

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A

19TH MARCH, 2023

Readings: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

"Building a community of Jesus' disciples." We welcome you - We are one family

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I am the light of the world (John 9:5).

What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. **Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion**, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth. **Only God's light can uncover the darkness of sin** and free us to walk in the path of holiness and peace with God.

When the disciples saw a man who had been blind from birth, they asked Jesus what kind of sin had caused this blindness. The Jews had understood that many infirmities were the result of human folly and sin. While sin can lead to physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities, not all sickness is the direct result of sin. Sickness can befall us for a variety of reasons. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose which God wanted to demonstrate as a sign of his presence and power. Jesus then made a claim which only God could rightfully make. Jesus stated unequivocally, **I am the light of the world (John 9:5)**. In so many words Jesus was saying that he is the one true source of power and light which sustains life and overcomes the darkness of sin, confusion, and spiritual blindness. Jesus' mighty works - his miraculous signs - confirmed the truth of his message and claim to divine authority and equality with his Father in heaven. One of his greatest signs was the healing of a man who had been blind from birth.

When Jesus approached the blind man he first awakened hope in him - the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. Jesus touched the man's eyes with his own spittle mixed with dirt and bid him to wash in the Pool of Siloam which was close to the Temple. This pool of fresh flowing water was one of the landmarks of the city of Jerusalem. Its source came from the Gihon spring located in the valley outside the walls of Jerusalem. This pool was likely used as a ceremonial bath of purification for people who were going up to the Temple to worship. On the yearly feast of Tabernacles, one of the priests brought a golden pitcher of water from this pool and poured it out over the altar in the temple while reciting from the verse, **"You will draw water from the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3)**. What is the significance of the healing of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam? It is certainly more than just a miraculous event. It is a "sign" that points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit (**John 7:38**).

Augustine of Hippo, in his commentary on this Gospel passage, remarks: "If we reflect on the meaning of this miracle, we will see that the blind man is the human race ... You already know, of course, who the "One Sent" is. Unless he had been sent, none of us would have been freed from sin." Also, John Chrysostom, commenting on this passage, remarked: "The Jews (the Pharisees) cast him out of the Temple; the Lord of the Temple found him." If our witness of Jesus and his redeeming work in our lives causes friends or foes to reject us, it nonetheless draws us nearer to the Lord Jesus himself. Paul the Apostles warns us to **avoid the darkness of sin** that we might walk more clearly in the light of Christ (**Ephesians 5:8-12**). Do you allow any blind-spots to blur your vision of what God is offering you and asking of you?

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ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY—PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O glorious St. Joseph, you who have power to render possible, things that are, for us impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under your particular protection that it may end happily. O dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in you. Let it not be said that we would invoke you in vain and since you are so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that your goodness equals your power. Amen.

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St. Joseph's Parish Mass Times

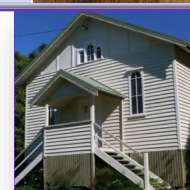
Monday 8:00am, Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,
Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation

Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm

*St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time
Third Sunday of the month 10:00am*

*St Augustine's Church Palmwoods Mass Time
Third Sunday of the Month 5:30am*



*St John Bosco Church
21 Anne Street
Kenilworth*

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Saturday 18 March

11:00am Baptism
Willow Odoemene
(Lawrence & Kaitlyn)
4:00pm First Reconciliation celebrated
4:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass—*Celebrating St Joseph's Feast Day*
7:00pm Fr Hefferan Bursary & Awards Presentation

Sunday 19 March

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass @ St Joseph's
Celebrating St Joseph's Feast Day
10:00am Mass @ St John Bosco
Kenilworth
5:30pm Mass @ St Augustine's
Palmwoods

Monday 20 March

Feast of St Joseph

8:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tuesday 21 March

10:00am Lenten Group
Community Centre—
all welcome

Wednesday 22 March

9:30am Reconciliation
9:30am Holy Rosary in the Church
10:00am Mass
10:30am Cenacle of the Marion Movement of Priests

Friday 24 March

8:00am Mass
5:00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 25 March

Parish Leadership team weekend

11:00am Wedding
Danielle Barratt & Joel Birchley
4:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass
Caritas Speaker—Sabrina Stevens

Sunday 26 March

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass
Caritas Speaker—Sabrina Stevens

PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

Sundays:

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10

Tuesdays: Tai Chi Resumes

9:15am
Ryan Room
Enquiries 0427 690 072

Fridays:

6:00pm RICA - Ryan Room

ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH

Thursdays:

9:30am Christian Meditation



Sundays:

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the word with Communion

Third Sundays:

10:00am Mass

Please pray for the Sick and needy and all the sick and needy and their families including Margherita Pierantozzi, Tilly Ellard, Joe Rolston, Kathleen D'Rozario, Sonya Rose, Philip Marshall, Julia Riley, and particularly all those affected by any virus, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining in the Parish Journal for the Sick.



