



Jesus, the Light

At the centre of the Gospel this Fourth Sunday of Lent we find Jesus and a man blind from birth (cf. Jn 9:1-41). Christ restores his sight and performs this miracle with a type of symbolic ritual: first, He mixes dirt with saliva and spreads it on the blind man's eyes; then, He orders him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam.

The man goes, washes, and regains his sight. He was blind from birth. With this miracle, Jesus manifests himself, and He manifests himself to us as the Light of the World. The man blind from birth represents each one of us, who was created to know God; but due to sin has become blind; we are in need of a new light; we are all in need of a new light: that of faith, which Jesus has given us.

Indeed, that blind man in the Gospel, by regaining his sight, is opened to the mystery of Christ. Jesus asks him: "Do you believe in the Son of man?" (v. 35). "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?", the healed blind man replied. "You have seen him, and it is he who speaks to you" (v. 37). "Lord, I believe", [the blind man said,] and he prostrated himself before Jesus.

This episode induces us to reflect on our faith, our faith in Christ, the Son of God; and at the same time, it also refers to Baptism, which is the first Sacrament of faith: the Sacrament which makes us "come to the light", by being reborn through the water and through the Holy Spirit; as happens to the man born blind, whose eyes are opened after being cleansed in the water of the pool of Siloam.

The man born blind and healed represents us when we do not realize that Jesus is the light; he is "the Light of the World", when we are looking elsewhere, when we prefer to entrust ourselves to little lights, when we are groping in the dark. The fact that the blind man has no name helps us to see our face reflected and our name in his story.

We too have been "illuminated" by Christ in Baptism, and thus we are called to behave as children of the light. Acting as children of the light requires a radical change of mind-set, a capacity to judge men and things according to another scale of values, which comes from God.

The Sacrament of Baptism, in fact, requires the choice of living as children of the light and walking in the light. If I were to ask you: "Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you believe that he can change your heart? Do you believe that he can show reality as he sees it, not as we see it? Do you believe that he is light, that he gives us the true light?". How would you answer? Each of you, respond in your heart.

What does it mean to have the true light, to walk in the light? First of all it means abandoning false lights: the cold, vain light of prejudice against others, because prejudice distorts reality and ladens us with aversion to those whom we judge without mercy and condemn without appeal.

This is our daily bread! When you gossip about others, you do not walk in the light, you walk in shadows. Another false light, because it is seductive and ambiguous, is that of self-interest: if we value men and things on the basis of usefulness to us, of pleasure, of prestige, we are not truthful in our relationships and situations. If we go down this path of seeking self-interest, we are walking in shadows.

(Pope Francis homilies)

19 Mar: Third Sunday of Lent: Project Compassion: Teresa from Sydney



Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

Seeking a better future for her family, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing and psychological support. Today, Tereesa is studying a certificate in Community Services so that she can strengthen her skills and give back to her community.

Tereesa now works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024 413.



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Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide
Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside
Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney
Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich
Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

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Pastoral Care: Visitation and Communion can be arranged for parishioners who are ill. Please call the Office: 8210 8155.



Regular Mass Timings

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OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA FOR
OUR REGULAR TIMINGS

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses Sat : 6pm(Vigil)
Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am,
2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm
Sat: 8am, 11.30am

Confessions Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm
Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour Tues: 6.30pm, Fri: 11am

Public Holidays 8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral
Except 26 January—Mass at 9am ONLY at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am
Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Wed: 8.30am (Mass suspended until further notice)
Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: Mass: 9am | Confessions (Thu): 9.30am
Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, Fri: 11am Confessions: 11.30am
Sat: Confessions: 5.30pm | Vigil: 6pm
Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)
4.00pm (Portuguese) ONLY 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul and never forget all his benefits; it is he who forgives all your sins.

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

Responsorial Psalm: It is steadfast love, not sacrifice, that God desires.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, have mercy.

Communion Antiphon: The tax collector stood at a distance, beating his breast and saying: O god be merciful to me, a sinner.

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Next Week: Fifth Sunday of Lent.

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel: John 11:1-45.

Liturgies & Activities (13th-19th March)

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Mon Solemnity of St Joseph.

Fri Stations of the Cross at 10.30am

Sat Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

Sun Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Prayer Requests for the Deceased

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Recently Deceased: Andrija Jercic.

Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Dumon family, Prelinda Fernandes, Noel Peiris and Gino & Peirina Basso.

Queen of Angels: Joseph Yurisevich, Giovanni Batista, Ivan Batusta, Pasquale & Carmela Schrippa, Rocco & Marianne Minici, Pat Schrippa, Ielasi family (Antonio, Rosario & Caterina), Saverio & Anna Sergi, Costa family (Giuseppe, Maria & Bruno), Pasquale Portolesi,

Holy Name: Pelligrino Mercurio.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Brydan Ganley, Mary & Joseph Ward, Maria Rosa Mucci, Christopher Heading and Don Shelton Totawatte.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Maria Therese Cummins, Fidy Ruivivar, Maryellen, Brian & Rosemary Brazier, June Cochrane, Anton Sylvester, Antonio Romeo, Msgr. Robert Egar, Angelina Musico, Charles Dias, Diana, Klevis Gjeluci, Emily Swan, Julie Nelson, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'cruz, Shaun and Joseph Coleiro

Stations of the Cross

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday from 4 Feb at 10.30am in the **St Francis Xavier Cathedral** followed by Adoration and Benediction at 11am and at **St. John Vianney Church, Burnside** every Thursday immediately after the 9.00am Mass.

