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30th Sunday of Year  
(20 p.Pent.)Catholic Centre  
Broadcast

Good morning to you, from the little 3rd fl. chapel at the Catholic Centre. In a few moments, the Mass for today will be beginning, and we invite you to join in spirit with the people here in their celebration and offering of worship to God this Sunday morning. Especially if you are sick, or unable to join in person this morning with your fellow-Christians in their prayer and community celebration, this broadcast of the Mass is meant to be a help for you, giving you a chance not just to listen in on the ceremony here but to take part in your own way with this act of worship as it takes place here. The first part of the Mass is centred around the Word of God, in scripture and the homily; you'll hear today (the 30th Sunday in the cycle of the year) from the prophet Jeremiah, from the N.T. letter to the Hebrews, and from St Mark's gospel continuing the readings of the past few Sundays. But before the first scripture reading, there is an introductory rite of penance and prayer, and then praise of God; this begins now, as the celebrant and his assistants enter the altar-area of the chapel, with the singing of an Entry Song

## CHOIR

Intro.:Kyrie:Gloria: ORATIO

The formal prayer for today's assembly. And now priest & people sit down to listen to the first, O.T., passage of scripture: this is followed by a responsorial from Ps 126.

**CREED;** After the scriptures and the homily given by the celebrant of today's Mass, Fr Josph Foley, the Creed is recited in common, a profession of faith in God who reveals Himself to us.

**OFFERT.:** The prayers of intercession, the Prayer of the Faithful, concludes the first part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word. The second part, the Eucharist, begins now with the rite of preparation, the Offertory: at the altar, the priest receives from his assistants the offerings of bread and wine made in our names, our gifts which are needed for the action and prayer of the Eucharist, to become God's gift of Christ to us.

## CHOIR

**PREFACE:** The Offertory rite ends with that formal Prayer over the Gifts. Now begins the central prayer and action of the Mass, in the Eucharist; it's introduced by a short dialogue and the special preface for Sundays.

**PER EPSUM:** The prayer and action of the Eucharist ends with that constant biblical doxology. In preparation for the sacrament of the Eucharist now, the prayer of the Christian family, the Our Father is recited.

**COMMUNION:** At the altar the priest now receives in Holy Communion the Body and Blood of Christ, taking first the sacred Host and then drinking from the consecrated chalice. In a moment or two he will begin to give the sacrament of the Eucharist to those of the congregation here who wish to share in receiving this Holy Communion and this Mass and who are now filing up to the altar-rail at the front of the chapel. While the communions begin, this is a time you may wish to devote to private prayer of your own, in personal communion with Christ who comes to us in so many different ways in life. And meanwhile now, a communiontime hymn is sung.

## CHOIR

As the priest continues to give Holy Communion to the people here, in the short time until the final thanksgiving prayer of the Mass perhaps you might like to join me in some reflection on this Eucharist and the scriptures we listened to earlier. About the blind man, remember? In St Mark's gospel, this incident is given prominence in the way he highlights blindness towards Jesus' revealing of who is really is and of the passion and death he must undergo; only gradually do his disciples begin to see and understand. But here in this blind man is someone who knows clearly what he wants and what he needs, and that Jesus is the one person who can do something for him, who can have mercy on him.... and his faith brought him both healing and discipleship with Christ. The blindness with which Christ was principally concerned was that of the spirit, of the heart and the mind; and of which He found a parable in the quite common physical affliction of many people. He did not cure, nor try to, every blind person that crossed his path during his human life on earth (there is no record of this); but He did come to bring light into the darkness, in the words of St John, that all mankind might see and come to believe. The man Jesus cured knew what he wanted; the mercy of God, and to see. What he received from Jesus through his faith was more than he could ever have hoped or expected. Each of us shares in the illness and disablement of the world in one way or another; and we have our blindnesses which maybe prevent us even seeing that we are blind. It isn't only the material ills of society and the world that Christians should be aware of, with Christ. As we celebrate the Eucharist together, the focus is on faith: that what we see

