

## LIVINGTHEWORD

- ❖ **RCIA and the Baptism Journey:** Anointing with oil and ‘eyes being opened’ are part of the special journey in Lent for candidates asking for baptism at Easter. For those already baptised, these readings teach us about the deep meaning of our own baptism.
- ❖ **Fill your horn with oil and GO:** Samuel was the young boy who sat in the temple and was taught how to listen to God’s voice. He became one of the greatest prophets because he never let a word spoken to him by God fall to the ground. Today God instructs him to commit high treason! While King Saul was still alive, Samuel was to go to Bethlehem and anoint another King. Are you open to being shocked by what God plans for you? Samuel was told to fill his horn with oil and go ... what do you think God is asking of you?
- ❖ **Appearances or Heart?** Samuel had previously anointed Saul, who had been tall and handsome. But God sees the heart and reminds Samuel not to judge a person by their appearance. Samuel was sensitive to the Spirit guiding him. Can you identify someone you are judging by appearance? Practise noticing their heart.
- ❖ **Blindness. Baptism. Seeing.** The experience of being blind and then being able to see was the symbolic journey the early Church used to describe the experience of adult baptism. St Paul writes about the difference in a person’s life before knowing Jesus. ‘Arise ... from death and darkness, Christ will give you light’. Imagine you are in an unfamiliar house and need to get to the bathroom in the middle of the night. Not knowing where the light switch is, you knock into chairs and hard-edged furniture. You walk slowly and carefully. Now, turn the light switch on, and you immediately walk differently. How can this experience be applied to your life?
- ❖ **Faith In Jesus:** The man born blind gradually believes in Jesus. At first, he considers Jesus a man. Then recognises him as a prophet. Finally, he believes Jesus to be truly the Son of Man – the promised Messiah (‘Anointed One’). He calls him Lord (the name of God) and worships him. As a result, the blind man becomes rejected by the Pharisees and his own parents. Around 85-90 AD, Jewish Christians were excluded from the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. How has your faith journey grown in understanding of Jesus? Have you endured rejection or persecution for your belief? Rejected by their community, Christians began gathering in their homes. Can you identify with any of the blind man’s Christian experience?

### St John Henry Newman (1801-1890) – “Lead, Kindly Light” – *St James Cathedral*

Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,  
Lead Thou me on! The night is dark, and I am far  
from home, Lead Thou me on! Keep Thou my feet;  
I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step  
enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path;  
but now lead Thou me on! I loved the garish day,  
and, spite of fears, Pride ruled my will. Remember  
not past years!

So long Thy power hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on.  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,  
and with the morn those angel faces smile,  
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

Newman was ordained an Anglican priest in 1825 and became a curate at Oxford, where he was also a fellow at Oriel College. His specialty was Patristics—the study of the Fathers of the early Church—and what he read slowly led him towards the Roman Catholic Church.

For Newman, becoming Catholic was not a quick or easy decision. He knew that if he became a Catholic it would cost him friends as well as his livelihood. But for Newman, simply setting aside difficult questions was never an option. Newman wrote, “The one question was, what was I to do? I had to make up my mind for myself, and others could not help me.” It was during this time of uncertainty (1833) and exploration—two steps forward, one step back—which lasted more than ten years—that Newman wrote this poem.

In this poem, Newman invokes God as the “Kindly Light,” the one thing shining in the midst of the darkness. There is just enough light to take one step at a time. Newman acknowledges how difficult this is, this taking one step at a time. But the sense that he could direct his own course was an illusion, rooted in pride. He has to yield his own will and trust in God’s guidance.



## CALENDAR

### MONDAY

MARCH 16

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 65:17-21

Jn 4:43-54

### TUESDAY

MARCH 17

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 47:1-9, 12

Jn 5:1-16

### WEDNESDAY

MARCH 18

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 49:8-15

Jn 5:17-30

### THURSDAY

MARCH 19

*St. Joseph,*

*Spouse of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Sm 7:4-5a,

12-14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

### FRIDAY

MARCH 20

*Lenten Weekday*

Wis 2:1a, 12-22

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### SATURDAY

MARCH 21

*Lenten Weekday*

Jer 11:18-20

Jn 7:40-53

### SUNDAY

MARCH 22

*Fifth Sunday*

*of Lent*

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,

17, 20-27, 33b-45

## ANNOUNCEMENT

During the coming Sundays of Lent, we will offer the opportunity to pray the Way of the Cross. This is a long-held prayer within the Church. My understanding is that this devotion arose within the Church in the Middle Ages, as a way of allowing the faithful to make a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, without actually — physically — going there. So, for us, the Way of the Cross is a Pilgrimage we can make this Lent in faith.

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### MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon-Fri : Thai 06:00 hrs.

Sat : Thai 06:00; 17:00 novena followed by  
mass

Sun : Thai 07:00; 08:30 and 17:00 hrs.  
English 10:00 hrs.

### BAPTISM:

Thai : **First Sunday** during 8:30 am mass.

English : **Second Sunday** during 10:00 am mass.

### CONFESSION:

Sundays : Before all masses (Thai).  
English before 10:00 am mass.

### CATHOLIC CENTER:

For religious articles, please visit the center opposite  
the entrance of the Cathedral.

### Opening Hours:

Mon-Fri : 08:30 – 17:00 hrs.

Sat & Sun : 08:30 – noon

Public holidays : Closed

# Good News!

March 15, 2026

*Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)*

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 /

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**HOLY – Belmont Mass**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

**PLEASE KNEEL**

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION – Belmont Mass**

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**DOXOLOGY PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**GREAT AMEN – Belmont Mass**

Amen, amen.

COMMUNION RITE

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (No. 387)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**Priest:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil; graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

**LAMB OF GOD – Belmont Mass**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (Repeat)  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**PLEASE KNEEL**

**Priest:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

**COMMUNION: MERCIFUL GOD (No. 489)**

**FINAL: AMAZING GRACE (No. 645) PLEASE STAND**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)**

Sunday, 15 March 2026

**ENTRANCE: THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS (No. 481) PLEASE STAND**

INTRODUCTORY RITE

**Priest:** I confess to almighty God,

**All:** and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do;  
– and, striking their breast, they say –

Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**Priest:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All:** Amen.

**KYRIE / LORD HAVE MERCY – Belmont Mass**

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison. Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.  
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

**FIRST READING: Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a**

**A reading from the first Book of Samuel:**

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

1. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. (R)
2. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage. (R)
3. You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (R)
4. Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. (R)

**SECOND READING: Eph 5:8-14****A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians:**

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA: PLEASE STAND**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**All: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.**

**GOSPEL: Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**All: And with your spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Good News according to John.

**All: Glory to you, Lord.**

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

**Priest:** The Good News of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PLEASE BE SEATED****THE APOSTLES’ CREED PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** I believe in God,

**All:** the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**RESPONSE TO THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:  
“Let your light shine on us, O God.”**

**PLEASE BE SEATED****LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY: I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT (No. 593)**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS PLEASE STAND**

**Priest:** Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**