

Thought for the week
30th Sunday of the Year (B)
28th October 2018

This week's readings are reassuring.

With each of them contradicting themselves, as suggested by the contrasting themes of sin and forgiveness. We are told 'hearts that seek the Lord should rejoice'- regardless of who you are, or what you have done.

We are told that high priests - although acting for men in their relations with God - also offered sacrifices for themselves, because they too could very easily be as weak as the sinners. Are we called to be as high priests, still able to help others, despite our own weaknesses?

Should we take on this call? Or keep quiet as the blind man was expected to, because of our weaknesses? The blind man by the roadside acknowledged his weakness, but that did not stop him from shouting out loud to be healed on realising who was passing.

There is almost an audacity in asking for what we would like - knowing full well we may not deserve it; but ask for it we must, by seeking the Lord and so rejoice and be glad.

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