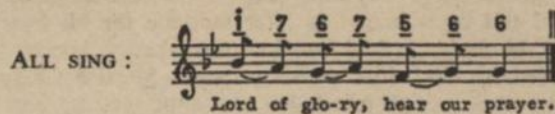
with our eyes is not all there is to be seen or understood. It took Our Lord's disciples, despite their closeness and friendship with Him, and His teaching and example, a long time to see and understand the need and the meaning of His suffering and dying, to rise from death as Lord and Master. In the Eucharist it is this we celebrate; how much any one of us really understands & sees, or feels the need of sharing this with Christ, is the measure of our faith. What He offers and gives to us is His own very life and love, a salvation, mercy and grace beyond anything we could have hoped for or expected. And often, we don't see that at all clearly. This Holy Communion with Christ is the sacrament of faith; we should remember the imploring prayer of the blind man whom Jesus met: 'Jesus, son of David, have mercy on me'; and when Jesus asked him what he wanted Him to do for him: 'Master, let me receive my sight' — and he received not only his sight, but Christ as well. Help us, Lord, to see; let us receive our sight, to see You in our life, in our brothers and sisters, in ourselves; to see You in the Eucharist we receive in thanksgiving and gratitude for everything You have done and continue to do for us, for your people, for our world; things we often see with blinded eyes, because we don't know how much we really need your saving love or what it is You wish us to have and to be.

The giving of Holy Communion is now over, and having returned to the altar the priest has put away the sacred vessel used during the Mass. And now after some moments of silent prayer, the final Thanksgiving Prayer of the Mass is recited.

**END:**

The Blessing and Dismissal bring the Mass to a close. And as the people here begin to leave the chapel, we end too this broadcast of today's Sunday celebration, which you've been listening to direct from the Catholic Centre in Connaught Rd. Central.

READER : For the holy people of God, we ask obedience to the covenant of Christ. Lord, hear us.



For those who do not believe, we ask conversion, mercy and salvation. Lord, hear us.

For those who endure loneliness and suffering, we ask healing, comfort and friendship. Lord, hear us.

For those present in this church, we ask the grace of Christ and fellowship of the Spirit. Lord, hear us.

PRIEST : Almighty God, we thank you for showing us of what we are capable. Grant that everyone may know that you alone are God, that Jesus Christ is your Son and we are your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ALL : Amen. (Sit)

#### Prayer over the Gifts

P. Lord God of power and might, receive the gifts we offer, and let our service give you glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL : Amen.

#### Communion Song

READER : Christ loves us. He gives himself for us as an offering to God, a gift of pleasing fragrance.

ALL SING : (Any suitable song)

#### Prayer after Communion

P. Let us pray.

Lord, bring to perfection within us the love we share in this sacrament; may our celebration have an effect in our lives. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. ALL : Amen.

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

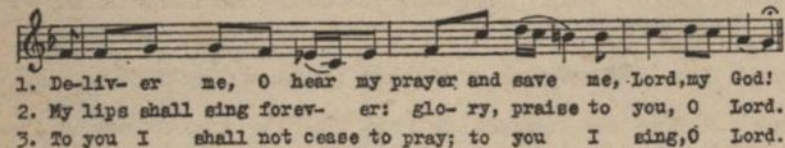
#### Entry Song

READER : Rejoice, O hearts that seek the Lord! Look to the Lord in his strength; seek to serve him constantly!

ALL SING :



1. In you, O Lord, I take my refuge; let your goodness shelter me;
2. O Lord, you are my hope and my sal-va-tion, help me in my need;
3. For I shall render thanks up-on my harp, O God of Is-ra-el;



#### Opening Prayer

P. Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, strengthen our faith, hope, and love. May we do with loving hearts what you ask of us, and come to share the life you promise. We make our prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ALL : Amen.

## First Reading

### A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (31, 7-9)

(Theme: I shall lead them back in mercy—both the blind and the lame.)

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born." — This is the Word of the Lord. ALL : Thanks be to God.

### Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 126)

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

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

READER : When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

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

READER : Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.

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

READER : Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb! May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

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

READER : He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

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

## Second Reading

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (5, 1-6)

(Theme: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.)

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honour upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek." —This is the Word of the Lord. ALL : Thanks be to God.

### Proclamation (All stand)

READER SINGS : (Alleluia, Alleluia)

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

READER : Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

ALL : (repeat the refrain)

## Gospel

### A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark (10, 46-52)

ALL : Glory to you, Lord.

(Theme: Master, grant that I may see)

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; rise, he is calling you." And throwing off his mantle he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Master, let me receive my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.—This is the gospel of the Lord. ALL : Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ. (Sit)

## General Intercessions

PRIEST : My dear friends, let us ask the Father to empower us to love him in and through our neighbour.