



The Net

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - 14TH AND 15TH MARCH 2026

We, the people of Corpus Christi, seek to grow in living Christ-centred mission, sharing our gifts to foster welcome, justice and community in today's world.

A very warm welcome to anyone who is new to the parish.

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

(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.)

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

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.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

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.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.

Having said this, 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.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

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.

However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from!

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 6pm

SUNDAY 7.30am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday & Wednesday at 6pm

Thursday & Friday at 9.10am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday evening from 5.00pm -

5.45pm in the Meeting Room

ROSARY

Fridays after morning Mass

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We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.'

'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. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

From Parish Priest's Desk

The story of Jesus healing the man born blind at first sight seems to be a miracle about physical blindness, but in reality, it speaks about something deeper — spiritual vision. Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world." Light allows us to see clearly. Without light we stumble, hesitate and often lose direction. In the same way, without the light of Christ our lives can easily drift into confusion, selfishness and spiritual darkness.

Interestingly, the man's faith grows gradually. At first, he simply says, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes." Later he calls Jesus a prophet, and finally he recognises Him as the Lord and worships Him. His experience reminds us that faith is often a journey of growing vision.

But the Gospel also reveals a striking contrast. The man who was blind begins to see, while the Pharisees, who claimed to see, remain spiritually blind. Their pride and stubbornness prevent them from recognising the work of God.

The healing of the blind man is therefore a sign where through faith we are called to live in the light. This Gospel invites each of us to reflect on an important question: Do we have the inner vision to make our call a success story?

Faith is not only about receiving light; it is also about sharing that light with others. When Christ enlightens our hearts, we become instruments helping others to see — through our words, our compassion, and our witness of Christian life. We can come across many people who are searching for meaning and direction. Sometimes a simple act of kindness, encouragement, or faith-filled living can open someone's eyes to God's presence.

Lent is therefore a privileged time to renew our spiritual vision, through prayer, repentance, charity and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where the Lord clears away whatever blinds our hearts.

Let us pray earnestly: "Lord, open the eyes of my heart. Help me to walk in your light and to empower others to see your truth."

Fr Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

LET US OFFER GIFTS OF PRAYER

Recently Deceased:

Deirdre Dimeck

Anniversaries:

Mario Vella, Bernardo R Chanyungo (birthday)

For those who are sick:

Darren Hooton, Ruta Pelenatino, Rose Zahra, Marlene Rodger, Fr. Jerome Antogop.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mario Vella** as we mark the **20th anniversary of his death**. A Mass in his memory will be celebrated on **Monday 16 March at 7:00pm at Corpus Christi**.

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to attend and join in

Feast Days This Week



POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



Parish News

**LENTEN RETREAT
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Catholic Parish of Corpus Christi, Cranebrook

We invite you for these special days of Grace, as we journey closer to Holy Week.

March 22 – 25

Evening Masses & Reflections

- Sunday (March 22): 6:00 PM
- Monday – Wednesday (March 23–25): 6:30 PM

Retreat Preacher:

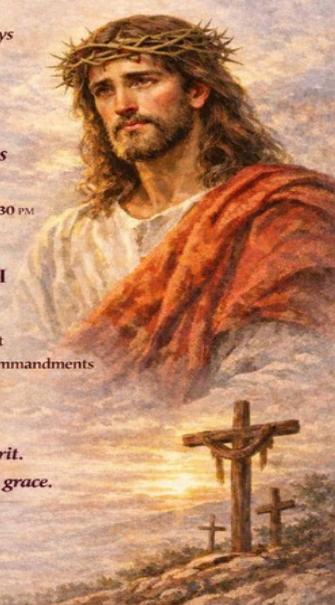
Fr. Abraham Kunnatholy CMI

Let this be a sacred time to:

- ✦ Deepen your relationship with Christ
- ✦ Reflect on God's Word and the 10 Commandments
- ✦ Prepare your heart for Easter

- ✿ Come and be blessed.
- ✿ Come and renew your spirit.
- ✿ Come and experience God's grace.

All are welcome.



