

# OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 21 | Sunday 26 March 2023 | Sunday of the Blind "What do you want me to do for you?" Mk 10: 46-52



## THE GOSPEL

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

Mk 10:46-52

## Message from the Bishop

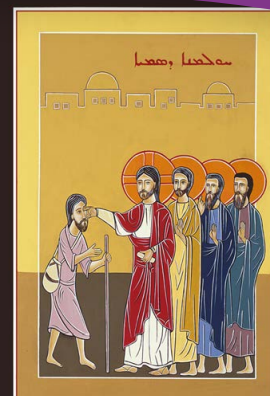
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Healing of the Blind Man in the Maronite liturgical tradition is the last Sunday before Hosanna Sunday. The Gospels of this Season of Lent convey to us the message of transformation and healing after an encounter with Christ, beginning with Cana Sunday where Jesus transformed water into wine. Similarly, He alone can transform the water of our sinful lives into the wine of new life.

We read this Sunday that as Jesus was leaving Jericho, a large crowd follows Him. The crowd was still eager for the Lord's word and teachings. As He is leaving, a blind man, Bartimaeus, is sitting on the side of the road. For the people of that time, to have such a disability was a sign that one had sinned and was rejected by God, so they rebuked the blind man. You know, we are often like that in our hearts too, when we look down on those who are marginalised or poor, those who we think are "smaller" than us or not of our class. However, this man is, in the eyes of Jesus, unique, irreplaceable, and loved. We should be careful about the thoughts in our hearts and minds that hinder the grace of God in our lives and the lives of those around us.

Jesus hears Bartimaeus and calls him and asks him: "What do you want me to do for you?" Although the answer is clear, Jesus asks him this question because, in his response, Bartimaeus is making a real act of faith, and it is this faith that heals him.

At the end of the gospel, we read that the blind man regained his sight and immediately followed Jesus along the way. When Jesus heals us and transforms us, it is impossible for us to go back to our old lives. We then put this grace at the service of Jesus, at the service of others, and at the service of the Church. To give thanks to God is not to say the words "thank you", it is to live our new life with Jesus.



## Sunday of the Blind

Isa 42: 6-8, 16-18  
2Cor 10: 1-7  
Mk 10: 46-52

Today, with Bartimaeus, we are called to recognize that we need the grace of God to be able to truly see. We are called to cry out with strength and with faith to the Lord. We are called to leave our side of the road, to throw off the cloak of our old ways, and follow Jesus with great trust.

In these last weeks of Lent, let us pray for the faith and courage of Bartimaeus, and ask Jesus, the Son of David, to have mercy on us all.

### Palm Sunday Collection

As per our annual practice, our Eparchy with all its parishes will be holding a special collection for Caritas Lebanon during all masses on Palm Sunday weekend (1 and 2 April 2023). The theme this year is: "We continue with your support...". All proceeds collected go to support our Diocesan Family Appeal through Caritas Lebanon. Volunteers will be standing outside the church doors carrying collection boxes. Thank you for any donation you can offer as it will be giving a glimpse of hope to our brothers and sisters in Lebanon and remind them that they are not forgotten on the side of the road.

### Feast of St Rafqa and Relics Tour

On the 23rd of March, we celebrated the Feast of St Rafqa, "the suffering nun", from whom we learn how to transform our sufferings and sickness into an opportunity to move forward in our journey toward holiness, dedicating our pain and challenges for our salvation and for the salvation of the whole world.

As part of our Jubilee celebrations, the relics of St Rafqa, along with the relics of the saints are currently at St Rafqa's Parish in Austral and will remain until Sunday 26 March.

I wish you a Blessed Sunday!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

### SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8am (Arabic)  
9:30am (English)  
11am (Ar/Eng)  
5pm (Ar/Eng)  
7pm (English)

Live Streaming  
Through Social Media

### WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri  
7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm (Ar)  
7pm (English Youth)

Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

### CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday  
6pm and Sunday Masses or by  
appointment on weekdays

### WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary:  
Mon - Sat  
8:30am (Arabic) | 7pm (English)

Divine Mercy followed by

Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour & Confessions  
Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration  
Every first Friday of the month  
from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