Mass on Demand is available 24/7 on <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>. *Please advise the Parish office when you or your loved ones are well enough to be removed from the prayers.*

Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital including David George, Linda Skinner, Michael & Cathy Crust, Maree Kruger, Val Chatterton, Baby Koa Pegler, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, Althea Kenny, Sky Rowe, Trevor Harrington, Morry Sorry, Frank De Vere, Frank Natoli, Hank de Vries, Kath Ashworth, Peter Nix, Neil Holly, Elsey Rae (2 years old), Jo von Schomburg, Joanne Peters, Jenny Firmin, Lisa Ngamu, Josh Hey, Mark Robertson, Steve Mattarollo, Dorothy Allan (Dalby), Phillip McCarthur, Susan Greenwood, Jim Gott (Kenilworth), Margaret Steel, Joyce Colclough, Jenny Langley, Dawn Connolly, Simon Cornish, Joan Marian Foley, Rod Rickertt, April Coulson, Joy Montifiore, Kerry Ryan, Diana Janstrom, Peter Janstrom, John Rhule, Sam Moran, Simon Dawson, Lenny Hutchensen, Kate McDonald, Patricia Wilson, Mary Street, Tim McKenzie, Peter Jacobson, Adrian Stagg, Anne Barnett, Judith Konitzer, Sarah Wooler, Baby Hazel Rickertt, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Lisa Cannon, Bernard Hobbins, Corine Richards, Dane Pitkin, Patrick Mann, Jan Hinton, Loretta Sheeran, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity.

Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them including Olive Barker, George Kennedy, Cecily Toomey (nee Youngman), Juanita Ferrari, Angela Carroll, Fr Morrie Clarke, Br Henk Bosman MSC, Lyn Walsh, Barry & Joan Pobjoy, Willem Overmeyer, Josephine Flynn, Anne Norman, Maria Rowe, Derek Marshall, Lillian Minz, Patricia Langford, Cecily Flynn (Melb), Adele Ashworth, Ivan & Colleen Brady, Pauline Higgins, Elvira Quinn, Dr. Don O'Donohue, Fr Morrie Clarke, Dennis Kidcaff, Beverley Fraser, Robyn Whiting, Shirley Matheson, Patricia Warrender, Hazel Grundy, Patricia Royds, David Hogan, Rita Herrick, Pat McDonald, Val Brennan, John Kincade, Joan & Terry Gateson, Kevin Crowe, Dr. John Conroy, Jeanette Innis, Vince Plumber, William Turner, Cecily Woodgate, Peg DiCerto, Vince Currie, Elizabeth Knowlton, Betty Mifsud, Desleigh Christensen.

Please pray for the suffering souls in Purgatory, especially deceased relatives and friends.

Anniversaries:

Remember in your prayers Leona Keegan 1/3/15, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

Deceased:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently departed especially Corine Richards (Charmain Foley's mother), Tony Foley (Charmain's husband), Patrick James Kenny. Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.

EASTER ROSTERS:

The Easter rosters are now available for viewing on the table near the front door of the church. Please note when you are rostered and the contact number for the coordinator of that celebration. Vacancies are highlighted so if you can assist, please leave your name against that position. Thank you. Maureen

LENT WEEK 4:

Enlightenment—Without Faith we are Spiritually Blind...Our challenge as Christ's disciples is to become light—to radiate his light into the darkness of our world. We who have received the light must become light for others. True spiritual enlightenment is reflected in our compassion. Compassion is the greatest evidence that the light of Christ has transformed our lives.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.



Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD). For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2023. 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 and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



ST JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP

Thanks to all who attended our first gathering for the men's group, and what a lovely social night it was.

Join us again on *last Fridays of every month*. Our next gathering is on Friday, March 31, starting at 6pm, at the parish hospitality area. We look forward to seeing you.

Fr Odinaka

From Tony Keegan

A big thank you to Father Odinaka for his sponsoring of the first meeting of the Men's group.

It was greeted with a wonderful sense of engagement & a strong wish to progress forward as all were happy to see where this may lead.

Evidently some wives were pro-active in encouraging their respective husbands to attend. Gentlemen, you must be doing something right.

All jokes aside, it would suggest that such a group is needed & all it costs is our attendance.

May we look forward to a bright future.

ALLOCATION OF FR HEFFERAN BURSARY & AWARDS

This year the Committee viewed a very high quality of applicants in the academic field. After considerable discussion the committee concluded:

Bursaries of \$1500

Congratulations to Georgia Schravemade – Arts;
Erin King – Academic; & Emma Newell- Academic

Award of \$1000

Congratulations to Angus Harry – Academic

Encouragement Award of \$500

Congratulations to Isabella Gray – Arts & Madeleine Cockcroft - Academic

Counters:

This week: Group 3: M. & B. Barker, L. Richardson B. Pearce, J. Goggin, J. Bourassa

Next week: Group 4: M. Jackson, B. & M. Barker, E. Bradford, K. Grundy, V. Richmond

Last weeks

Collection
Loose/Envelopes:

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Thank you

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Ecumenical Ministry

Joan Pobjoy.

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Rosanna Tumelty

& Adrian Eldridge.

Helping Hands

Kate Bourassa & Jan Imarisio.

Youth Minister

To be confirmed

Contact all Ministry Coordinators

C/- Parish Office 54411034

ST JOSEPH'S USUAL MONTHLY DIARY

1st Monday:

- ◆ 5:30pm Monday Liturgy Meeting

1st Wednesday:

- ◆ 10:00am Anointing Mass
- ◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome

1st Friday:

- ◆ 8:30am—6:00pm 10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding at 6:30pm

1st Saturday:

- ◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation
- ◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SSCoast—all welcome

3rd Sunday:

- ◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth
- ◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

Last Monday-bi-monthly

- ◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands Next meeting tbc

Last Friday:

- ◆ 6:00pm St Joseph's Men's Group



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Details: Shared facilities; private Bedroom
& Bathroom
Cost: \$300 per week (all utilities included)
Contact: Parish office on 5441 1034

DATE CLAIMER

SVdP Theatre Night

Date: 12th April 2023

Venue: Lind Lane Theatre
16 Mitchell Street Nambour

Time: 7-30pm.

"The Lady In the Van"

Charity performance, supporting St Joseph's
Conference St Vincent de Paul. Enquiries and
Bookings Annette Baker 0407 928 217 or
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