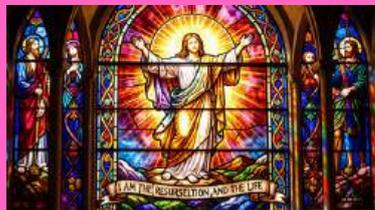


# Good Shepherd Parish South Brisbane West End Newsletter



## The Blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored

Friends,

As I write this, we're preparing for the Parish Summit. It aligns beautifully with our liturgical calendar and the readings for the weekend.

The Summit is a culmination of our journey through the videos we watched on Sundays. There were different ministry areas all pertaining to life within the Parish and beyond. The ultimate goal of all these moving parts is to elevate the quality of life for Parishioners and locals through the love, mercy and saving power of a relationship with God. I hope and pray that we as Parishioners and members of society be on the frontline of examples to follow and imitate.

Although we're well and truly on the journey towards forming a Strategic Plan with a vision and mission, there's also much to celebrate. We've made it this far - mostly unscathed - hopefully with excitement for what's to unfold. It is fitting that this weekend we celebrate Laetare Sunday. The opening line of our Entrance Antiphon to the Mass is Rejoice!

As we rejoice on the journey that has been our formation of the new Parish, we also rejoice at the journey that has been Lent thus far. This is a kind of liturgical checkpoint. We check the water bottle, the pulse, make sure we're stocked again for the venture and we continue down the path of self-denial towards holiness.

Our readings this weekend will pick up on this theme of seeing with the eyes of God. Since we're utterly different in design and nature (and because of our sinfulness), what we see as valuable and worthwhile, might not have the same weight as what God sees. From the first reading, we get sense, from the prophet Samuel, that God desires more than just what's seen on the outside. From our Gospel, we hear the faith of the man born blind as he ends up believing in Jesus a Lord. As we continue towards our Strategic Plan, let's pray that the Lord might help us to see what matters and fight for it. The Lord is with us as we journey, let us rejoice and be glad. Let us not lose sight of a loving relationship with God and continue to develop it in this season of renewal.

*Fr William*

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### Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:

*St Mary's, South Brisbane,  
St Francis of Assisi, West End  
St Ita's, Dutton Park*

*Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield*

# Readings at Mass

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

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 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.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

**R/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. **R/**

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/**

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/**

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

Ephesians 5: 8-14

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.

## 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 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.  
As long as the day lasts  
I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;  
the night will soon be here when no one can work.  
As long as I am in the world  
I am the light of the world.'

'Having said this, 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.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

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. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing: '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.'

## Next Sunday Readings:

Ez 37:12-14, Ps 129(130)

Rom 8: 8-11, Jn 11: 1-45



# Upcoming Events & News

St Francis Table Invites you to:

## ST PATRICK'S DAY & MONTHLY BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**9AM-11:30PM**  
**ST FRANCIS HALL**

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## St Patrick's Day

**Cathedral of St Stephen**  
**MARCH 17**

Mass times  
 8.00am (Chapel)  
 10.00am  
 12.30pm  
 5.10pm (Chapel)

**Children's Passion Play - St Mary's Church**

**Rehearsals :**  
 See Di (Church Co-ordinator after Mass)  
 10am - Following 9am Mass  
 Sunday, 22 March  
 Sunday, 29 March

**Passion Play:**  
 Friday, 3 April 2.15 pm

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You are invited to our gatherings in faith and prayer on:

**Tuesdays 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**

May this time of reflection and fellowship deepen our connection with God and with one another. We look forward to growing in spirit together as a community.

## Community News

A few notes:

**2026 Easter Triduum Mass Times**

**Second Rite: Tue, 31<sup>st</sup> March**  
St Mary's Church - 6pm

**Holy Thursday: Tue, 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
St Mary's Church - 6pm

**Stations of the Cross**  
**Good Friday: 3<sup>rd</sup> April**  
OLPS Church - 7am  
St Francis Church - 10am  
St Marys Church - 2:30pm  
(Children's Passion Play)

**Commmemoration of the Lord's Passion**  
St Mary's Church - 3pm

**Holy Saturday: 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
St Mary's Church - 6pm  
(Easter Vigil Mass)

**Easter Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
OLPS Church - 7am  
St Mary's Church - 9am & 5pm  
St Francis Church - 9am



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and let you get on with enjoying life.

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## Mass Times

**ST MARY'S**

**20 Merivale St, South Brisbane**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

**ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

**47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

- Sun: 9am

**ST ITA'S**

**247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park**

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 10:30am (Indonesian)

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**

**72 Victoria St Fairfield**

- Sun: 7am

**CONFESSIONS****St Mary's**

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am  
Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

**PARISH ACTIVITIES****BAPTISMS**

- Sat: 9:30am
- \*\*Booking is essential\*\*

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3734

**PRAYER & ADORATION**

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS**

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)**

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

**ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY**

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9:30 am - 1pm

**Have you considered Planned Giving?**

Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of Good Shepherd Parish

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