### CONTACT

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Fr Charbel Dib: 0410 759 795  
Fr John-Paul Bassil: 0401 545 454  
Fr Alain Fares: 0433 507 389  
Fr Sam Wehbe: 0417 171 737  
Fr Robert-Pio Al Bayeh: 0414 447 883  
Fr Yuhanna Aziz: 0435 764 824  
Fr Bernard Assi: 0411 811 807  
Fr Pierre Khoury: 0411 735 258  
Fr Paul Joubert: 0414 900 016  
Dcn Ron Hassarati: 0403 504 384  
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### Parish Office:

9689 2899

### Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday  
9am - 4:30pm  
Saturday  
9am - 1pm

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# Seeing with the Heart of Jesus

In a world of diversity and secularism, it's easy to lose focus on what is most important in life. When we are troubled and struggling every day to find some peace or joy in our living, could it be that perhaps we are looking for the wrong things in the wrong places, trying to find that joy? Have we become blind to what is good and what is true?

Saint Teresa of Calcutta taught me a great lesson that changed the way I look at life, and people, with a different attitude and vision. When she was asked how she was able to work with such diseased and unclean people with so much affliction, her response was priceless: "I see Jesus in each one of them. It is Jesus that I am caring for." Of course, we can't all be like Mother Teresa, but I realised from her example that if ALL are made in the image and likeness of God, then we should see Jesus in ALL. The neighbour who annoys us; the brother or sister who offends us; the child who strays and crushes our hearts; the spouse who deceives or betrays us; the parent who neglects or rejects us - ALL are made in the image of God. Each soul has a place in the Heart of God. Each soul was in the mind of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane and on the Cross where He shed His Most Precious Blood.

Will our faith heal our blindness, or should we ask ourselves instead "is my lack of faith the cause of my blindness?" It is when we fail to see Jesus in one another that we fail to love one another, fail to forgive the unforgiveable, and fail to bear with the unbearable. Families are divided and broken when we fail to see Jesus in those with whom we share our lives. Only when we see

Jesus in one another can we hope to imitate Christ, to follow Him, and to call ourselves "Christians." When we can see Jesus in our own heart, and desire to imitate His meek and humble Heart, we will see all through the eyes of Christ whom we follow.

Yes, this can be most difficult when things aren't going our way - it's easier to blame others for hurting us than it is for us to accept this hurt and lift it to God so that He may clarify our vision and cleanse our hearts from harbouring grudges. We have to keep reminding ourselves that Jesus died so that ALL might be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth

Salwa Elias

## QUESTION

What did Jesus Christ reveal to us about the mystery of the Father?

## ANSWER

Jesus Christ revealed to us that God is "Father", not only insofar as he created the universe and the mankind, but above all because he eternally generated in his bosom the Son who is his Word, "the radiance of the glory of God and the very stamp of his nature." (Hebrews 1:3)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Heaven on Earth's Good Friday Sleep-Out**

Friday 7 April 2023  
Time: 9:30pm  
Meet: St John Paul II Church  
826 Victoria Rd Ryde NSW 2112  
Bring your own sleeping bags, pillows, blankets  
Contact: Fr Robert-Pio 0414447883  
or Charlie Mejalli 0410306009 to register

**Bible studies**

SISTER MARGARET GHOSN PRESENTS:

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION**

MARCH 29TH WEDNESDAY | 8PM  
SENIORS ROOM

**21 May 2023, 10:30am Parish Hall**

Entry \$30 PP

Australia's **Biggest Morning Tea**

Cancer Council

**\$8k**

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral

**Friday's of Lent Stations of the Cross**

Arabic: 5:45 pm | English: 8:00 pm

**Adoration**

Every Thursday at 8pm



## OPENING HOURS

**Palm Sunday 2nd of April**  
6:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
**Holy Thursday 6th of April**  
6:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

**Good Friday 7th of April**  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
**Easter Sunday 9th of April**  
Closed  
**Monday 10th of April**  
Closed



# PARISH NOTICE BOARD

## Sunday 26 March:

Sunday of the Blind

**8:00am** The late Samira Feghali widow of the late Nassif Abi Khalil from Khaleh

**9:30am** One Year mass for the late Roumanos Malkoun from Kfarsghab

**11:00am** One Year Mass for the late Tony Selmans Ters from Hraykes

## Wednesday 29 March:

**11:30am** Mass followed by Lenten Lunch

## Thursday 30 March:

**10:30am** Seniors Mass

**6:00pm** One Year Mass for the late Sarkis Ibrahim from Karem Al Mohr

## Friday 31 March:

**Masses 7:00am & 9:00am**

**5:45pm** Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer and Procession (Arabic)

**8:00pm** Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer and Procession (English)

## Saturday 1 April:

Eve of Palm Sunday

**2:30pm** Rite of Ordination to the Diaconate of Mr Ghassan Nakhoul and Mr Sayed Isaac, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay (All are Welcome)

