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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YR. A 15TH MARCH 2026

Sunday Reflection

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent, Year A, invite us to contemplate the theme of seeing and recognizing the truth which connects deeply with our faith.

The first reading from the 1st book of Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13, we encounter the anointing of David. God instructs Samuel to look beyond outward appearances, declaring, "The Lord does not see as human beings see, they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." This powerful reminder calls us to focus on what truly matters: the purity of our hearts and our intentions. In a world obsessed with superficiality, we are challenged to see each other through the lens of God's love and grace.

The second reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14, reminds us that we were once in darkness but have now been brought into light of Christ. This transformation is not just a personal journey; it is a communal one. We are called to bring that light to others, shining brightly in a world that often feels lost in shadows.

The Gospel is taken from John 9:1-41, we witness the profound healing of a man born blind. Jesus restores not just his sight but gives him a new identity as he progresses from seeing Jesus as a mere man to recognizing Him as the Son of God. This story illustrates that true sight is more than physical; it signifies understanding, faith and openness to God's work in our lives.

Let us ask ourselves: What areas of our lives are still in darkness? How can I allow the light of Christ to penetrate these shadows? We are called not only to seek healing for ourselves but also to become instruments of healing for others, bringing sight to the blind and hope to the weary.



First Holy Communion – A soft reminder that the next Session will be on 22nd March 2026 (Sunday) at 9:30 am prompt at the School Hall. Make sure that your child will come before the time please.

Confirmation – The 5th session will be on 15th March 2026 (Sunday) 5:30 PM at Founders Room and 6:30 PM Mass at the church.

The Stations of the Cross – Every Friday of Lent after the 6:30 PM Mass.

Lenten Penance Service – will be on 26th March 2026 (Thursday) at 7:30 PM.

St. Patrick's Night Party – will be on Saturday 14th March at 6pm. Tickets on sale for £5 in the Parish Office (Limited Number). Please bring drinks for share table.

Appeal for the Lighting System – Our parish church had made a major repair to the electrical lighting system that costs £40,000. We sincerely appeal for your generous support. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Mass Collections (7th & 8th March 2026) – £1,538 was received in the main collection, and £1,505 in the second collection for CAFOD. Thank you for your faithful kindness and wholehearted support.

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unflinching light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass Times

Vigil Mass: Sat 6.30 pm
Sunday 9.30 am
11.00 am
Spanish Mass 12.30 pm
6.30 pm
Mon to Sat 10am & 6.30 pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday 10.45 – 11.15 am
6.00 – 6.30 pm
Mon – Fri 6:15 – 6:30 pm

Parish Office Opening Hrs

Mon – Fri 9am to 5pm
(Lunch from 1.30pm to 2.30pm)

Rosary

Every Wednesday after
10am Mass followed by Tea
in the Founders Room.

- Rosary also held
on Sundays at 3pm
in the Colonnade.

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the
Parlour.

Holy Hour

1st Friday of every month after
10am Mass. The hour will include
Rosary, Litany Divine Mercy &
Benediction.

Saints Days

Mon 16th – St. Frances of Rome
Tue 17th – St. Patrick
Wed 18th – St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thu 19th – St. Joseph, Husband
of Mary
Fri 20th – St. Salvador of Horta
Sat 21st – Bl. John of Parma



St. Peregrine Mass of Healing

Our next St. Peregrine Mass of
Healing is on 25th March at
6.30pm.

Relic of St. Carlo Acutis

Exposition of this Relic on every
Monday after our 10am Mass.

St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for us.

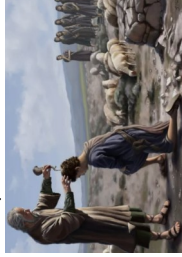
FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of Samuel

16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In those days: The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.' And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.



The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

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

1. 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; he revives my soul. **R**
2. He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

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

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

SECOND READING

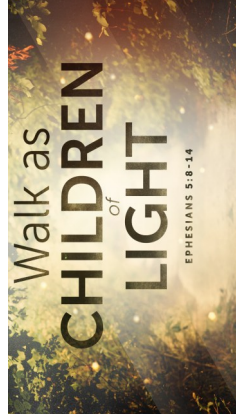
A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and Sisters:

At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

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Gospel Acclamation:

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.

4th Sunday of Lent (Year A) 15th March 2026

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

At that time:

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out.

Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.



He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. JOHN 9:57

NICENE CREED—See Laudate 479 (205)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our

salvation he came down from heaven, (All bow for following three lines) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.