

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

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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.



Christopher Monaghan CP

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, says 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

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4th Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends, As many of you are aware, we have begun the sacred season of Lent. It is a time when we are invited to listen more closely to the teachings of Jesus and consider how we can better live those teachings in our day to day life. The Scriptures and Church tradition, invite us to consider the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving to guide us during this time. They help us to strengthen our relationship with God and one another and to be sensitive to what's happening around us. This year, I would like to invite all of us, as one parish and school community, to come together and run a "Car Boot Sale" to fundraise for those in need overseas and locally. If there is anything you may have in excess in your home or anything you no longer need, please consider bringing them to the Boot Sale! It's like a yard sale, but instead, goods are sold from the boot of our cars. We can be part of this as a whole family, encouraging our children to actively participate in the project. This is a tangible way to teach our children about social justice and respond to the spirit of Lent. The money collected will be donated to the people of Turkey, people who have experienced great distress due to the recent earthquakes. Some of the money will also be donated to the Northern Territory for the people who have been affected by the recent damaging floods.

Car Boot Sale: 26 March 9am to 12 noon
OLGC school oval
Please use the sign up sheet at the back of church.

MASS THIS WEEKEND

The Rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before weekend Masses

Sat 18 March 6pm	St Dom
Sun 19 March 8am	OLGC
Sun 19 March 9.30am	St Dom

MASS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 21 March 7pm	St Dom
Wed 22 March 9am	St Dom
Thurs 23 March 9am	OLGC
Fri 24 March 9am	St Dom
Sat 25 Mar 9am	St Dom

MASS NEXT WEEKEND

Sat 25 Mar 6pm	St Dom
Sun 26 Mar 8am	OLGC
Sun 26 Mar 9.30am	St Dom

Easter Liturgies

Lenten Reconciliation: 28 March, 6pm, St Dominic

Holy Thursday: 6 April, Lord's Supper 6pm OLGC

Good Friday: 7 April

- Stations of the Cross 9.30am St Dominic's
- Stations of the Cross 10.30am OLGC
- Liturgy of the Passion 3pm St Dominic's

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 6pm St Dominic's Church or school oval (TBA)

Easter Sunday: 8am OLGC and 9.30am St Dominic

Easter Choir

As we are preparing to celebrate Easter, we warmly invite everyone interested to join the Parish Choir and sing at the Easter Vigil Mass. Practice is next Thursday, 23 March, 5pm at St Dominic's.
 All welcome.

Baptism

We welcome Matilda Grace De Longville, daughter of Damian and Sarah into our Parish community. Matilda will be baptised this weekend. May God continue to bless the De Longville family.

Upcoming Events

Lenten Discussion Group: Thursdays in Lent, 10am, St Dominic's parish hall.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent: OLGC 6pm, & St Dominic's 7pm

Rosters this weekend	18 March 6pm St Dom	19 March 8am OLGC	19 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	H Corray	K Wear	R von Perger
Acolyte	W Italiano		D Ee
Offertory Procession		W McC E Jeffery	
Altar Society		I Rodriguez	
Morning Tea		B Gascoigne M Farmer	

Rosters next weekend	25 March 6pm St Dom	26 March 8am OLGC	26 March 9.30am St Dom
Readers	T Dabbs	M Smith	I Rodriguez
Acolyte	D O'Sullivan		I Baviah
Offertory Procession		C & R Zampagna	
Altar Society	Group 3	K Wear E Jeffery	
Morning Tea		M Smith J Gates	Morning tea after Mass

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