

SECOND READING**Eph 5: 8 - 14****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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.

The word of the Lord.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****Jn 4: 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.

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GOSPEL**Jn 9: 1. 6 - 9. 13 - 17. 34 - 38****A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.**Saint John Paul II Parish**

22nd March 2020

4th Sunday of Lent

FIRST READING**1 Sam 16: 1. 6 - 7. 10 - 13****A reading from the first book of Samuel**

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

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 one 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.

The word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM****Ps 22****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, to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

2. 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**

3. 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**

4. 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**



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ALL MASSES are Temporarily Suspended

Reconciliation by appointment.
Baptism & Weddings by appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like to offer a Mass up for a special intention, please contact Fr Vinh.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEKEND -

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil:	Sun 9.30am:
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil:	Sun 9.30am:
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am: Cross Bearer ☩:	Candles:
SUNDAY MORNING TEA		

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND -

ACOLYTES	Sat Vigil:	Sun 9.30am:
LITURGY OF THE WORD	Sat Vigil:	Sun 9.30am:
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Sun 9.30am:	
ALTAR SERVERS	Sun 9.30am: Cross Bearer ☩:	Candles:
SUNDAY MORNING TEA		

If you are unable to attend your rostered Mass, please arrange a swap with another person from the particular ministry. Thank you.

JP2CARE STALL The JP2Care second hand and 'bric-a-brac' stall has been postponed indefinitely. If you are in need of assistance, please make contact via phone or email with Sr Duyen or Sr Tuyen.

SJPII PARISH BULLETIN If there is anyone in our parish, who you know may not be receiving the bulletin and would like to, please email the request to stjohnpaul2parish@gmail.com and they can be added.

The SJPII Parish Bulletin will continue to be emailed out to all parishioners on the emailing list. While Mass services are suspended due to the COVID-19 Virus, Sunday Mass readings will continue to be emailed out, for the spiritual nourishment of our parish. Additionally, Prayers of the Faithful (Universal Prayers) will be included to enable ongoing community prayer in these difficult times. Please take the time to pray as a community, even from home.

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CHURCHES TO REMAIN OPEN While Mass services are suspended, Parish Priests have been asked to ensure that Churches where possible remain open for private prayer. Please check parish websites for any updates to information regarding Church opening times.

SJPII EASTER DINNER DANCE As the situation with COVID-19 develops in Perth, following both Government and Archdiocese advice, the parish Easter Dinner Dance will be cancelled. Please watch for updates as to the provision of Easter services, on hold at this time.

MASS FOR YOU AT HOME During this challenging time, where attending Mass is unable to occur, you are invited to participate in online Mass services.

There are a number of options available including:

Sunday Mass celebrated by Archbishop Costelloe SDB, which will be live-streamed from Sunday 22 March 2020, at 11.00am, available at the Archdiocese website- www.perthcatholic.org.au; Archdiocese Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/perthcatholic/>; The Record YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFFqA8iYLIIViB72LXMYFQ/live>;

Additionally you may like to watch Daily Mass with Pope Francis at www.shalomworld.org/dailymass or www.shalomworld.org/live (AWST 07.00am and 01.55pm)

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION - 4th Sunday of Lent (@ loyolapress.com)

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Just like the man born blind, you will see that our Lord is there, in good times and in bad, leading us deeper and deeper into His love as long as we have the faithful trust to take the next step. Keep praying. Keep trusting in Him. And all the while remember, we may not know exactly what is coming next, but we know Him.

The Universal Prayer
22nd March 2020
Fourth Sunday of Lent

1. That we will stand with Pope Francis in prayer for all affected by the coronavirus.
Lord hear us

2. That healing will be granted to those who carry the coronavirus, encouragement for their families and friends, not forgetting those who live with other general and chronic illnesses and disabilities.
Lord hear us

3. That those involved in the medical care of all the sick, and that those who are promoting the prevention of the spread of the coronavirus will be safe and wise.
Lord hear us

4. That bishops, priests and deacons, religious and pastoral workers, imams, rabbis and monks, will be devoted to the pastoral and spiritual needs of people in this time of high anxiety.
Lord hear us

5. That in this time of international crisis people will discover anew the importance of faith, and the consolation of knowing God's love revealed in Jesus, the Healer and Compassionate One.
Lord hear us

6. That all who have died of the coronavirus around the world will find peace in God.
We also remember...
Lord hear us

St John Paul II, *Pray for Us*
Mary Mother of God, *Pray for Us*.

*Please continue to pray for our parish community, with the intercession of Mary as we pray **Hail Mary**...*