

### Pentecost 22 24 October 2021

### Dear Friends,

Our readings today from the Letter to the Hebrews and the Gospel of Mark encourage us to focus on exactly who Jesus is and why complete faith in him is necessary in order for us to be Christians and receive the gift of eternal life when our time on earth is ended. Jesus is the Great High Priest, the Son of God, who undertook a mission of eternal priesthood in order to intercede with



the Father for all humankind. He gave his life to atone for the sins of all people on earth throughout the ages. Thus, when blind Bartimaeus cries out on the streets of Jericho to Jesus, pleading for healing that he might see again, Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has made you whole." Embracing his restored sight and the salvation bestowed upon him, Bartimaeus leaves Jericho and follows Jesus on his journey. So, too, we must journey with Jesus, confident in his redeeming love and life everlasting, when our journey ends.

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Please contact me by email or phone, if you wish to do so; the contact details are on the back cover. You are in my thoughts and prayers, as ever. <u>I look</u> forward to seeing you next Sunday 31 October at 9am, when we will be able to worship together in person once more. Please remember to book through the Parish Office. Every blessing to you and those whom you love!

Fr Mar

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, Rector

# PLEASE PRAY FOR...

#### Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Regional Bishop: Northern Region: Local churches: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel The Rt Revd Chris Edwards Parishes of Ryde and West Ryde St John's Uniting Church, Neutral Bay; clergy and people

#### **Anglicare Sydney:**

Mobile Community Pantry Program; Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

#### **Bush Church Aid:**

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer, The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

#### **Anglican Board of Mission:**

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya; The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

#### Those we are holding in prayer

#### **Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:**

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner, Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Robert Rowlands, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford, Dorothy Bashford, Robert Alexander, Jenny Willis, Christine Hurford, Lynda Walker

#### People in Residential and Home Care:

Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby, Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson, Nancy Lovitt, Nan Oliver

#### All School and University Students:

All school students returning to face-to-face lessons after months of home schooling. Year 12 students preparing for final HSC and Baccaleaureate examinations. All school students sitting end of year examinations. University students preparing for final assessments and end of year examinations.

#### The Prayer for the Day

God of peace, you taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: by the power of your Spirit lift us to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 



#### Hebrews 7.21-28

But this one became a priest with an oath, because of the one who said to him, "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, 'You are a priest forever' " accordingly Jesus has also become the guarantee of a better covenant. Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

#### Mark 10.46-52

They came to Jericho. As he 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 he regained his sight and followed him on the way.



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