



Cleaning & Flower Rosters for Next Week

Flowers
No Flowers

29th March 2020

Cleaning
Madaline Brugger



Ministers Roster for Next Week

Ministers roster is not applicable until further notice.

Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Amanda Harding, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Marie Bonne, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, John Cornwell, Michael Hancock.



Anniversaries 23rd March - 29th March

Graham Harper, Mr & Mrs Tevaseu, Rajesh Dayal, Aileen Burns, Patrick Truman, Kelly Chong Nee, Henriette De Glas, Michael Mules, Jean Clarke, Robbie Lewis, Stanislaw Borowski, Gemica Cao, Patrick McGreevy, Sarah Tyson McElroy, Ivy O'Halloran, Jean Burns, William Larter, Isabella Mills.

Recently Deceased

Billie & Carrie McCarthy, Maureen McCallion, Kuinileti Petelo, Archbishop of Brisbane John Bathersby.

Penance

During Lent **penance** should be not only inward and individual, but also outward and social. SC110

Friday Penance

Friday is a traditional day of penance and should be marked by:

- **Prayer** - participating in the Eucharist, family prayer, visiting a church, reading the scriptures, making the Way of the Cross, praying the rosary;
- **Self Denial** - abstaining from meat, sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink in support of the poor;
- **Helping Others** - giving special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely, overburdened.

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22nd March 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Sight and blindness

The healing of the man born blind affirms that Jesus is the light for the world. In healing the man blind from birth, Jesus wanted to change a strong belief. He knew it is something else, not sin, that causes a baby's health deficiency from birth. His apostles raised the question, whose sin was it the man himself or his parents, that caused him to be blind? Jesus corrected them by telling

them, that it is neither his own sin nor his parents' sin, but

it is through his sickness that Jesus shows God's love, and glory to the world. (v. 3). Jesus' work and that of his Father are inseparable. He is the light for the world, and through him God's love and mercy enlighten those who have faith in him. Human beings suffer, and the exact cause is hard to identify. Jesus gives no answer for human suffering, but showed that those who turn to God, will have hope in their suffering. God is in their midst, drawing them closer to Himself. Denying the reality of our suffering makes the problem worse, but recognizing it, and asking for God's grace to endure it, works best. In giving sight to the blind man, Jesus fulfilled what the prophet Isaiah prophesied about Him.

To open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon. Is. 42,7

Using His saliva and clay to heal the blind man, Jesus reminds us of how the first human being was made. In this context, Jesus reshaped the blind man's life. He heard Jesus before seeing Him. Jesus touched him and healed him. Jesus commanded him to wash himself at the pool of Siloam. The act of going into and

emerging from the water is a part of our baptism ceremony. It also reminds us of the power of the living water Jesus gave to the Samaritan at the well.

When the Pharisees questioned him, the blind man became a bold witness for Jesus. He knew Jesus healed him, but had a very vague idea of who Jesus was. The man was humble and honest in contrast to his interrogators, who claimed to see but actually could not see; to know but really they did not know. It was not their eyes' sight that failed them in seeing Jesus, but their arrogance that failed them. They were unable to recognize Jesus, the Messiah. Having sight from Jesus the blind man was in the spot light, confronted by the authorities. The Pharisees charged Jesus for breaking the Sabbath laws. They failed to know, that they themselves had broken the Sabbath laws by interrogating and judging the man. They failed to make the man take their side; they drove him out of their community. They then went on to see his parents. The man's parents were afraid of being driven out of the community. They confirmed the blind man was their own son, but how, and who gave him sight they said they didn't know. They refused to get involved, citing he was old enough to handle the case himself.

The blind man first identified Jesus as the prophet, and then confessed, Jesus came from God. He challenged the Pharisees and then factions happened. Some believed the man's testimony that Jesus came from God; others opposed. The man himself was being truthful, and consistent during his trial, that Jesus gave him sight and His healing power came from God. Jesus, learning that he had been driven out of the synagogue, found the man and welcomed him into the community of believers. The man confessed he believed that Jesus is the 'Son of Man' and worshipped Him.

Vudinh Tuong

Message from Archbishop - COVID 19

As a result of the most recent advice from the Government and the health authorities, the Archdiocese has come to apply the following restrictions:

- The celebration of **Mass on Sundays** (including the **Saturday Vigil**) is suspended with immediate effect and until further notice, and all the faithful are dispensed from the Sunday obligation. To live stream Masses from the Cathedral please copy and past this web link. archbne.org/bzw
- **Weekday Masses** - may be celebrated as scheduled, with the current restrictions and precautions to be observed.
- Mass of Reconciliation Wednesday 25th March 2020 is postponed.

- **Baptisms, weddings and funerals** may be celebrated but restricted to immediate family (no extended family or friends). Baptisms and weddings to be postponed, if possible.
- Preparation for **Confirmation** is postponed until further notice.

Lenten Group Reflection

Our Lenten Study topic this week invited us to reflect on the story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind. We shared our thoughts and experiences on what it meant to us to see the truth of who Jesus is and the depth of God's love for us. It challenged us to see more clearly the gifts of Love, Life and Faith which God has poured out upon us, and how we can use these gifts to respond to the needs and the pain of our brothers and sisters.

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna



There is no Baptism for April.

Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Home Visit

Anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office and a visit can be arranged.



Loop System

The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

Weekday Mass

23rd Mar -	Mon -	9.00am	No Mass
24th Mar -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
25th Mar -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass The Annunciation of the Lord
26th Mar -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
27th Mar -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Mass

28th Mar - Sat - 5.00pm No Mass

Sunday Mass

29th Mar - Sun - 7.00am No Mass
9.00am No Mass

5th Sunday of Lent 29th March

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

The Church is opened as usual for private devotion.