**6:00pm** Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng/Ar)

## Sunday 2 April:

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

**8:00am** Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng/Ar)

**11:00am** Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng/Ar)

**4:00pm** Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng/Ar)

**7:00pm** Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng)

**9:30pm** Rite of the Arrival at the Harbour

## PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** For week ending: 19/03/2023

**Plates:** \$12,493.00 | **Donations:** \$... | **Candles:** \$3,153.00

### PARISH LOANS

**CYPC:** \$3,486,142

**UNITS:** \$1,148,943

### MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

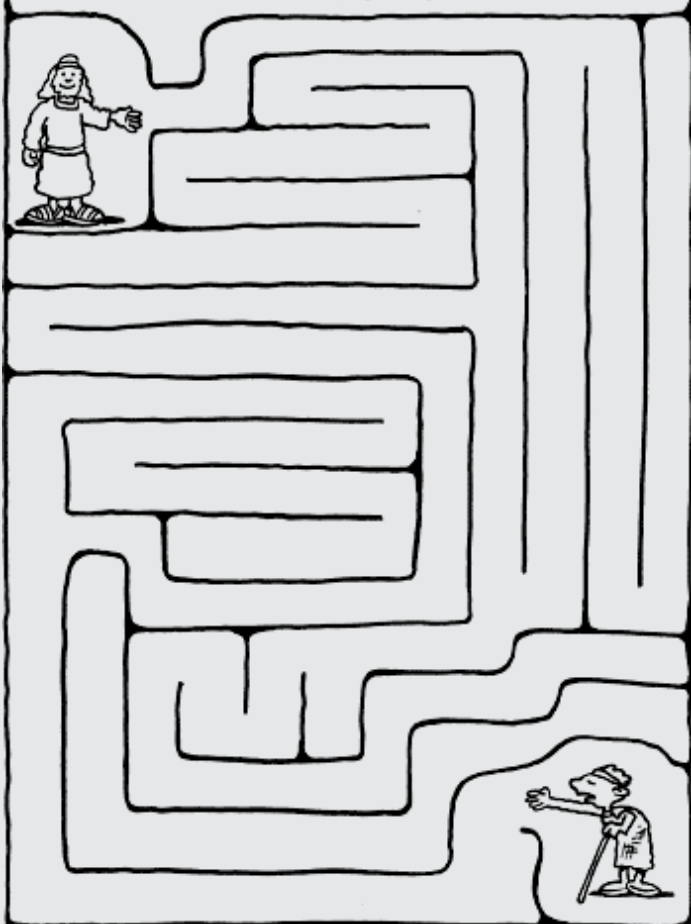
**CYPC:** \$35,798 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

**UNITS:** \$11,745 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

## KIDS CORNER

### HELP THE BLIND MAN FIND JESUS

To do this puzzle, you must **shut your eyes** and let someone else tell you where to draw the line, as you go through the maze!



## WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PARISH



**What's happening in your parish?** Well, it only takes a few small steps into our doors (& social media pages) to find out!

### Last Saturday

Year 2 Fersen finalised their Diorama LENT Project and added one more theme relating to a verse in the bible Mark 2:1-12 about a paralysed man whom was carried as he layed on the mat when 4 men carried him towards Jesus due to the crowd of numbers of people gathered. They had to open the roof above Jesus by digging it and then by lowering the mat down where the paralysed man was laying on, so Year 2 did the exact story line picture by using 4 paddle pop sticks, a piece of long string and elastic bands to put together the mat that the paralysed man was laying on with another piece of string showing that he was lowered down from the roof. Year 2 had enjoyed their time during Fersen Lessons on their journey throughout working on their Diorama LENT Projects towards Holy Week

### On Tuesday evening

The FDW came together for their weekly talk. Sr Juliette presented the topic "Greetings, favoured one"! Meanwhile the youth had their sports night. It was a great night of friendly competition spent playing indoor soccer, table tennis and board games

### On Wednesday evening

the MYO had His Excellency Bishop Antoine Charbel Tarabay lead their bible studies. They discussed the topic "the healing of the blind".

