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Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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Trace the journey of Jesus from the land of his birth to the way he carried his cross and gave the eternal sacrifice in this 14-day Holy Land pilgrimage to Jordan & Israel led by Fr Joseph Abutu. This pilgrimage features places from the Old & New Testament and includes Petra, Mt Nebo, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Mt Sinai and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive offer of \$7,340 AUD. Reserve your seats with 1000\$, and by sending a copy of passport. The fare includes Economy Return Airfares on premium Airlines + Stay in 4 star hotels+ Local Transfers in AC Coaches + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Departure from Sydney and Melbourne on 30th April 2023. For inquiries & bookings call 1300 721 561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Sylvia Fanfield, Rose Hurt, Tommy Kent, Marie Edwards, Anthony Mc Cabe, Jennifer Hughes, Agnes Bonner, Patrick & David Tomilton, Harry Tench, Charlie Zarb, Charlie Bonello, **Recently Deceased:** Lucy Custo, Maria Abela, George Ghiocas, John Grixti, Kolina Abdilla, **Anniversaries:** Borg, Nixon & Busuttill Families, **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.

Church Diary (Week beginning 19th Mar 2023)

Saturday 18th/19th Mar Baptism: Zeniyah Juresko & Evie Gatt

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
St Cyril 9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
6.00pm Vigil Mass + Frances, Laurie & Anthony Caruana, Maria & Anthony Sant, Golina, Michael, Laurie, Frank & Max Cini, George, Joe & Charlie Spiteri and family, Joe, Anthony & Zarena Vella, Special Intentions for Ted & Michelle Caruana & Frank & Doris Spiteri, Rita & Wayne Vella, + Tarcisio Cutajar,

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + Sam Bonnici & all souls, + Anile Guiseppa & Staropoli Guiseppa
9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, & Felix Camilleri + Emmanuel Fenech & Rina Azzopardi
11.30am Vietnamese Mass
1.00pm Spanish Mass
6.00pm Youth Mass



Monday 20th Mar 8.00am English Mass + Freddy Brockdorff

St Joseph, spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary 9.00am Vietnamese Mass 11.00am Lady of Knots 7.00pm Choir Practice 7.00pm Mass

Tuesday 21st Mar

8.00am English Mass + Vietnamese Mass 9.00am Italian Prayer Group 10.00am Benediction, Novena, Adoration Mass 5.45pm 7.00pm English Mass + Vietnamese Mass

Wednesday 22nd Mar

8.00am English Mass + Vietnamese Mass 9.00am Vietnamese Stations 6.00pm Legion of Mary (Vietnamese) 7.00pm English Mass + Vietnamese Mass 7.30pm Legion of Mary (English)

Thursday 23rd Mar

8.00am English Mass + Vietnamese Mass 9.00am Legion of Mary (English) 9.30am Mass 7.00pm Spanish Prayer Group 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Friday 24th Mar

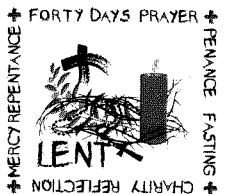
7.30am English Mass + Vietnamese Mass 8.00am Divine Mercy 9.00am Way of the Cross 6.15pm Mass 7.00pm

Saturday 25th/26th Mar Baptism: Leo Ninh

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
The Annunciation 9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
6.00pm Vigil Mass For healing - Gemma Browne, + Mary Calleja, + Frances, Laurie & Anthony Caruana, Maria & Anthony Sant, Golina, Michael, Laurie, Frank & Max Cini, George, Joe & Charlie Spiteri and family, Joe, Anthony & Zarena Vella, Special Intentions for Ted & Michelle Caruana & Frank & Doris Spiteri, Rita & Wayne Vella.

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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.

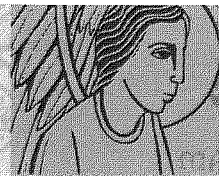
■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form, 9:1-41

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / A

19 MARCH 2023

CHRIST'S TRANSFORMING LIGHT

Learning to read between the lines is not a skill that comes naturally to most of us. Today's readings show just how difficult and challenging it can be to look into the heart of things to see them as God does. Samuel knew that he had been commissioned to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king, but which one? As Samuel is reminded, we tend to look at appearances but God looks at the heart. Ultimately, it is the Lord who will teach Samuel that David is the chosen one.

The letter to the Ephesians invites us to join in the journey of discovering what the Lord wants of us. It requires honesty and trust, to bring ourselves as we are to the light of Christ. While fear might hold us back, there is the encouraging reminder that what is brought to the light of Christ is not condemned, but transformed and turned into light.

The episode of the man born blind is a marvellous example of how difficult and yet freeing, it is to come into the light of Christ. The man gradually moves from seeing Jesus as a man, then as a prophet, and finally coming to believe in him as Lord. He was originally treated as an outsider because of his disability. After being questioned three times, his growing insight and faith lead him to be cast out yet again, but now he is no longer alone; now the Lord stands beside him.



FIRST READING

1 Sam 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 1

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / I am the light of the world, say the Lord; / whoever follows me will have the light of life. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 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

Christopher Monaghan CP