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Fourth Sunday of Lent – 14 March 2021

“The blind man went off and washed himself,
and came away with his sight restored.”

John 9, 7

LENT 2021

LENT COURSE

This has been cancelled in Fr Patrick's absence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

There are no Stations for the rest of Lent.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY MORNING MASSES

Unfortunately, there will not be an open Mass on Fridays or Saturdays for the remainder of Lent.

EASTER FLOWERS

One of the joys of Easter is to see the church adorned once more with beautiful flowers.

Please donate what you can to the flower fund over the next two weekends. Baskets are available as you come in to Mass.

Thank you for what you can give.

EASTER ENVELOPES

Envelopes for the Easter collection are also available this weekend onwards. Please take one and bring it back over the Easter weekend.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER BOOKINGS

Thankfully, this year we are able to celebrate in church but we will have to do some things differently to stay safe and be COVID secure. Bookings will go live on Eventbrite 9am on Monday 22nd March.

Liturgies available to book for:

- Palm Sunday - 27th/28th March, usual Sunday Mass times
- Holy Thursday, Mass of the Last Supper - 1st April @ 19.30
- Stations - 2nd April, 12 noon
- Good Friday - 2nd April @ 3pm
- Easter Vigil - 3rd April @ 21.00
- Easter Sunday - 4th April @ 10am

Please be considerate when booking eg if you have been to the Easter Vigil Mass you might consider leaving room for somebody else on Easter Sunday morning.

STATIONS ON GOOD FRIDAY

We are unlikely to be able to accommodate everybody who wants to come to the Good Friday service at 3pm. If you are lucky enough to have a seat for the Good Friday liturgy, please leave the Stations at noon for somebody who did not get a seat for 3pm.

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY

May all the mothers and families in the parish be blessed in a special way this weekend.

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B – Mark):

Fr. Antony Kadavil reflects and comments on the readings at Mass for the fourth Sunday in Lent. He says that today's readings both remind us that it is God who gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instructs us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

By describing the anointing of David as the second King of Israel, the **first reading**, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help.

In today's Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 23), we celebrate the care of God, our Good Shepherd, hearing, "*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.*"

In the second reading, Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light: "*You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Live as children of the light**, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*"

Jesus' giving of sight to a blind man, reported in today's Gospel, teaches us the necessity of opening the eyes of our mind by Faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. "*There are none so blind, as those who will not see.*" To live as a Christian is to see, to have clear vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Today's Gospel reminds us that we are to live as children of the light, seeking what is good and right and true. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should serve to heal our blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God and love them as our own brothers and sisters saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Full commentary available from [Vatican News](#).

Mass Intentions for Fourth Week in Lent

All weekday Masses are closed this week.

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| Saturday | 13 th March | 10.00 | Kath Turner |
| <i>Lenten Feria</i> | | | |
| Fourth Sunday of Lent | | | Year B |
| Saturday | 13 th March | 17.30 | Jay Blundell RIP |
| Sunday | 14 th March | 10.00 | Special Intention |
| | | 12.00 | Baby Olivia |
| | | [Family Mass] | |
| Monday | 15 th March | 09.15 | Holy souls |
| <i>Lenten Feria</i> | | | |
| Tuesday | 16 th March | 09.15 | Lawrence family |
| <i>Lenten Feria</i> | | | |
| Wednesday | 17 th March | 09.15 | Joseph Lawrence RIP |
| <i>Feast of St Patrick Bishop, Missionary</i> | | | |
| Thursday | 18 th March | 08.00 | Holy souls |
| <i>St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor</i> | | | |
| Friday | 19 th March | 12.30 | Anna O'Rourke RIP |
| <i>Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | | | |
| Saturday | 20 th March | 10.00 | Claudina Rodrigues RIP |
| <i>Lenten Feria</i> | | | |
| Fifth Sunday of Lent | | | Year B |
| Saturday | 20 th March | 17.30 | People of the Parish |
| Sunday | 21 st March | 10.00 | Private intention |