### On Thursday evening

Our parish came together to meet with Jesus in the blessed sacrament for Adoration. Come join us next week as we spend time in prayer and reflection

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL'S

# A Grand Salute

GALA DINNER

*Date & Time*  
Saturday, 27th May 2023 | 7pm

*Venue*  
Doltone House | 121-133 Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park

*Dress Code*  
Formal

*Price*  
\$175pp  
Tickets to be pre-sold

*Cause*  
To Support Parish Pastoral Activities & Development

*Contacts for Tickets/Tables*

Anthony Yacoub | 0405 717 163  
Peter Semaan | 0411 300 891  
Tina Salame | 0448 247 336  
Church Reception | 9689 2899

## Presenting Partner (1 only) at \$22,000

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website for April/May/June
- Company Logo to appear on Official Facebook page for April/May/June
- 2x Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 (with logo), valued at \$3,850 each
- Recognised as Presenting Partner in Official Program for the night
- Entitled to a full-colour page on inside front cover of Official Program
- Recognised on the Powerpoint Presentation as Presenting Partner
- Officially acknowledged by MC as Presenting Partner
- Acknowledged in any press-related and marketing material for the event

## Gold Sponsors at \$5,500 each / 10 only

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website for April/May
- 1x Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 (with logo), valued at \$3,850
- Recognised as Gold Sponsor in the Official Program
- Entitled to a half-page colour inside the Official Program
- Recognised on the Powerpoint Presentation as Gold Sponsor
- Officially acknowledged by MC
- Thanked as part of Main Address

## Corporate Tables at \$3,850

- 1x Table of 10
- Company Name and Logo on Powerpoint Presentation
- Recognised as Corporate Sponsor in the Official Program
- Company Logo to appear on Facebook page for May

## Table of 10 at \$1,750

All prices are inclusive of GST

A Journey with Jesus towards resurrection  
مسيرة مع المسيح نحو القيامة

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# Lenten

Weekly Program

*Monday:* 9:30 pm | Rosary

*Tuesday:* 7:30 pm | Arabic Bible Study

*Wednesday:* 11:30 am | Mass followed by Lenten Lunch  
8 pm | English Bible Study

*Thursday:* 8 pm | Adoration

*Friday:* 5:45 pm in Arabic, & 8 pm in English  
Stations for The Cross, Evening Prayer  
& Ziyeh Al Salib.

*Saturday:* Fersen Al Adra & Teens Meetings

*Sunday:* 8 am, 9:30 am, 11 am, 5 pm & 7 pm  
Divine Liturgy - Mass

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral | 40 Alice Street, Harris Park NSW 2150



Every  
Wednesday  
During Lent

كل يوم أربعاء  
خلال الصوم

## Lenten Lunch غداء صيامي

تدعوكم أخوية كاتدرائية سيّدة لبنان  
كل يوم أربعاء خلال فترة الصوم الساعة ١١:٣٠ لقداس  
يليه غداء صيامي متنوع في قاعة الرعية  
أكثر من ٤٠ صنف مأكولات صيامية  
وجودكم يفرحنا

\$10 للشخص الواحد يعود ربع هذا العمل لمساعدة عائلات محتاجة في لبنان

The Ladies of the Sodality of Our Lady of Lebanon  
Co-Cathedral invite you to a Lenten Lunch of over 30 dishes  
every Wednesday during Lent. 11:30am Mass followed by  
lunch in the Church Hall

\$10 donation per person. All funds raised goes to help poor families in Lebanon

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral - 40 Alice St, Harris Park NSW 2150 - Ph: 02 9689 2899 - www.olol.org.au





## HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM

### Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Holy Week & Easter Program 2023

A Journey with Jesus towards Resurrection



#### LAZARUS SATURDAY & HOSANNA (PALM) SUNDAY VIGIL 1 April

6:00 pm MASS & PROCESSION of PALMS (Eng/Ar)

#### HOSANNA (PALM) SUNDAY 2 April

MASS & PROCESSION of PALMS (Eng/Ar)

8:00 am, 11:00 am (Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Trabay). 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm.