25/26 Mar: MenALIVE weekend

MenALIVE is a national Catholic ministry with the purpose of bringing men together to renew their faith in God and encourage them to become an active force within the Church. Henley Beach parish's menALIVE weekend is being held on March 25 and 26 in the Marine Science Centre at Henley Beach, conducted by experienced leaders from the local menALIVE Team. Could you benefit from a weekend featuring talks, personal testimonies, opportunities for discussion, and space to reflect? Since menALIVE commenced in 2003, thousands of Catholic men have been encouraged and inspired at weekends across Australia. Enquiries: Dennis Hoiberg M: 0418 384 619 or Glyn Ashman M: 0417 800 148.

2 Apr: Fr. Charles Lukati is running for Charity: Project Compassion 2023

Father Charles Lukati, Parish Priest of Croydon Park, has joined with Caritas Australia in raising funds to help communities impacted by the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria. Please support him as he runs the half marathon in Clare Valley on Sunday 2 April 2023. To join the cheer squad or participate in the run,



please contact Tracey Tessitore on M: 0439 810 250. Donations can be made via the QR Code link.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

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3-9 Apr: Adelaide Cathedral Parish Holy Week Lenten Schedule

The Holy Week Lenten Services and Confession schedule is now available on the Cathedral Parish website. Kindly visit www.adelcathparish.org for more details and download a copy for more information on services in each church of our Parish.

3 Apr: Chrism Mass

No Confessions on Monday Apr 3

We welcome all to celebrate Mass of the Oils on Monday, 3rd Monday at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6pm. Please note **NO** onsite car parking will be available. If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

3 Apr: 5.45pm Mass is Cancelled

There will be no Confessions (11am & 5pm) and the 5.45pm Mass stands cancelled on 3rd April due to the Chrism Mass. **The Cathedral Car Park will also be closed to the public on this day.** In case you are planning to attend services at the Cathedral please make alternate arrangements to park your vehicle.

7 Apr: Good Friday Holy Places Appeal

The Annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 7th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Whilst life in the Holy Land is returning to some new sense of normality (as is the rest of the world) the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2022 Australian Catholics were extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land \$1.4 million [compared to \$1,126,098 (2021) \$406,023 (2020) and \$1.3 million (2019)]. The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges financial and spiritual and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. **Good Friday Appeal Envelopes are now available in the church foyer for you to make your donation.** Thank you.

16 Apr: Feast of the Divine Mercy at St. Peter Claver, Dulwich

We welcome all to celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday, **16th April at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich. Exposition will begin at 1.30pm followed by reciting of the Chaplet and concluding with Mass.**

There will be a sale of religious items at the rear of the church. A special collection will be held at Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday. No prior bookings are required. All are welcome to attend.

Latin Mass Community Announcements

1st Holy Communion and Confirmation classes continue today at 11am.

Scripture class continues tomorrow evening at 7.30pm.

Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6pm on every Friday of Lent.

Golden Oldies this month is cancelled due to this weekend's St Joseph's Pilgrimage to Penola.

Just a reminder that the annual Youth Group Project Compassion Car Wash is after the 9.15am Mass in a fortnight, on Sunday 26 March.

Project Compassion giving boxes/envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. McCaffrey or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9.15am mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please do not place any advertising material in the church without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Damian Wyld, Kathryn Nader, Tony Caruso, Vincenza Martucci (Ines Barson's mother).

Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Working with Children Check New and Renewal Applications

The requirement for everyone 14 years and older to have a Working with Children Police Check. There is no exemption for people who are 80 years and older. It is the responsibility of each regular volunteer in the parish to ensure that you Working with Children Check is upto date and has not expired. Please contact the Police Check Volunteer associated with your church to lodge/renew your application:

St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral/St. Patrick's Church:
Deacon Paul Crowe or Susan Wainwright

Cathedral African Community: Clement Kuek

Queen of Angels: Bernard Dowd and Maria Iadanza

Holy Name: Maria Iadanza (English/Italian) and Fr. Michael McCaffrey (Latin)

Peter Claver Dulwich: Deacon Remo Patroni

St. John Vianney: Julie Dow

St. Mary's North Adelaide: Michelle Dinning

Please contact the parish office on **82108155** or email: **acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au** if you need any further information about your local contacts or the process. Thank you for your continued support.

21 May: Marian Procession 2023 Save the date and Change in Venue

The 2023 Marian Procession will be held on Sunday 21st May beginning at the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens (next to the Torrens Parade Ground on King William Rd) procession up King William St into Victoria Square. This year, we celebrate the *Feast of the Visitation* in line with the 2023 World Youth Day theme. The Procession will commence at 2pm and all are invited to attend with their parish or community. Group assembly will begin from 1.30pm. Unless there is a severe weather warning the procession will take place however it will conclude in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral rather than Victoria Square. For more information, please contact the Events Office on P: 8210 8220.

Aquinas College

Aquinas College opened as Adelaide's Catholic residential college for university students in 1950. To help mark the 75th Anniversary in 2025 the college is looking to reconnect with former students. Are you a former Aquinian? If so, please send your contact details to E: admin@aquinas.edu.au or call P: 8334 5000.

Palms Australia: Change their lives... and yours

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions on our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know on www.palms.org.au or call **P: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567**.

Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group

The Adelaide Cathedral Young Adults Group invite the Youth of our Parish to join them each week in their Ministry of fellowship. They regularly meet on Sunday evenings and their schedule is as follows:

1st and 3rd Sundays: Choir for 6pm Mass

4pm - Choir Practice

6pm - Sunday Mass

7pm - Dinner in Chinatown

2nd and 4th Sundays: Group Meetings

6pm - Sunday Mass

7 - 8.30pm - Group gathering in the Cathedral Hall.

If you are interested to know more about the group and their activities, please contact Samantha David on 0404887964.

Safeguarding Children

A reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised by an adult family member in the carparks at all times.