LENT 2026 – SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

As we enter the holy season of Lent, we invite all parishioners to take part in these opportunities for prayer, repentance, and spiritual renewal. Lent calls us to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting, and works of charity as we prepare for Easter.

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross

A traditional Lenten devotion reflecting on Christ's journey to Calvary. All are invited to walk with the Lord in prayer and reflection.

THURSDAY 19 MARCH

7.00pm – Second Rite of Reconciliation

A communal celebration of God's mercy, including Scripture, an examination of conscience, and individual confession with visiting priests.

SUNDAY 22 MARCH – WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Evening Mass followed by Lenten Reflection

Join us for our Lenten Reflection Evenings as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Each evening will begin with Mass (**6:00pm on Sunday, 6:30pm on the other three nights**), followed by an hour of Lenten reflection led by Fr Abraham.

After the reflection, a light supper will be provided, so families can come together without needing to worry about preparing an evening meal.

Please note on Sunday 22nd March Mass times will be 8.30am and 6pm. No 7.30am or 9.30am Masses will take place



Corpus Christi Sacrament Dates 2026

FIRST RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)

Our First Reconciliation preparation program is now underway. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament.



Sacrament Date:
Thursday 26th March

CONFIRMATION

Parent Information and Registration evening:
Wednesday 22nd of April at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from April 29th until June 11th. (Seven sessions per child)

Sacrament Dates:

Saturday June 27th at 10am
Sunday June 28th at 9.30am



FIRST EUCHARIST

Parent Information and Registration evening:
Wednesday August 12th at 7pm

Parent and Child Formation Sessions:

Sessions will run on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons from August 19th until September 10th (Four sessions per child)

Sacrament Dates:

Saturday September 12th at 10am
Saturday September 12th at 6pm
Saturday September 19th at 10am
Sunday September 20th at 9.30am



BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of each month at 11am.

Parents wishing to have their child baptised are asked to contact the Parish Office to book the date of baptism and to register for the Rite of Welcome and Information Meeting. (These take place on the fourth Sunday of the month prior to your child's baptism.)



Bookings for weddings and funerals are taken on request. Please contact the Parish Office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish hosts a morning tea after our 9.30am Mass on the second Sunday of every month. Our next parish morning tea will take place on



SUNDAY 12TH OF APRIL

'Young in Spirit' Seniors Group

Our seniors group meets on the last Friday morning of each month after 9.10am Mass in the Parish Office. Our next senior's morning tea will take place on

FRIDAY 27TH OF MARCH

VOLUNTEER CLEANERS

We sincerely thank our wonderful team of volunteer cleaners for their generous service in caring for our church. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated by our parish.

The annual cleaning roster has recently been emailed to all teams. If your team did not receive the roster, please contact the parish office so we can ensure you receive a copy.

Thank you again for your continued support and service.

SAVE THE DATES – PARISH WORKING BEES 2026!

Let's come together as a parish family to care for and beautify our parish grounds throughout the year! Our Working Bees are a wonderful opportunity to share fellowship, lend a helping hand, and prepare our parish for the important celebrations ahead.



ALL WORKING BEES WILL BE HELD FROM 9:00AM – 12:00PM

- **Saturday, March 21st** (to prepare for Easter)
- **Saturday, May 30th** (to prepare for our Parish Feast Day)
- **Saturday, September 26th** (to refresh the gardens after the winter season)
- **Saturday, December 12th** (to prepare for Christmas)

There will be a variety of tasks to suit all ages and abilities – gardening, tidying, cleaning, and light maintenance. Whether you can join us for the full morning or just an hour, your contribution will make a real difference.

COLD DRINKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Please save these dates and consider being part of these special days of service and care. Many hands make light work, and together we can keep our parish looking welcoming and beautiful for all!

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN THE NET

Are you a parishioner who owns or operates a business?

Promote your services while supporting our parish by advertising in our weekly newsletter, *The Net*.

Our annual advertising cycle begins in the first week of April, making now the perfect time to come on board. With approximately 500 readers each week and limited advertising spaces available, this is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow parishioners and local families.