9:30 pm Rite of the ARRIVAL AT THE HARBOUR

Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel

#### PASSION MONDAY 3 April

7:00 & 9:00 am Mass (Arabic)

6:00 pm Mass & Adoration of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer,  
Adoration of the Cross (Eng)

#### PASSION TUESDAY 4 April

7:00 & 9:00 am Mass (Arabic)

6:00 pm Mass & Adoration of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer,  
Adoration of the Cross (Eng)

#### PASSION (JOB) WEDNESDAY 5 April

7:00 & 9:00 am Mass & Rite of the Lamp (Eng/Ar)

6:00 pm Mass & Rite of the Lamp (Eng/Ar)

8:00 pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer,  
Adoration of the Cross (Eng)

#### THURSDAY OF THE MYSTERIES 6 April

7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper, washing of the feet.

8:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Ar/En)  
& Silent Adoration.

9:30 pm "Praying with Jesus in Gethsemane" (Eng/Ar)  
Church is Open All Night

#### GREAT (GOOD) FRIDAY 7 April

6:00 am Mass of Signing of Chalice (Eng/Ar)

8:00 am Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross (Eng/Ar)

10:00 am Way of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

11:00 am Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross (Eng/Ar)

2:30 pm Litany (Talbat) of the Passion

3:00 pm Rite of Adoration of the Holy Cross (Eng/Ar)

Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel  
Trabay

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Reconciliation Night

8:00 pm Movie "Passion of the Christ" - CYPIC

#### SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT 8 April

10:30 am Prayer of Forgiveness & Litany  
of the Resurrection (Eng/Ar)

6:00 pm Vigil Mass of the Resurrection (Eng/Ar)

11:00 pm Rite of Peace and Solemn Liturgy  
of the Resurrection, celebrated by His Excellency  
Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

#### RESURRECTION (EASTER) SUNDAY 9 April

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm  
Easter MASS (Eng/Ar)

#### EASTER MONDAY 10 April

8:00 am MASS (Arabic)

11:00 am MASS (Arabic & English)

6:00 pm MASS (Arabic & English)

#### CONFESSION TIMES

During all Masses.

Great Friday 7 April: 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday of the Light 8 April: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & 10 pm - 11 pm

By appointment outside the above hours.

Contact parish office on 02 9689 2899

#### Divine Mercy Novena

Great Friday	7 April	6:00 pm
Saturday of the Light	8 April	7:00 pm
Easter Sunday	9 April	6:00 pm
Easter Monday	10 April	7:00 pm
Tuesday	11 April	7:00 pm
Wednesday	12 April	6:15 pm
Thursday	13 April	7:00 pm
Friday	14 April	7:00 pm
Saturday	15 April	7:00 pm
New Sunday. Feast of the Divine Mercy	16 April	3:00 pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** Church Hall & Youth Centre are open with direct live broadcast and powerpoint for all major Liturgies. For your safety & the safety of others, please respect & follow traffic controllers and volunteers directions. Please park respectfully. **DO NOT PARK IN NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS.**





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Easter Sweets

The Sodality of OLOL will be baking Easter Sweets on Thursday 30 March & Friday 31 March 2023 from 5am - 1pm.

Located in the bottom level car park.

Please come and show your support!

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# Mothers DAY

**DELUXE SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE LUNCH**

**TUESDAY, MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

DEPARTURE 9AM SHARP FROM OLOL, RETURN 3 PM

**\$120 PER PERSON INCLUDES:**

DELUXE LUNCH & SOFT DRINKS - 4 HOURS HARBOUR CRUISE  
BUS TRANSPORT FROM OLOL TO CRUISE BOAT - ENGLISH & ARABIC ENTERTAINMENT  
ALCOHOL CAN BE PURCHASED.

**TICKET PURCHASE FROM CHURCH OFFICE & OLOL GIFTSHOP - PH 02 9689 2899**

TO FACILITATE SEATING ARRANGEMENT, WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING A TABLE OF 10 FOR A GROUP OF FRIENDS  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARIA 0433 182 246 OR JOAN 0411 709 249

## VOLUNTEERS for Holy Week NEEDED!

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated & would make a significant impact in making our Holy Week services as meaningful and memorable as possible.

Please contact Joanne on 0427 503 008 or Charbel on 0421 187 919 for further details

Or scan the QR Code and Complete the form



**Caritas Lebanon**

### Palm Sunday Caritas Lebanon Annual Appeal

As per our annual practice, we will be holding a special collection during masses on Palm Sunday on 2 April 2023, under the theme: "We continue with your support..."

