, Denis Murphy, Percy Hobden, Noleen Wales.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish
 Tommy Edwards, John Hallman, Sr Maria Harrex, Pat Ryan, Ross Warner, Josie Strohal, (mother of Nicola Plevy), Lisa Hallman, Michael Jamieson, Sadie Streater, Roger O'Shea.

Prayer for HSC Students
 Loving God, we continue our prayers for our HSC students as they sit for their exams. Grant them focus, calm, and confidence in their abilities. May they trust in the work they've done and find peace in knowing You are with them in every moment. Bless their efforts, Lord, and guide them through the challenges ahead. Amen.

Centenary of the Sisters of Mercy Chapel
 2025 will mark the Centenary of the Sisters of Mercy Chapel.
 If you are interested in being part of the planning and preparation for this milestone event please add your name to the registration sheet on the back table.

COMMISSIONING OF NEW ALTAR SERVERS
 Next Sunday during Mass we will commission and welcome our new Altar Servers into this very special ministry.

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.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

27 OCTOBER 2024

'LET ME SEE AGAIN'

This week's Gospel is the story of Bartimaeus, a 'blind beggar'. Earlier in the Gospel (8:22-26) there is another healing story of a blind man in Bethsaida. These two stories bookend the journey of the disciples with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the three passion predictions. Last week we heard of the sons of Zebedee who, like the other disciples, fail to see who Jesus is. In today's story, Bartimaeus is named and connected to a family, which is unusual for healing miracles.

Bartimaeus is sitting alongside the road, the way. Jesus, the crowd and disciples are leaving Jericho on the way to Jerusalem. Bartimaeus shouts out asking for mercy, addressing Jesus as 'Son of David'. He recognises him as Messiah. Many order him to be silent. He shouts the same phrase more loudly. Jesus stops in his tracks and invites the crowd to call Bartimaeus to come to him. They say 'Take heart, get up, he is calling you'. Jesus' reconciles the many to their mission.

Bartimaeus throws off his cloak, his means of income from begging. He springs up, coming to Jesus guided by the sound of his voice. Jesus asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' This is the question Jesus had asked the sons of Zebedee. Bartimaeus answers: 'Let me see again.' Jesus' words have immediate impact. Bartimaeus regains his sight and follows Jesus on the way: he becomes a disciple of Jesus. How clearly do we see our mission to bring others to Jesus, to spread the good news, to invite others on the way.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

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 for ever, 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.**