For more information or to secure your place, please contact the Parish Office on 4730 1249 or email cranebrook@parracatholic.org.au.

Support your parish while growing your business!



Other News

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** | **PROJECT COMPASSION**
Fourth Sunday of Lent
14–15 March 2026

Life was hard for Manaini and her children living in rural Fiji. With the support from Caritas Australia's partner, FRIEND, she learnt food processing and gardening skills, improving nutrition and creating new income opportunities to support her children's education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate
Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Footsteps of St Paul (5–20 May 2026)

Fr Sebastian A.M from St. Mary's Parish, Dandenong invites you to Greece and Turkey, including a 3-night Greek Islands cruise, reliving the Acts of the Apostles.
All-inclusive price: \$9,790 + tips (25 + pilgrims).

Saints of Italy (8–21 June 2026)

Fr Franco Filipetto from St. Mary's Parish in Warrick, invites you on a 14-day pilgrimage to Milan, Padua, Florence, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Rome, walking in the footsteps of the saints.
All-inclusive price: \$9,290 (30+ pilgrims). The tour cost include airfares, accommodation, transfers, meals, guides, and entrance fees.

Enquiries: 03 8839 6615 | pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Third Sunday of Lent—7th and 8th March 2026

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel reading is the second in a series of three quite lengthy readings from the gospel of John that are a feature of the Lenten season in Year A of the liturgical cycle. The three readings address three significant themes and images: water; light; and new life. Although today's passage is about the healing of a blind man, the event takes place as part of a longer section of the gospel dealing with the image of light and specifically the image of Jesus as Light of the World.

The question asked by the disciples at the opening of this event is an interesting one. They ask, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' In Jewish culture at the time, any physical affliction was deemed to be punishment from God for sinful behaviour. As the man had been born blind, the suspicion falls on his parents as having committed such a terrible offence against God that their son is born blind. Jesus immediately rejects this interpretation of the man's affliction. Physical and mental illnesses or disabilities are in no way punishment from God.

Although the man's physical sight is restored by Jesus simply enough, his journey from darkness into light is a more complicated affair. He faces disbelief, ridicule and even abuse from the Jewish authorities as they try to discredit Jesus and diminish the impact of the miracle. In fact, their treatment of the man is what drives him along the road from recipient of an act of mercy to a confirmed believer. Furthermore, the Jewish authorities, despite their physical capacity for sight, are shown to be the ones who are truly blind and trapped in darkness because they deny the light that is before their very eyes.

Historical Context – Light of the World

The events of today's gospel passage occur within an extended passage of the gospel of John in which Jesus attends Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (Jn 7:1 following). A feature of the feast was the illumination of the Temple. Pilgrims would cover the Temple with lights and torches so that it shone out over the entire city. It was during this feast that Jesus declared himself to be the Light of the World and, a few verses later, healed the blind man and brought light into his world.

Living the Gospel – Lenten Light

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice for the Lenten season. During this season we are invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step out of darkness and into the light; to look towards the future with hope and not despair. When we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil, we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World into our lives. This annual call to turn away from darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

Gospel Focus – None so blind

There's a very old saying that has its roots in the Bible but is not a direct quote from the Bible: 'There are none so blind as those who will not see.' It would be a fitting summary of today's passage for there are two movements between darkness and light that are evident in the story. Firstly, there is the blind man who can see. He can see physically but can also see the truth of who Jesus is. Secondly, there are the Jewish authorities who have physical sight but are completely blind to the truth of Jesus.

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why might the Jews have associated physical affliction with punishment from God?
- Q. Why might Jesus have performed this miracle in such a physical, 'hands-on' way?
- Q. What reasons can you suggest for the apparent reluctance to accept the miraculous healing?
- Q. In what ways can you relate your own experiences to one of the characters in the passage?
- Q. What are the areas of 'blindness' in your life?

Questions for Adults

- Q. How does the pattern of this story differ from most of the healing stories in the gospels?
- Q. What is the man's logical argument to the Jewish authorities regarding Jesus?
- Q. What are areas of blindness or darkness in our world today that need the light of Jesus?
- Q. In what ways can you be the light of Christ for others?