All proceeds collected go to support our Diocesan Family Appeal through Caritas Lebanon.

Volunteers will be standing outside the church doors carrying collection boxes. Please be generous in your help to struggling families in Lebanon.

### أحد الشعانين وحملة كاريثاس السنوية

بحسب العادة في كل سنة، تقوم أبرشيتنا بجمع التبرعات يوم أحد الشعانين دعماً لكاريثاس لبنان. شعار الحملة هذه السنة هو "ومكملين بدعمكم".

تجمع التبرعات في صناديق كاريثاس التي يحملها المتطوعون على أبواب الكنيسة لمساعدة العائلات الأكثر حاجة في لبنان.

نشكر سخائكم لدعم كاريثاس لبنان التي تعمل باسمكم وباسم الكنيسة لمساعدة المحتاجين.

# لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢٦ آذار:

أحد شفاء الأعشى

٨:٠٠ المرحومة سميرة فغالي أرملة المرحوم ناصيف أبي خليل من الكحالة (متوفاة في لبنان)

٩:٣٠ السنة للمرحوم رومانوس ملكون من كفرصغاب

١١:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم طوني سلمان الترس من حريقص

الأربعاء ٢٩ آذار:

١١:٠٠ قداس على نية المرضى والعائلات يليه غداء صيامي في هول الرعية

الخميس ٣٠ آذار:

١٠:٣٠ قداس المسنين على نية كبارنا في الرعية يليه غداء

٦:٠٠ السنة للمرحوم سركيس إبراهيم من كرم المهر

الجمعة ٣١ آذار:

القداسات ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً

٥:٤٥ مساءً درب الصليب، صلاة المساء و الزياح (عربي)

٨:٠٠ مساءً درب الصليب، صلاة المساء و الزياح (إنكليزي)

السبت ١ نيسان:

ليلة عيد الشعنينة

٢:٣٠ سيامة الشقاسين غشّان نّحول وسايذ أيزاك بوضع يد صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه السامي الإحترام (الدعوة عامة)

٦:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعننين (عربي / إنكليزي)

الأحد ٢ نيسان:

أحد الشعننين

٨:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعننين (عربي / إنكليزي)

١١:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعننين (عربي / إنكليزي)

٤:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعننين (عربي / إنكليزي)

٧:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعننين (إنكليزي)

٩:٣٠ مساءً رتبة الوصول الى الميناء



## "يا بنيّ أعطني قلبك"

عندما تثقل الخطيئة كاهل مقترفها وتقف له بالمرصاد وتعرقل مسيرة نموّه الروحيّ وتطوّره الاجتماعيّ، عندما لا يعود شيء قادراً على التخفيف عنه، يبقى كرسيّ الاعتراف ملجأه الوحيد. هناك نعود أعضاء طاهرة في جسد الربّ. هناك، نتغلّب على ضعفنا، نستعيد إيماننا ونتعهد بالتكفير عن ذنوبنا بالصلاة والإماتات والأفعال الصالحة.

لذلك عندما تتقدّم من سرّ التوبة لا تضع خطاياك فقط أمام الله وترحل، فهو لا يريد خطاياك فحسب بل المكوث أيضاً في قلبك.

عندما تتقدّم للصلاة لا تضع كلماتك فقط أمام الله وترحل، فهو لا يريد كلماتك فحسب بل تلبية نداءات قلبك أيضاً.

عندما تتقدّم للشكر لا تضع مالك وخيراتك فقط أمام الله وترحل، فهو لا يريد ماديّاتك فحسب بل أن يملك دائماً على قلبك.

الله قدّم لك قلبه لتعيش فيه وهو يريد "الغالي" عندك، أي قلبك.

الله يملك كلّ ما تريد أن تقدّمه له لأنّه هو من قدّمه لك في البداية... قدّم ما هو خاص بك، ما هو ملكك، ما هو يعود لك... قدّم له قلبك... تذكر "حيث يكون قلبك، يكون كنزك".



