

GOSPEL: John 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Pre-Easter Reconciliation

A good way to prepare for Easter is to reconcile with God and with one another. This year at St Felix we will celebrate the First Rite of Reconciliation before Holy week on Tuesday 31st March. You may come at any time between 7.30pm - 8.30pm. Visiting priests will be available. All welcome.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;
Youth: Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;
St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;
Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;
Polish Priests: 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;
St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;
LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;
Archdiocesan Website: www.sydney.catholic.org.au

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM REQUEST FORM

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7am and
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
at 8.30pm

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:
6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please
call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Preparation classes are
held in the Presbytery on the
1st Sunday of each month
after 10AM Mass.

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Project Compassion

Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl living with a disability, and struggling with food insecurity and discrimination in Malawi. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed.

Please donate to

Project Compassion 2020 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them. Let's Go Further, Together.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

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!

Comm Antiphon: The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

This weeks readings - 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13;
Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

Next Weekend: 5th Sun Lent - Year A.

Readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11;
John 11:1-45.

4th Sunday of Lent - Yr A - 22 March 2020

Easter Service Schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation (1st Rite) - Tuesday 31st March, 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Holy Thursday 09 April - 7.30pm Mass followed by prayers until midnight

Good Friday 10 April - 10.30am Youth re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.

3.00pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

Easter Saturday 11 April- 7.00pm Vigil Mass. Easter Sunday 12 April- 8.00am, 10.00am & 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of Cross will be held in the Church every Friday evening at 7.30pm during Lent.

Parish Pastoral Council

The next PPC meeting is on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm in the presbytery.

Easter Triduum choir rehearsal

Choir rehearsal for the Easter Triduum will be held in the Church on Thursday 26 March and 2 April at 7.00pm. We welcome any choir member to participate. Attendance at these meetings is essential if you wish to sing at the Triduum.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Van Tram; Lillian Jaja; Magdalene Chu Thi Luu

Anniversary: Phaolo Phan Van Tho; Andre LeBreux; Maria Lai; Rita Tsai; Giuse Nguyen Duc Lien; Maria Vu Thi Hoa; Laurensia Henny Wijaya; Sebastiano Montalto; Maria Thi Giot Nguyen; Daminh Nguyen Van Dam

Deceased: Phero Nguyen Thai Hanh; Ine Nguyen Thi Phan; Giuse Nguyen Huu Loc; Charles Nuner; Jess Nuner; Mary Nuner; Carmen Nuner; Bradley Fenech; Tom Field; Steve Nuner; Magdalene Chu Thi Nguyet; Maria Hoang Thi Hoa; Maria Do Thi Do; Phero Nguyen Van Hoang; Phanxico Phi.

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez; Billy; Fr Ray Farrell; Ginette Sharok

Weekly Rosters

| Sat 6pm | 22 MARCH | 8am | 10am | 6pm |
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| Comm | Jessica Vujevic | Imelda Dela Cruz | Helen Vujevic | Anthony Tran |
| Reader | Gloria Booby | Joseph Dang | Emanuela Viner | Nhung Bui |
| Acolyte | Tuyen Tran (A) | An Dang (A) | Thong Tran (A) | Thanh Vu (A) |
| Minister | Cindy Hoang | Thao Nguyen | Bev Lamaro | Jacinta Eltarraf |
| Minister | Emmanuel Icard | Melanie Campisi | Ala Pesamino | Loreto Eduardo |
| Choir | SDMG | SSOG | St Felix | SMMC |

29 MARCH

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| Comm | Emmanuel Icard | Mary Buckley | Anthony Rowe | |
| Reader | Kalisiana Mar | Thuy Linh Nguyen | Mary O'Hea | Nhung Bui |
| Acolyte | Joseph Bui (A) | An Dang (A) | Anthony Joseph (A) | Thanh Vu (A) |
| Minister | Cindy Hoang | Robyn Molloy | Tu Nguyen | Paul Ngoc |
| Minister | Gloria Booby | Chris Kreltszheim | Ala Pesamino | Phu Nguyen |
| Choir | Youth 3 | SSOG | St Felix | SMMC |

| | 22 March | 29 March | Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy |
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| Altar Society | Group 4 | Group 5 <i>(see notes)</i> | |
| Church Cleaners | Mai Hai | SDMG | |
| SVDP | Andrew Nguyen | Thom Pham | |
| Children's Liturgy | Denice | Maricel | |
| Morning Tea | Suspended | Suspended | |

Reflection

Grow with Jesus

When infants are baptized, parents, with the help of the godparents, assume responsibility for raising the child as a follower of Jesus. The process of maturation in the faith is much like the example found in the story of the man born blind. The man is cured of his blindness, a symbol of his sin. Each time he meets someone after the healing, the man comes to a deeper awareness of who Jesus is. In a similar way, we who are baptized continue to mature in faith as our relationship with and knowledge about Jesus grows.

Invite each member of your family to draw a timeline of his or her life. On the timelines, ask family members to identify significant moments in their lives, especially their life of faith. Invite each person to reflect upon who Jesus was to him or her at each significant moment. How has each person's relationship with Jesus changed or matured? Then read together today's Gospel, John 9:1-41. Note how the relationship between Jesus and the man born blind changes and grows throughout the Gospel. Pray together that your relationship with Jesus will continue to grow and develop, becoming ever deeper. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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Summary of directions from the Archbishop regarding coronavirus (COVID-19)

- The recent Government's decision to restrict any indoor event to 100 people will mean that only 100 will be permitted to enter the church; others will be able to participate from outside the Church via the speakers.
- Attendees are encouraged to spread out around the Church (physical distancing).
- Holy Communion will only be given on the hand and will be brought to those who are outside.
- Collection plates should not be passed from person to person.
- Bulletins should be taken with you and not be reused in the Church.
- Cuppa after Sunday Mass is cancelled until further notice.
- Before coming to the Church, parishioners must consider their own health and those around them. Those who feel unwell or have flu-like symptoms should remain at home. You are encouraged to pray/reflect on readings at home and may watch Mass on TV or online <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>.
- In the current situation, the Archbishop is granting to all Catholics in Sydney a dispensation from the usual obligation to participate in Sunday Mass.
- Baptisms, weddings and funerals may be celebrated subjected to the above conditions.
- For many reasons – spiritual, pastoral and practical – the Archbishop would like Mass to be publicly celebrated in Sydney for as long as this is possible.
- Clergy will still continue attending the sick, elderly and incarcerated to provide Confession, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion and other pastoral care, unless the priest himself is at risk of transmitting the virus.
- The Sacrament of First Holy Communion scheduled in June, has been postponed.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation scheduled in August at St Mary's Cathedral has been cancelled.

The Church in Australia was founded at a time when the Mass could not be celebrated on these shores and our forefathers and mothers waited for years to receive the Holy Eucharist. For us it will be at worst a matter of weeks or months. But just as prayer sustained them through those times, so can it for us today.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police.

If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.