Learning moments

Research the work of the Fred Hollows Foundation (www.hollows.org) that has worked in 38 countries world-wide to eradicate avoidable blindness that afflicts millions as the result of poverty and poor health.

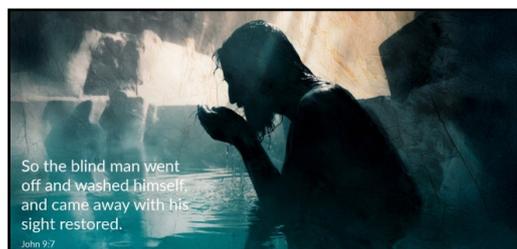
Compose a creative work (e.g. artistic work, poem, song, dance, photograph, digital imagery) on the theme of light and darkness. Hold an exhibition of the works in your community.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?



Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 | Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6. R. v.1 | Ephesians 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41

There are many occasions when we ask the question why and can't find the answer for which we are looking. Why did we miss out on a job? Why did someone we love get cancer? Why can't we find a place to live that we can afford? Why do some days seem so difficult?

It is good to sit with our confusion and even grief. It is good to share it with the Lord who loves us so tenderly. But sometimes we have to step aside from the question why did this happen? It may be better to start with where can I go from here? What small steps will enable me to face the future in a positive spirit?

Today's readings touch upon these issues. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a person who was born blind. The bystanders want to know why this happened. They think it must be because either he or his parents did something wrong. They are looking backwards. Jesus prefers to look forwards. He says, 'he was born blind so that the works of God may be displayed in him.' In other words, his blindness presents opportunities for growth, not a pretext for blame. The letter to the Ephesians similarly reminds us that we are on a journey from darkness to light. The whole of Lent could be described in those words. The letter says, 'try to discover what the Lord wants of you.' It asks us in terms of possibilities! The same thing happens when Samuel anoints David. It doesn't matter that David is a young shepherd. He has a big future, as anyone familiar with the Bible well knows.

This week, Caritas Australia, through Project Compassion, draws us into the story of Manaini, a 44-year-old mother and subsistence farmer in remote northern Fiji. She has transformed her family's life through food processing and organic farming, thanks to a Caritas-supported project. Once reliant on more store-bought food and prone to food waste, she now produces homemade flours, dried foods, and sells produce and baked goods from local crops. Her passion for learning has made her a key player in her community, working with others to embrace more sustainable, empowering ways of living. Thanks to the generosity of the Australian Catholic community, hundreds of thousands of people such as Manaini are finding an answer to the question, 'where can we go from here.'



Prayer of Intercession

For all who lack the necessities of life, especially food security, that support for Project Compassion this Lent will enable Caritas to become a source of hope for them and for all those who hunger and thirst.

Photo: Manaini stands in front of her home with her husband (centre), daughter (left), granddaughter (left) and grandson (centre) in a small village in Fiji. Credit: Caritas Australia.

The **Living Word** For Children

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH —FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A

FIRST READING

One day he said, "Samuel, I've rejected Saul, and I refuse to let him be king any longer. Stop feeling sad about him. Put some olive oil in a small container and go visit a man named Jesse, who lives in Bethlehem. I've

chosen one of his sons to be my king."

When Jesse and his sons arrived, Samuel noticed Jesse's oldest son, Eliab. "He has to be the one the Lord has chosen," Samuel said to himself.

But the Lord told him, "Samuel, don't think Eliab is the one just because he's tall and handsome. He isn't the one I've chosen. People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by what is in their hearts."

One by one, Jesse told all seven of his sons to go over to Samuel. Finally, Samuel said, "Jesse, the Lord hasn't chosen any of these young men. Do you have any other sons?"

"Yes," Jesse answered. "My youngest son David is out taking care of the sheep."

"Send for him!" Samuel said. "We won't start the ceremony until he gets here."

Jesse sent for David. He was a healthy, good-looking boy with a sparkle in his eyes. As soon as David came, the Lord told Samuel, "He's the one! Get up and pour the olive oil on his head."

