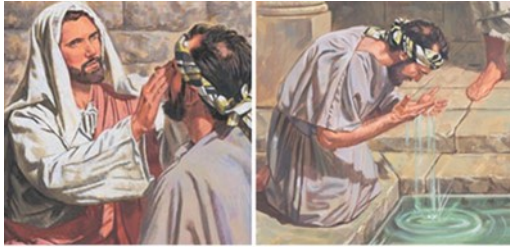


## Reflection

To



John 9: Jesus heals man born blind

see well, good eyesight alone is not sufficient. We must not think of blindness as an illness that affects eyes only. There are many forms of blindness, besides physical blindness. In some ways these are just as serious. Selfishness blinds us to the needs of others. Insensitivity blinds us to the hurt we're causing others. Snobbery blinds us to the equal dignity in others. Pride blinds us to our own faults. Prejudice blinds us to truth. Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world around. Materialism blinds us to spiritual values. Superficiality blinds us to a person's truth worth and causes us to judge by appearances. It is not with the eyes only that we see. We also 'see' with the mind, the heart, and the imagination. A narrow mind, a small heart, an impoverished imagination - all of these leads to loss of vision, darken our lives, and shrink our world.. In these serious times of the COVID-19 pandemic with isolation and self-isolation, those most vulnerable need our support. I'm thinking "**When I needed a neighbour, were you there?** We all need to keep an eye on each other to make sure we are all safe.

"For those of us who are a bit on the anxiety & worrying side, here is a prayer.

Lord, help me

Be prepared, but not anxious.

Be aware, but not desperate.

Be vigilant, but not in fear.

Be joyful, but not clueless.

Be faithful, but not careless.

Lord, be my hope and strength."



## Fourth Sunday of



**SATURDAY 21st March**

**Vigil Mass 4.00 pm**

**SUNDAY 22nd March**

**Mass 9.30 am**



Saturday	21st	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Vigil Mass 4 pm	parishioners
Sunday	22nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Mass 9.30 am	Maura Doran for improved health
Monday	23rd	Lent Feria	<b>NO MASS</b>
Tuesday	24th	Lent Feria	Mass 10 am George Murray \$RIP
Wednesday	25th	Lent Feria	Mass 10 am Victor George Storor RIP
Thursday	26th	Lent Feria	Mass 10 am John & Mary Doran need comfort at this time.
Friday	27th	Lent Feria	Mass 10 am Henney & Murray families
Saturday	28th	THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Vigil Mass 4 pm	parishioners

**Next Week : THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Saturday 28th March 2020 Vigil Mass 4 pm**

**and Sunday 29th March Mass at 9.30am**



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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :

Fr. Paul will be in the confessional each Saturday 11.30-12noon and between 3.30 and 3.50pm before the Vigil Mass.

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT.



Can you see this Lent 2020 as an opportunity to be a missionary disciple of Jesus through prayer, fasting and charity?

### **Make an Act of Spiritual Communion**

As we are now entering a time when we cannot attend Mass for a valid reason, and are therefore exempt from our Sunday obligation. During this time we are encouraged to make a Spiritual Communion when we desire to be in union with Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This can be done whilst you watch a live stream of Mass being offered.

**There are 2 options of prayer you can say.**

by saying the following prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen. (From St Aphonusus Liguori)

**Or**

=I wish, my Lord, to receive You with the purity, humility and devotion with which your Most Holy Mother received You, with the spirit and fervour of the saints.

Come Lord Jesus.

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with You,

give me warmth, delight and quickness in thinking upon You.

And give me Your grace to long for Your holy sacraments,

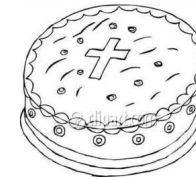
and specially to rejoice in the presence of Your very blessed Body,

Sweet Saviour Christ, in the Holy Sacrament of the altar. (From St Thomas More)

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### THIS IS MOTHERING SUNDAY

The children from the school will **not be** here this weekend unless with their parents .



It has been decide that the cake sale will be postponed until

the Covid-19 situation has been resolved.



**MASS will continue to be celebrated here each day apart from Monday. If you need to self-isolate than you must do that , there will be no public masses until further notice. Fr. Paul will offer mass each day.**

### PRAYER FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

May the Communion we share today with the members of our parish family who are at home or in hospital, remind us to live for one another and give them a sense of belonging to our family and to this celebration.

**We now have in the porch printed Mass request Envelopes on which you can write the details of your mass request and place your mass offering inside. Fr. Paul has no outstanding Masses.**

### EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON FRIDAYS EACH WEEK.

After Mass on Friday morning the Blessed Sacrament will be Exposed on the Altar for adoration, prayer & reflection. Benediction at 11.15am Take this time to be before the Lord in his Blessed Sacrament.

### CHURCH CLEANING

#### FOR EASTER



As usual we will need a special church clean before Holy Saturday when we celebrate the easter Vigil.

There will be a gathering of the church cleaners who can come on Monday 5th. April at the morning Mass. New volunteers welcomed as well.



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