

**19-MAR – 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT (A)**

**First reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13**

*Samuel elects and anoints young David as future king of Israel*

**Responsorial: Psalm 22**

*R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**Second reading: Ephesians 5:8-11**

*Once you were in darkness, but now live as children of light*

**Gospel: John 9:1-41**

*Jesus, light of the world, cures the man who was born blind*

*Eyes of Faith*

*Seeing and Believing the Messiah*

The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower, in a parent holding a child's hand, in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways. God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand.

*I once was lost and now am found,  
was blind and now I see.*

*Lord, let me see you in the simple things of my life.*

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**ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, 19-Mar** **4th SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm  
5.30pm - *Parish Retreat Day 3; Holy Mass at 7.30pm*

**MONDAY, 20-Mar** **ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese**  
Mass: 9.30am

**TUESDAY, 21-Mar** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**WEDNESDAY, 22-Mar** Mass: 9.30am

**THURSDAY, 23-Mar** Mass: 9.30am & 6.30pm

**FRIDAY, 24-Mar** Mass: 12.00noon & 6.00pm

**SATURDAY, 25-Mar** **THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
Mass: 9.30am  
6.30pm - *Sunday Vigil Mass*

**SUNDAY, 26-Mar** **5th SUNDAY OF LENT**  
Mass: 9.00am, 10.45am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm  
4.00pm - *Syro-Malabar Rite*

## POPE'S INTENTION - MARCH 2023

**For victims of abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

## WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Domingo Fernandes and Catherine Stock that the Lord may lay His healing hands on them and bring them His peace.

## LENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S 2022

<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Every Friday 11.30am and 6.00pm (led by Children)
<b>Faith Sharing</b>	Every Tuesday 10.15am and Thursday 6.30pm
<b>Parish Lenten Confessions</b>	Available every Tuesday & Thursday after 6:30pm Mass
<b>Parish Annual Lenten Retreat</b>	Saturday 18th March 2023 (5:30pm to 8.45pm) Sunday 19th March 2023 (5:30pm to 9.00pm)

## BRITISH SUMMER TIME:

The clock go FORWARD on hour at 1.00am on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

## CAR PARK

Parishioners attending the Retreat can park at the St. Joseph's Parish Centre Car Park at Empire Way.

There will be **RETIRING COLLECTION** for the Lenten Retreat after the Retreat Masses and after the next weekend Masses.

**Planned Giving Envelopes 2023:** The Planned Giving Envelopes will be distributed after all the weekend Masses at the Marian Centre. For convenience, please remember to bring your existing Envelop number.

## CONTACTLESS DONATION:

We now have two contactless payments digital plates available at the church porch. Please ensure you opt for Gift Aid.

## ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

At Westminster Cathedral, Saturday **13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their *5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023.* If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your following details to the parish office: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS:

The Catholic school is part of the mission of the Church, to build up the kingdom of God - to evangelise, to catechise, to make society more just and to create a civilization of love. To take this mission forward, the Diocese is encouraging parents to enrol their Children in Catholic Schools. Thereby the pupil can growth in faith and knowledge to respond to the call to holiness and understand the fullness of what it is to be human.

## GETTING MARRIED

- **In the Catholic Church in this Country:** You need to contact one of your priests at least 6 months **before** the proposed date of the marriage- and provide a recent copy of your Baptism Certificate (dated within 6 months of the proposed marriage), and a copy of your Confirmation Certificate.
- **In the Catholic Church Abroad:** In addition to the information requested above, you will also need a letter of freedom from this Diocese, which may be obtained through your Priest.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

It is important that parishioners inform us of their address change if we are to maintain correct records. This can only be done by filling in the Registration form ticking the address change box. Forms can be printed online and must be handed in or dropped in the presbytery letter box.