Samuel poured the oil on David's head while his brothers watched. At that moment, the Spirit of the Lord took control of David and stayed with him from then on.

Samuel returned home to Ramah.

SECOND READING

Do as God does. After all, you are his dear children. Let love be your guide. Christ loved us and offered his life for us as a sacrifice that pleases God. You used to be like people living in the dark, but now you are people of the light because you belong to the Lord. So act like people of the light and make your light shine. Be good and honest and truthful, as you try to please the Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

One day Jesus saw a man who had been blind since he was born.

Jesus made some mud, gently put it on the man's eyes, and said, "Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam."

The man went and washed his eyes.

Suddenly he could see!

People were amazed and asked him how it happened.

The man said,

"A man named Jesus healed me. I was blind, and now I can see!"

Later Jesus found the man and spoke with him.

The man believed in Jesus and worshipped him.

Jesus showed everyone that he is the light of the world.

DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Can you remember a time when you were in the dark?

What was it like?

The blind man in today's Gospel could not see until Jesus healed him.

What would it have been like for the blind man after he was healed?

What does it mean that Jesus is the 'light of the world'?

How can we be the light of the world to others?



Children's Worksheet

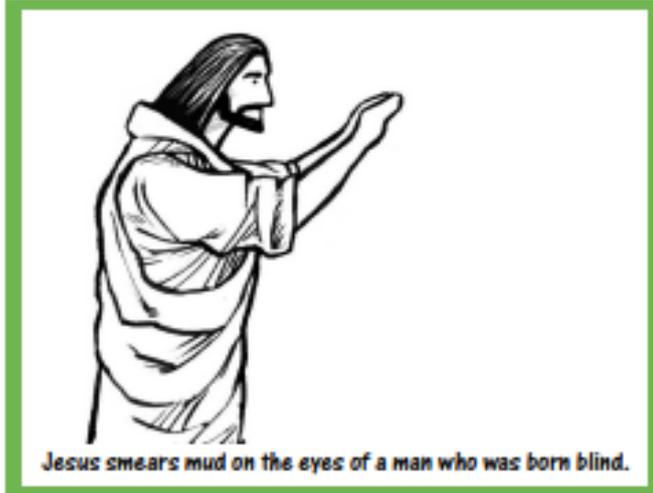


Jesus heals the blind man

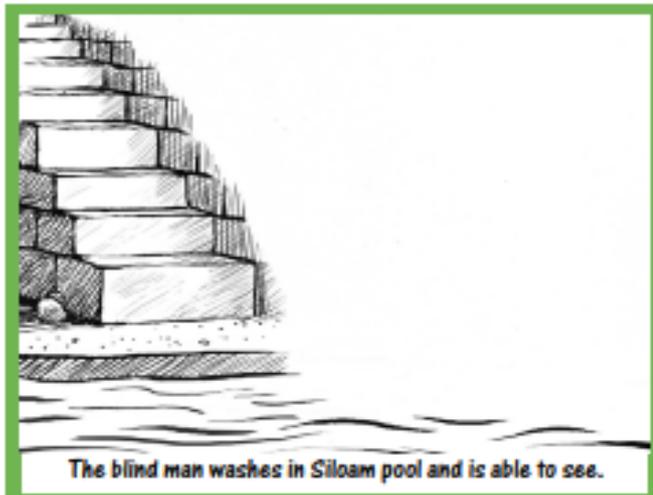
4th Sunday of Lent, Year A



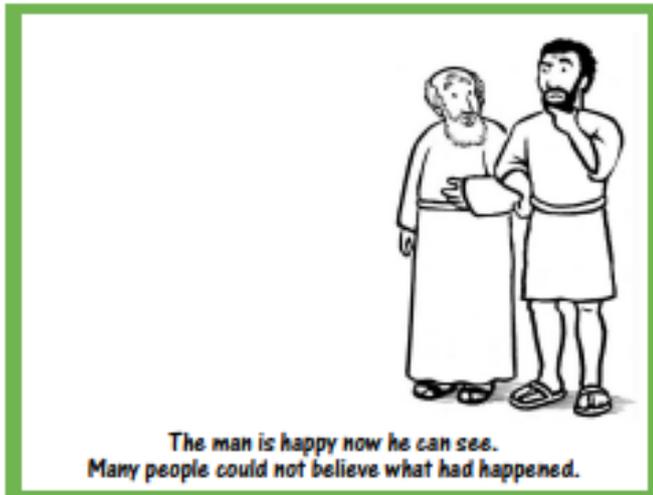
Draw the story of Jesus healing the blind man



