Fourth Sunday in Lent Year C

First Reading: 1Sam.16:1,6-7,10-13. God does not see as man sees.
Psalm 26: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want
Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14. You were once in darkness... be like children of the light.
Alleluia Verse: 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...
Gospel: John 9:1-41. I only know that I was blind and now I can see.
Com. Verse: The Lord anointed my eyes; I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.


Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: God has reconciled us through Jesus Christ. We implore God today to show us mercy and healing and forgiveness to all who are in need.
Leader: We pray for the Church throughout the world as a new Pope is chosen. (Pause)
People: May the Spirit guide the election for the good of the Church & of the whole world.
Celebrant: We pray to the Lord (Pause) All: Lord hear our prayer.
Leader: We pray for all the baptized into the Body of Christ :
People: May the Lenten penance promote greater faithfulness to Christ in our daily life. (Pause)
Celebrant: We pray to the Lord. All: Lord hear our prayer.
Leader: We pray for catechumens and candidates preparing for full communion. (Pause)
People: May they be strengthened and encouraged by the faith and support of this community. (Pause)
Celebrant: We pray to the Lord. All: Lord hear our prayer.
Leader: We pray for children and parents in the Reconciliation program: (Pause)
People: May they experience the healing and forgiveness of our loving God. (Pause)
Celebrant: We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord hear our prayer. Celebrant: Father, welcome these prayers of intercession on behalf of your children. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thought for the Day:
I distrust mostly those people who know so well what God wants them to do because I notice it always coincides with their own desires. Susan B Anthony.

THE SACRED EASTER TRIDUUM .. Begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, commemorates the Passion of Jesus, and reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil. This is the central liturgical celebration of the whole Church, and each community should gather as one to celebrate all three of these.
TIMES FOR EASTER are published outside the front door and in the latest edition of Unity.

Please Pray for those who are sick: Bridie Kuskey, Lorriane Scofield, Gerardo Del Regno, George Dunne, Trevor Feehan.
### Living the Gospel: What do you see?

This story in the First Reading has been a great favourite. Samuel goes to Jesse on a dangerous mission: to find a new king among Jesse’s sons while Saul is still on the throne. One after the other Jesse’s sons are rejected until the youngest of the sons, David, is brought forward as an afterthought. Who would have thought of him? He is chosen and anointed. In choosing David as king, God overturns the established order.

John’s Gospel story delivers a similar message. It is the man born blind, the one living on the fringe of society who is granted sight. In fact he asked nothing of Jesus and did nothing to merit Jesus’ notice and intervention. Jesus shows us the sometimes paradoxical workings of God, ‘He was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.’ Blindness and the separation from the society and culture of the sighted becomes the means of revelation and enlightenment. Only those in authority remain blind to God’s action in their midst. They repeatedly question the man born blind and his family because of their scepticism that anyone like him could benefit from God’s favour. That is not how God sees it! That is not how it is supposed to be! The ‘know alls’ are left in the dark because the familiar world is tuned upside down.

It is all too easy to remain blind to the reality of God at work in our world today. It is easy to look away when confronted by the stranger from another land and the homeless, the broken and disfigured because of abuse, mental illness or having been ‘stolen’ from their mother or father. These are among God’s favoured ones. God’s word can change us and change the world. God’s passionate love for all people remains. God's word can change us and change the world. God’s passionate love for all people remains. We matter to God and what we do matters to God and the world. Each action of love or hate has implications for others. They are powerful. We may not have power or wealth but we can bring love and encouragement in the lives of others – in unexpected ways - as we go about our daily lives. God’s measure of greatness is different from that of our surrounding society. Again, who we are does matter, and we are all capable of bringing God’s transforming Word into our communities and beyond. As David was anointed, so are we, as priest, prophet and king, at our baptism. God looks upon each of us today, as upon David, and proclaims, ‘this is the one’. The message is for each one of us. God looks upon us. Can we say with the man born blind, ‘I do not know how it is possible, but I believe.’

### PARISH NOTICES AND COMING EVENTS

**Weekly Collections:**
- 1st Collection: $ 675.40
- 2nd Collection: $1063.20  Direct Debit $143.00. Syro-Malabar: $393.85

**MARCH**

- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday in Lent at 6.00 pm** In Tetum on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. In Malayalam on Thursdays at 7.00 pm.  No Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

- **RACHEL’S VINEYARD:** Healing Retreat for women/men following an abortion, however long ago. Contact Joan on 0447 108 670 or rachelsvineyarddarwin@hotmail.com

- Sunday 10th March Fourth Sunday in Lent. Second Scrutiny. Couples for Christ speaking at all Masses this weekend.

- Fr Roy at MSC Parish Committee in Sydney 12th-19th.

- Wed. 13th Faith on Tap. Shennanigan’s 6.30pm

- **THURSDAY 14TH RETREAT FOR THE RECONCILIATION CHILDREN**

**WYD RIO** *Last day for registration 15th March. Some financial assistance available. Contact Benita 89462822/0400279987 or youth@dwrin.catholic.org.au*


- **MONDAY 18TH MARCH ST PATRICK’S DAY. MASS 5.30 PM.**

- **TUESDAY 19TH MARCH ST JOSEPH. MASS 6.45 AM.**

- **Thursday 21st at 7pm First Reconciliation for children Sunday 24th March. PALM SUNDAY. Blessing of Palms and procession at 8.30 am Mass. Other Christian denominations in Nightcliff will join us for this.**

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**SACRAMENTS:**  
- Reconciliation: Ask at least 15 minutes before any Mass.
- Baptisms/Marriage: By appointment. Book well ahead.