

Reflection Monday Week 33 – 2022

The healing of the blind man by Jesus invites many questions. What happened to him afterwards? What did he think with his sight restored? What changes did it make to his life? Another possible question is what blindness exists in our own lives? How many blind spots are there of which we are unaware? What do we fail to see in our ourselves and in others?

Ordination to the priesthood is seen as a person being raised up in the community but priesthood is about responsibility and duty both extremely important. Being ordained a priest is one of the most humbling of experiences. To realise the role of service to which one has been raised is more than daunting, it is frightening. The one ordained asks himself how he can ever live up to the responsibility he now has. Like the Blind man, he cries to God for help: *“Jesus I am blind. How do I lovingly and with all my heart fulfil my role of service of the people for whom I care and for my service of you!!”*

The Good News is that God fulfils his promises and always offers help in the difficult and impossible times. What is not spoken of or written about enough is that God chooses to help a priest through the faithful he serves, through you. God works through your prayers, your care, love and support. This is what makes your presence at the celebration of the eucharist so important. Our sanctuary light shines to remind us of God’ presence. But God’s presence is made more real by your presence. ***Thank you!***

Airplane passengers watched nervously as two men wearing pilot uniforms and dark glasses used canes to feel their way into the cockpit. Minutes later, the plane starts speeding down the runway, and the passengers begin to grow scared as the water at the end of the airstrip nears. With only a few yards left, everyone screams, but the plane lifts off just in time. The passengers soon begin laughing in relief, assuming it was all a joke.

“You know,” says one pilot to the other, *“one day they’re going to scream too late, and we’re all going to die.”*