

**October 24<sup>th</sup> 2021 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time – Year B – Mark 10 : 46 - 52**

<sup>46</sup>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.

<sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>49</sup>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.” <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>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.” <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

<p>➤ <b>Read and re-read</b> – out loud and slowly the Gospel.</p> <p>➤ <b>Meditate</b> - on reading as being spoken to you, an experience in your life</p>	<p>➤ <b>Pray</b> - Thanksgiving – Repentance – Petition</p> <p>➤ <b>Action</b> – Attitude (Call to change / to act /to do)</p>
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In this week’s gospel we see the blind man being able to 'see again'. His request to Jesus was "Master, let me see again". He had the gift of sight in the past and knew what he was missing. He realised that it was Jesus that was passing because he listened. He called out the name of Jesus with all his heart battling against all the people who got in his way. He shouted as loud as he could. On hearing Jesus calling him he threw away his security blanket. On being cured he immediately followed Jesus. To get to Jesus, Bartimaeus threw aside his cloak so that he would not be impeded.

What are the things in our lives that are impeding our getting close to Jesus?

**Prayer:**

**Lord we thank You** for the gift of our faith in you which enables us to leave the side of the road and call on your name for help in time of need.

**Forgive us Lord** when we allow the dark clouds of stress or illness to take us off your path. We forget to let God in and ask for help as Bartimaeus did.

**Help us Lord** to follow you and be aware of the people on the 'margins' saying to them "courage get up, the Lord is calling you".

