

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! 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.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 9:11,38

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

Masses have been offered for: Jack Meagher (RIP), Elaine, Tom, Horace & Eugene Danford, Jose Andrade (Anniversary of death) & Silongo Kupu (birthday).

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A

22 March 2020

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66:10-11
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 1 Sm 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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22 R. v.1 (R.)
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 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 Jn 9:1-41
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. 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



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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Tuesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm Sunday—9:30am
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
Exposition	Friday 7:30—8:30pm
Adoration	Sunday 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms	By appointment—about 1 month's notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months' notice required

COLLECTIONS for last fortnight

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$267.95 (supports the expenses of priest)	\$146.65 (for day-to-day running of parish)	\$20.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$66.35

Prayer for Rain

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Against Coronavirus

Saint Sebastian, R. Pray for us.

Saint Roch, R. Pray for us.

Readers' Roster 28/29 Mar. Saturday Vigil: *Gerry*; Sunday Morning: *Mafi family*.

St Pius V Catholic Primary School Enrolling Now for 2020 Enrolment packs & school tours available. *See opposite page for contact details.*

The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals: 7am, Tues 24 March, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney. Online booking essential: <https://thebishopsblendtenthedition.eventbrite.com.au> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org. *See noticeboard.*

Stations of the Cross After morning Mass every Friday of Lent or with the Indonesian Community on Fridays at 6:30pm.

Covering of Statues After this Sunday's Mass, 22 March, could everyone come forward and grab one piece of purple cloth and throw it over a statue or holy picture.

LENT Please be aware of the precepts for Catholics regarding fasting, prayer, alms giving and good deeds. *Please see noticeboard.*

Sherry Weddell Evangelisation 1st meeting after Easter. Time TBA. Fr needs the Sherry Weddell book back before this can start.

Coronavirus Archdiocesan Directives No more than 100 at Mass, inside the church, collection plates not to be passed around, unwell parishioners should stay at home & fulfil their Sunday obligation by watching Mass (they are dispensed), the Pope has asked for extra prayers & fasting.

EASTER TIMETABLE

Palm Sunday	5 April	we still need palms/olive branches!
Holy Thursday	9 April	Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm
Good Friday	10 April	Stations of the Cross – 10:00am Passion of the Lord – 3:00pm
Easter Sunday	11 April	Vigil – 5:30pm
	12 April	Day – 9:30am

Palm Sunday, 4/5 April The Burrawong palm is now protected by the NSW Govt, so if you have palms or olive branches in your garden, would you please note at the back of the church, on our spreadsheet, how many you can bring. To be brought at the Mass you attend on Palm Sunday.

We need 6 large palms for the altar and cut palms for parishioners

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/had been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (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 Archdioceses has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.