## صلاة

ربّنا، أتر عيوننا كما أنرت عيني الأعشى، فنرى وجه قيامتك ونبصر جمال رأفتك ونهتدي بأنوار محبتك، ونعرفك ونسير طريقك، طريق الجلجلة، ونصل معك إلى القيامة، رغم كل ما يدور حولنا من أصوات تحاول إسكاتنا، وإسكات صوتك فينا. إرحمنا، كما رحمت ابن طيما وغيره من الذين شفيتهم وحننت عليهم، حيث نمجّدك وأباك وروحك القدوس إلى الأبد، آمين

## ماذا ينفع؟!

**ماذا ينفع** لو زيّنتُ منزلي بأجمل الإيقونات والتماثيل المقدسة، ولكن للأسف يسوع مازال خارج منزلي يقرع الباب وأنا أرفض أن أفتح له؟

**ماذا ينفع** لو كنت أملك في مكتبتني أعداد كثيرة من كتب الكتب الروحية والكتاب المقدس، ولكن للأسف لم أجلس معهم لأتعرف على إله الحب الموجود بين أسطرهم وكلماتهم؟

**ماذا ينفع** لو وضعت في رقبتي أجمل وأكبر صليب لأقول للناس بأنني مؤمن، ولكن للأسف الذي مات على الصليب لا أحمله في قلبي؟

**ماذا ينفع** لو وضعت في رقبتي أجمل مسبحة تفوح منها العطر الذكي، ولكن للأسف لم أجلس للحظة واحدة مع مريم العذراء لأبصر معها في صلاة المسبحة نحو ابنها يسوع؟

**ماذا ينفع** لو كنت أملك منزلاً كبيراً جداً، ولكن للأسف أعيش فيه وحيداً؟

**ماذا ينفع** لو ربحت الأرض حيث سيفني جسدي فيها ولكن للأسف خسرت السماء حيث سيخلد روحي هناك؟

أخي الإنسان، ألم يَحُنّ الوقت لكي نغوص إلى العمق، ألم يَحُنّ الوقت لكي لا نتوقف عند القشور وندخل إلى اللبّ، ألم يَحُنّ الوقت لكي نغلق عيوننا التي تتوقف عند المظاهر الخارجية وننظر بالبصيرة التي تبحر نحو الداخل.

قم إنه يدعوك، إنه يدعوك لكي تنهض من رقادك إلى الحياة، إنه يدعوك لكي تخرج من كوخك وأن تدخل إلى قصره، نعم إلى قصره حتى لو رأيت أن بابه هو باب كوخ، ولكن ثق في الداخل قصر رائع.

قم وإبحث عنه، ولكن لا تبحث في الخارج ولا في أيّ مكان، بل أدخل إلى أعماقك وإبحث هناك، لأنه هو في داخلك، نعم هو ساكن في "الإنسان" الذي خلق على صورته ومثاله، إنه ساكن في روحك الذي جبلت من روحه.

تذكّر، ماذا ينفع لو ربحت العالم كلّه وخسرت نفسك؟.



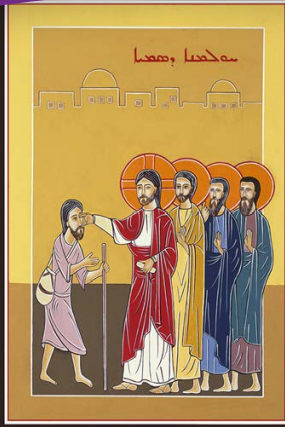
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بَيْنَمَا يَسُوعُ خَارِجٌ مِنْ أَرِيحَا، هُوَ وَتِلَامِيذُهُ وَجَمْعٌ غَفِيرٌ، كَانَ بَرْطِيمَا، أَيْ ابْنٌ طَيْمًا، وَهُوَ شَحَاذٌ أَعْمَى، جَالِسًا عَلَى جَانِبِ الطَّرِيقِ. فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ أَنَّهُ يَسُوعُ النَّاصِرِيُّ، بَدَأَ يَصْرُخُ وَيَقُولُ: "يَا يَسُوعُ ابْنَ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي!". فَانْتَهَرَهُ أَتَاسٌ كَثِيرُونَ لِيَسْكُتَ، إِلَّا أَنَّهُ كَانَ يَزِدُّادُ صَرَاحًا: "يَا ابْنَ دَاوُدَ ارْحَمْنِي!". فَوَقَّفَ يَسُوعُ وَقَالَ: "أَدْعُوهُ!". فَدَعَا الْأَعْمَى قَائِلِينَ لَهُ: "ثِقْ وَانْهَضْ! إِنَّهُ يَدْعُوكَ". فَطَرَحَ الْأَعْمَى رِداءَهُ، وَوَثَبَ وَجَاءَ إِلَى يَسُوعَ. فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "مَاذَا تُرِيدُ أَنْ أَصْنَعُ لَكَ؟". قَالَ لَهُ الْأَعْمَى: "رَبُّونِي، أَنْ أَبْصَرَ". فَقَالَ لَهُ يَسُوعُ: "إِذْهَبْ! إِيمَانُكَ خَلَّصَكَ" مر ١٠: ٤٦ - ٥٢



