

**SECOND READING:** **Ephesians 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.

The Word of the Lord.

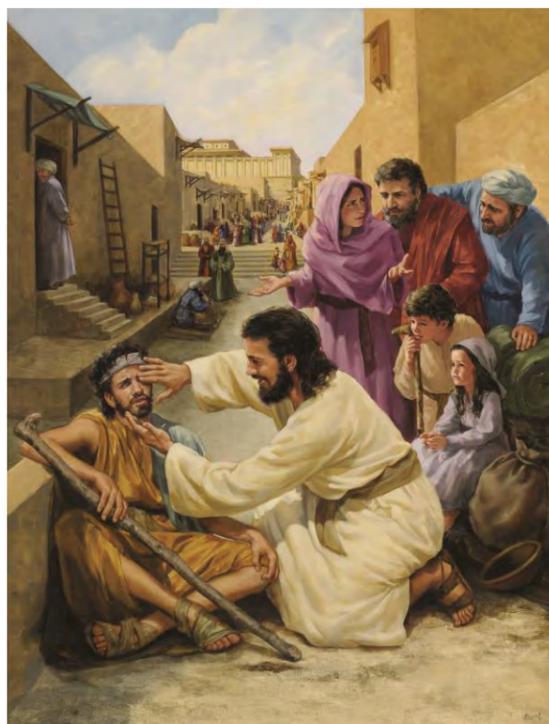
**Thanks be to God.**

**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, 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.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

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

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.**

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 on (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org)



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**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.  
 SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 9:30 am.  
 MONDAY: No Mass.  
 TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
 FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.  
 Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.  
 RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.  
 Baptism: Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.  
 Marriage: By appointment.  
 Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)**  
**21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**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 Samuel 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 22**  
**RESPONSE: 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.

**Response.**

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.

**Response.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
 in the sight of my foes.  
 My head you have anointed with oil;  
 my cup is overflowing.

**Response.**

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.

**Response.**

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**21/ 22 MARCH – 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Minister of HC	E NG	J PERERA	K PERERA
Minister of HC	B CLARK	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	E WHEELER
Wardens	P BURGE	S WAN	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEERS
Projection	V PERERA	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: SONIA AU, AMARA LOIACONO, PAREKELEM & WONG FAMILIES	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE BARAZ, VINCENT WIDJAYA
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		D BRENNAN
Counters	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHEL M PEARCE		
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**28 / 29 MARCH 2020 – 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	T DABBAH (M&H)
Minister of HC	J KEYSER	J PERERA	J MORABITO
Minister of HC	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	S PERERA
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	E WHEELER
Wardens	P BURGE	S WAN	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEERS
Projection	J MCLEOD	NIL	NO MUSIC
Altar Servers	GROUP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE AND NOAH EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		D BRENNAN
Counters	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN A NAGANATHAN D TAN		
Altar Flowers	M & R DIAS	MARCH ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	



# HOLY WEEK

**PALM SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Masses: Sat Vigil at 6pm, Sun at 8am & 9.30am (*principal Mass*)

**WEEKDAY MASSES DURING HOLY WEEK:**

Monday at 9.30am, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 am.

**HOLY THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**CHRISM MASS at St Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10.30pm

**GOOD FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Passion of the Lord 3pm

**EASTER MASSES:**

EASTER VIGIL – 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL at 7 pm

The most important and solemn Mass of the year  
EASTER MORNING MASSES - 12<sup>th</sup> April at 8 am & 9.30 am



**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died from Covid-19, all the sick, quarantined and isolated people. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Mavis Burge and Tannous Toufic Bou Daher).

**Relics of St Therese & her parents.**

Huge thank you to all the people who helped welcome the relics of St Therese and her parents. It was a truly special night from the magnificent flowers, the beautiful Mass, touching songs and music throughout the night. Thank you! May St Therese continue to bless you all during these uncertain times

**Stations of the Cross.**

Continue every **Friday evening** throughout Lent at 7.30pm.

**Lenten programmes continue this week.**

Group 1 - **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.**

Group 2 - **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm.**

**Anointing of the Sick THIS week.**

Fr Roberto will anoint the sick and elderly parishioners after each Mass THIS weekend. So if you feel that you could be in danger of Covid-19 please stay to receive this Sacrament.



**No collection plates will be passed around during Mass.**

When you leave the church please make sure you go past the collection baskets. They will be located:

- In front of the statue of St Therese.
- In front of the lectern.
- In the main foyer.

**Mass attendances must be kept to 100 people.**

This week we took the precaution to lock the side doors at the beginning of Mass to enable us to count people as they entered through the front door. An outside overflow area midway down the presbytery side of the church on the grassed area will have some speakers installed so you can hear the Mass and an acolyte will come out and give you Holy Communion. Please note that TEN minutes after Mass begins we unlocked these doors for your safety. Each week our actions may change as the information we are being given is changing hour by hour. Thank you all for your patience and for coming to Mass. Stay safe and God be with you all.

**Project Compassion.**

Your support to Catholic Mission makes such a big difference to communities around the world. All donations are 100% tax deductible.



**Palms branches are needed this year.**

This year we need palms or olive branches so we asking for you to bring your own palms or olive branches to the Palm Sunday Mass on the 4/5 April.

**Safety directions at Mass.**

- No Holy Water at the entrances to the church.
- Stay home if you are sick – whether due to the virus or some other condition. Please don't come to Mass and risk the health of others.
- Everyone should wash their hands before and after coming to Mass.
- Smile, nod or bow at the Sign of Peace (*no hand shaking*).
- The Body of Christ will only be administered in the hand.
- **No bulletins will be printed.** They will be available on our website and will be on the two notice boards in our front and back foyers.



**We are trying to buy hand sanitizer for the entrances. But so far have been unsuccessful.**

**During Covid-19 pandemic NO Eucharistic ministers will be visiting our Nursing Homes and Hospital.**

Please note that Fr Roberto will attend all emergencies at both the hospital & Nursing homes.

**Shopping Offer.**

Are you elderly and having trouble getting food and essential items? We have some parishioners who have offered to help you by doing some shopping. If so, please add your name to the clip board at the front of the church. Also, if you want to help with this initiative please call the parish office.

**Sunday Mass Obligation.**

Any parishioner who is elderly, unwell or at particular risk of infection can stay home and fulfil their obligation by watching Mass at St Marys Cathedral via their website or, by reading the readings of the day and praying.

**A copy of Archbishop Anthony Fisher's letter is available from the front foyer.**

Please take one home to read it at your leisure.