



Parish Bulletin

4th Sunday of Lent

18 / 19 March 2023

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38 (Shorter form)

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

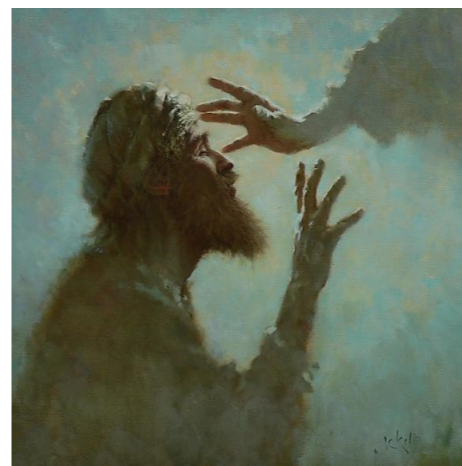
From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored



'NOW I CAN SEE!'

In today's Gospel it is the man born blind who gradually comes to see that Jesus is Lord. Meanwhile the Pharisees, the custodians of the traditional faith, fall steadily into blindness. Self-confident in their own knowledge, the Pharisees refuse to see the workings of God in Jesus. Let us humbly ask Christ to open our eyes that we may see his presence in our Eucharistic community and in our world.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Isa 66:10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who
were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied
at her consoling breast.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

PSALM 22

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.



Thu lost his leg after stepping on a land mine in Vietnam. With the support of the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development, Thu can now earn extra income and care for his wife as she recovers from a stroke. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.



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Angela Girolamo – Thursday

Sacristan
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Sundays: Terence Yeow
& Roger Worth

Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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**Rosters for 25/26 March 2023
The Annunciation of the Lord
5th Sunday of Lent**

Time	Commentator / Readers
6:30pm	Josh Page Dorothy Pierce Michelle Page
9:30am	Alan Tyson Henry D'Assumpcao Clare Boyle
Children's Liturgy	Anne and Angela
Count team	Peggy Buckler Gareth West Doreen Ryan Wendy Rahaley
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit, Christina Wong, Sarita Ingham and volunteers
<i>All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass</i>	

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	11/12 MARCH
First Collection	\$ 765.60
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$ 479.00
Open Plate	\$ 606.50
TOTAL	\$ 1851.10

Easter Liturgies 2023

Thursday 6th April
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Private adoration until 10:00pm

Friday 7th April
11:00am Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 8th April
6:30pm Easter Vigil

Sunday 9th April
9:30am Mass of the Resurrection

Confessions
Tuesday 4th April
8:30am & 9:45am
Wednesday 5th April
8.30am & 9.45am

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary of death:
Filippo Colasante;
Nora De Anciano

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

Ministry of Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

St. Joseph's church Tranmere is committed to pay special attention to our parishioners. The faithful who are ill or housebound are deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community.

In bringing communion to them the Minister of Communion represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. For the sick the reception of communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the Catholic community for its members who are ill or housebound. If the sick wish to celebrate the sacrament of penance, encourage them or the family to be in contact with the parish priest.

If you are feeling comfort in asking this assistance from the Parish Priest or anyone from the parish, please let the Parish office know your interest.

KIDS CORNER

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023**

*What did the man that Jesus cured say to the people who thought Jesus was a sinner?
Use the code at the bottom to find out!*

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 A B D E F G H I L M N O R S T U W Y

The Lord is my Shepherd...

OVERFLOWS IN SHEPHERD OF WATERS BEFORE TABLE STAFF WANT LORD SET ME NO
PASTURES

The _____ (18A) is my _____ (9A)
I shall not _____ (14A)

In verdant _____ (10D) he gives me repose;
beside restful _____ (16A) he leads me;
he refreshes my _____ (13A)

____ (22A) guides ____ (19A) in right _____ (1D)
for his name's _____ (17D)

Even though I walk in the dark _____ (12D)
I fear ____ (2A) evil; for you are at my side
with your rod and your _____ (15D)
that give me _____ (5A)

You _____ (21A) the _____ (8A)
_____ (4D) me
____ (11A) the sight ____ (20A) my foes;
you _____ (7D) my head with _____ (3D)
my cup _____ (6D)

Answers to Front: If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything. Answers to cross-words: Across: 2 no 5 courage 8 1 table 9 shepherd 11 in 13 soul 14 want 16 waters 18 Lord 19 me 20 of 21 set 22 he Down: 1 paths 3 oil 4 before 6 overflows 7 anoint 10 pastures 12 valley 15 staff 17 sake

Parish Announcements

Happy Feast Day of St Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - Sunday 26 March

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having a Sausage Sizzle after 9.30am Mass on Sunday 26 March. Cost is \$2.50/sausage. All Welcome.

ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Holy Week and Easter are close at hand. We are looking for parishioners to participate in a specific role with readings and other ministries. Please assist us by completing the roster sheet at the entrance to the church by Wednesday 22nd March.

LENTEN SEASON

Stations of the Cross every Friday after Mass. (If you wish to be involved, please see roster at the church entrance).

Archdiocese Events

CHRISM MASS

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday April 3 at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note NO onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

Marian Procession – save the date

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday May 21 beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) procession up King William St into Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square. For more information, please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

Mask Mandates have been lifted by the State Government. Although the mandates have been lifted, we highly recommend you continue to wear a mask while inside the Church.

Our Parish is committed to Health and Safety