Jesus smears mud on the eyes of a man who was born blind.

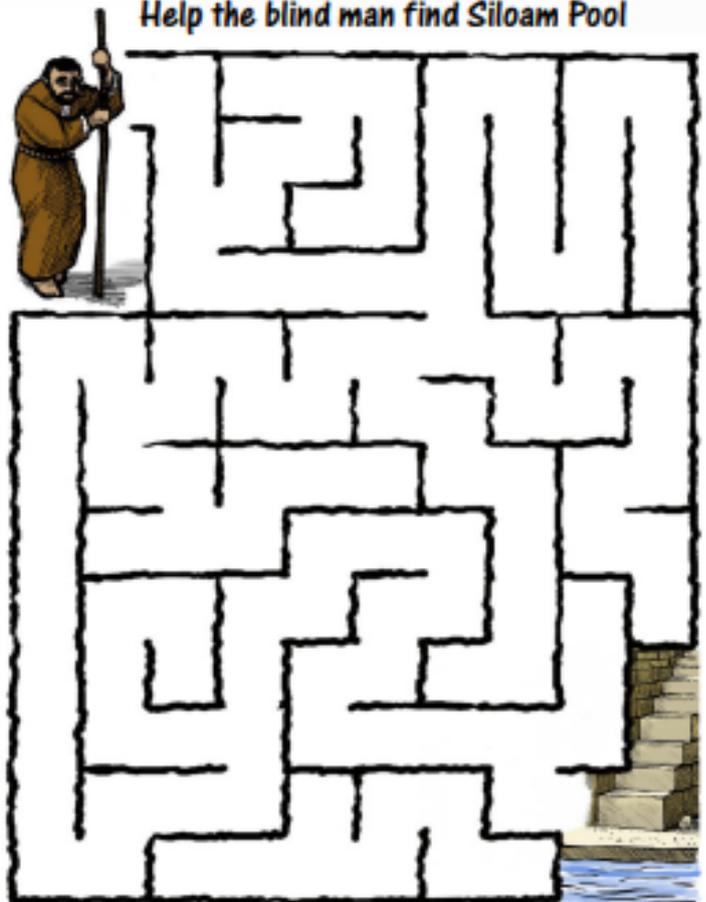


The blind man washes in Siloam pool and is able to see.



The man is happy now he can see.
Many people could not believe what had happened.

Help the blind man find Siloam Pool

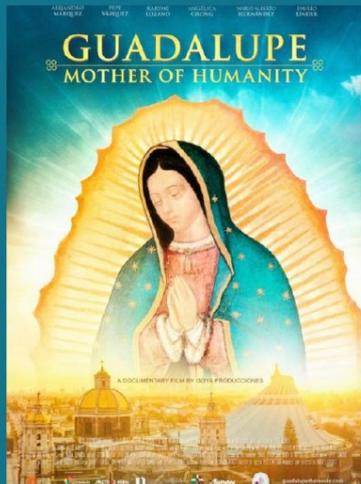


When he met Jesus again, the man who had been blind put his faith in Jesus and worshipped him. What can we do to show that we believe in Jesus?

Three empty rectangular boxes with green borders, stacked vertically, for writing answers to the question above.

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Virginia Bourke is a Sister of Saint Joseph with experience in Catholic education, theological study, and adult faith formation. Since 1995 she has contributed to teacher education and Josephite rural women's initiatives across NSW and SA. A sacramental theologian, she explores God's self-revelation in human experience and currently ministers in North Sydney.



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