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أعمى أريحا، أدرك أن يسوع الناصري الذي يمر هو بالحقيقة المسيح ابن داود، حامل رحمة الله إلى البشر. ولهذا راح يسترحمه بجرأة وإيمان وباعلى صوته: «يا يسوع ابن داود ارحمني». ولما دعاه يسوع، طرَحَ رداءه بعيدًا، أي ألقى عنه خوفه وماضيه الضعيف، ألقى عنه اليأس وكلَّ ما كان يَكْبَلُهُ ويمنعه من الحياة والنور والحب وقام من جديد و أتى إلى يسوع.

عندما سأله يسوع: ماذا تريد أن أصنع لك، أجاب بإيمان ومن دون أي تردد: "يا معلم، أن أبصر". فقال له يسوع: أبصر، إيمانك خلصك، فأبصر ومشى معه، وهو الطريق المؤدي إلى الحقيقة والحياة.

وهكذا أثبت يسوع أنه نور العالم، وأن من يتبعه لا يتعثر في الظلام. يسوع هو نور العقول والقلوب والضماير، نور يفتحنا البصيرة الداخلية التي جعلت أعمى العينين بصيرا حقا، فلنلتبس نحن أيضا من المسيح الرب هذه البصيرة الداخلية التي تميز بها أعمى أريحا، فاستحق الشفاء من عمى عينيه المنطفئتين.

اليوم، يدعونا الرب إلى إلقاء الخوف وكلَّ ما يمنعنا من الحياة بفرح وحب وتواضع وقداسة بعيدا عَنَّا وعن حياتنا، ونقوم ونسير نحو يسوع ومعه، فهو الذي يشفيانا من عمانا الجسدي والنفسي والروحي، فنستعد للشعائين وأسبوع الآلام والقيامة أحسن إستعداد. **أمين**

## "يا يسوع ابن داود ارحمني"

في هذا الزمن المبارك زمن الصوم، نصل في سفينة الكنيسة ومع القبطان يسوع المسيح، إلى الميناء السادسة، ميناء شفاء الأعمى. إن اختيار الكنيسة المارونية لإنجيل شفاء الأعمى في هذا الأحد السابق لأحد الشعائين هو ليس من قبيل الصدفة، فمسيرته الصوم هي مسيرة تعليمية، وأناجيل الصوم، ولا سيما أناجيل الآحاد تقودنا في هذه المسيرة نحو لقاء المسيح القائم من بين الأموات:

- مع عرس قانا بدأنا المسيرة بدعوة مريم "افعلوا ما يقوله لكم".
- ومع الأبرص نتطهر في صيامنا فننتالح مع الجماعة ونعود إليها بعدما فصلتنا الخطيئة.
- ومع المنزوفة نتصلح مع ذواتنا ونشهد بشجاعة ودون خوف. فنحن لم نعد مصدر نجاسة للآخرين، فقد لمسنا يسوع وبقوته تبررنا.
- وفي أحد الابن الشاطر نتعلم التوبة والمصالحة مع الله حيث الحرّة الحقيقية.
- وفي شفاء المخلّع رأينا كيف أن خلاص الله وشفاءه يتجلى عبر الكنيسة.
- ومع أحد شفاء الأعمى الذي يستيق أسبوع الشعائين، نتهي مسيرة التلمذ هذه، فنتفتح بصيرتنا ونصبح قادرين على فهم حقيقة يسوع. هذه هي حقيقة صومنا: ننتقل في مسيرة الصوم من حقيقة يسوع صانع المعجزات، إلى حقيقة يسوع المتألم، والمصلوب، والمائت، والمُنْتَصِر بالقيامة.

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them (B) Youssef Boutros, Milia Bou Raidan, Sharban (Shirley) Boutros (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey, Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph (K) Sarkis Chucir Khoudair, Genevieve Khoury and all departed of Khoury & ElZahoul Families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghosoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all the deceased from their family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny (T) Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna, Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

