A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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.au. 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.

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Items will be sale after each Mass

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

22nd March 2020

With you is found forgiveness ’ Psalm 130:4

24 Hours for the Lord

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 March

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

9.15am Mass

9.45am to 6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Adoration Rosters in the church foyer)

6.00pm Benediction completes the Friday programme

Conference available 5.00pm- 5.30pm on this date

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

7.30am Morning Prayer of the church

8.00am Mass

Welcome to St Joan of Arc Parish

Haberfield

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Parish Secretary: Tuesday — Wednesday 9.30am — 2.30pm

A reading from the first book of 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

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.

Let the word of the Lord.

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!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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 I am in the world 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, dabbed 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
Reflection

“You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.”

There are at least two ways of thinking about how we see the world. The first may involve going to the optician to have your eyes checked. We undergo tests to see if our physical sight can be improved. But the second way transcends physical sight. In today’s first reading Samuel the prophet visits Jesse to choose one of his sons to anoint as king. It requires them all because he does not judge by physical appearance. God gives him spiritual insight, which looks to the heart and enables him to choose David.

Easter night can show us two different ways of seeing. The Vigil Mass begins in darkness. After the new fire is lit, the light is passed through the church and people can see at the physical darkness dispelled. Then, in the light of the paschal candle, the readings, from Genesis to the Gospel, are read aloud. The readers can see the words in the lectern, but do they understand their meaning? They only make sense in the light of Christ. He gives us the spiritual sight to understand them and see how they all point forward to Christ himself. Our physical sight is given by the candles but our spiritual sight is given by Christ. He gives us a way of looking at the world which we call faith. But how do we come to faith?

We see the process of coming to faith dramatized in today’s Gospel. Jesus is in Jerusalem for the feast of Tabernacles. As part of this festival the Jews carried water from the Pool of Siloam to the Temple, which was illuminated by the blaze of four sets of great candles. Against that background Jesus claimed that he was the light of the world. Today the Gospel begins with a healing of a blind man. Jesus puts mud on his eyes and tells him to wash it off in the Pool of Siloam. The man’s physical sight is restored. But when Jesus explains that he is a prophet, the man is.interrogated about his identity as a miracle. When asked who performed it, he gives a factual answer, “The man called Jesus.” But the miracle divides the Pharisees.

Some recognize God’s hand in the healing but the Pharisees reject it as a miracle. He does not keep the sabbath.” Others say, “How could a sinner see.” Then some of the Pharisees say, “This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.”

The man’s eyes were opened but his mind was not. That is why Jesus began to assert himself and recognizes that Jesus must be a prophet. “You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.”

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, “We are blind, surely?” Jesus replied, “ Blessed are you, because you have not trusted your own judgment. But since you say, “We see,” the fact of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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 say, “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 come 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 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 now see, 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 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 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: “He opened my eyes, and you don’t know where he comes from! We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but does God listen to men who repent? And if it is the man who is being interrogated who is the sinner, then even he can be blind. When Jesus asks who performed the work of healing, the man says that he has heard the voice of the Lord: “Lo, he is my servant, I will give my love to him, and he will proclaim my salvation.” In this Gospel reading, Jesus is said to be appropriate in Lent because, on Easter night, throughout the world, hundreds of thousands of catechumens will profess their faith and be baptized. They will receive the light of Christ. We notice in today’s Gospel how the blind man only comes to faith gradually and in the face of persecution and abuse. But at the same time the light of Christ shines upon the darkness of unbelief. Some of the Pharisees cannot open their eyes to a new revelation. The parents of the blind man sit on the fence and are unwilling to speak. It is not only those preparing for baptism who can recognize themselves in this account of the blind man. Lent is the time to examine our faith. We can easily be drawn to the darkness of unbelief by the pressures of a world which even persecutes the Church in many countries. We may be like the parents who want to keep quiet. Or we may be like the unbelieving Pharisee who turn from the light. Easter offers us the opportunity to go beyond our physical sight and to see the world with the eyes of faith, and, like the blind man, recognize Jesus as the light of the world.