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MASS TIMES

Mass has been suspended at both the church and the convent until further notice.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Suspended

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Now we have arrived at the mid-point of our Lenten journey. There's no turning back. As we travel on we feel the drama grow more intense. We see the shadows deepening and the light grow brighter.

The increasing boldness of the man born blind challenges us to have the courage of our convictions, to be seen and known as followers of Jesus Christ, ready and willing to give testimony to our beliefs and bear the light of Christ for the world.

"You are light in the world", Paul tells us today. We are therefore to live as "children of light". It is time now to let the light of Christ shine in the darkest recess of our lives, time to let all that we want to keep hidden be disarmed by the light of day.

ROSARY CARE

Do You Need Help?

Brochure available on notice board.

Phone: Catherine – 0410 019 556

AMENDED OFFICE HOURS

For the time being the office will only be attended on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 - 11.00.

Kaye will be working from home and can be contacted on her mobile - 0411 123 441

MASS & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CHANGES

The Archbishop has directed that all public Masses at **all churches and chapels** across the Archdiocese of Perth will be temporarily suspended until 8th April.

Parishioners can celebrate Mass in their own homes via Free-to-air Television. '**Mass for You at Home**' is shown at 6.00am every Sunday morning on Channel 10.

The celebration of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation and all the workshops have also been put on hold.

EXCERPT FROM PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY

"... We are a people of faith and of hope. We know the Lord is with us. Let us draw strength from this faith and support each other when worry or fear threaten to overwhelm us. Let us allow this temporary deprivation of the Eucharist to sharpen our hunger for Jesus, the Bread of Life. Let us recognise the presence of Jesus in all the different ways in which he steps into our lives. And most of all let us keep praying for each other, for those who have died, and for those who are selflessly putting themselves at the service of our community at this challenging time."

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

(Short form)

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 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 worshiped him.

Commentary on the Gospel

The gospel story deserves to be read in full if at all possible. The abbreviated form omits a great deal of the narrative, including Jesus' splendid declaration, "I am the light of the world".

Just as we accompanied the Samaritan woman last week on her journey of faith, so now we are invited to walk with the blind man as he gains not only his physical sight, but the in-sight of faith. By contrast, those who claim to have spiritual sight - the religious authorities - are exposed as being truly blind.

**PROJECT
COMPASSION**
GO FURTHER TOGETHER

**Fourth
Sunday
of Lent**



Thirty-two-year-old **Sakun** lives in a village in **central east India**. She developed polio as a child and has difficulty walking. Until now Sakun, an indigenous Gond woman, has been isolated in her community, unable to

earn a livelihood and without knowledge of government schemes that could help her. After joining a Caritas Australia-funded program, Sakun has learned new skills and gained important mobility. Through their strategic guidance and support, Sakun now earns her own income and makes a small profit which goes towards her family's basic needs. She is more resilient, more confident and more independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help uplift vulnerable communities and support the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Prayer for a Pandemic

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May we who are *merely inconvenienced*
remember those whose **lives are at stake**.

May we who have *no risk factors*
remember those who are **most vulnerable**.

May we who have *the luxury of working from home*
respect and support **those who must choose** between
preserving their health or paying their rent.

May we who have *flexibility to care for our children*
when their schools close
remember **those who have no options**.

May we who have to *cancel our trips*
remember **those who have no place to go**.

May we who are *losing on our investments*,
remember **those who have no money to invest**.

May we who settle in *for a quarantine at home*
remember **those who have no home**.

During this time, when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us each find ways to be the loving embrace of humanity to our neighbors.

Be aware. Be accepting. Be supportive. Be kind.