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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A, 19 MARCH 2023

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Thursday

No public Mass

Friday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

Confessions

Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an appointment.

If last week looked forward to the baptism at the Easter vigil, today's chapter from John discusses sins and sinners, whose reconciliation is another great Lenten event. It is about the curing of a blind man, but this miracle is the cause of an argument between Jesus, the man who was cured, and the pharisees, and 'jews' (a word which has to be carefully interpreted when John uses it.) Using the fact that Jesus performed this cure on the Sabbath, they call him a sinner, and their refrain is 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' The man himself defiantly says that we know that God doesn't listen to sinners, which infuriates the pharisees, who turn their insults on to him, 'a sinner through and through.' Jesus returns to the debate, and elicits a confession of faith from the man born blind. He finally makes the blindness a metaphor for ignorance. The meaning of the story, like that of last Sunday, cannot be exhausted in a short space. Maybe 'I am the light of the world' is the best summary. This is the theme of the second reading too. How can this be related to 1R and the psalm? In 1R note the words: 'God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at he heart.' And so we are introduced to another crucial figure in the history of salvation: David, a boy shepherd who who chosen by God to become king. As the psalmist, David, or another writer, gave us 'The Lord is my shepherd', which proclaims that if we walk in the valley of darkness we will fear no evil.. *Liturgy Planner*

For Today Mass

Responsorial psalm

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

Gospel acclamation

I am the light of the world,
says the Lord; anyone who
follows me will have the
light of life.

Duchowa ślepotą faryzeuszów była większa niż fizyczny brak wzroku u chłopca, który został uzdrowiony.

Opisana scena wzywa nas do zastanowienia się nad naszym nastawieniem względem Jezusa. Jak zachowujemy się wobec świata, który nie wierzy w Chrystusa i poddaje w wątpliwość Jego moc? Jak reagujemy, gdy straszą nas wykluczeniem z jakiejś grupy z powodu naszej wiary? Jak bardzo trzeba być ślepym, by nie zobaczyć obecności Jezusa w świecie. Jak bardzo trzeba być niewidomym, by nie dostrzec Jego bliskości w Ewangelii i Eucharystii. Czy chrześcijaństwo, które trwa od ponad dwóch tysięcy lat, może być tylko ludzkim wymysłem? Czy gdyby była to jedynie ludzka ideologia, tylu ludzi oddawałoby za nią życie? Niech nigdy nie zabraknie nam odwagi, by zawsze, wszędzie i każdemu, bez względu na okoliczności mówić z pełnym przekonaniem: wierzę w Boga.

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**SAINTS DAYS
and SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES THIS
WEEK**

Monday 20th March
**St Joseph, Spouse of The
Virgin Mary**

Tuesday 21st March
4th Week of Lent

Wednesday 22nd March
4th Week of Lent

Thursday 23rd March
4th Week of Lent

Friday 24th March
4th Week of Lent

Saturday 25th March
3rd Week of Lent

PRAYERS

Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls,
O Lord. May they
rest in peace. Amen.**

**STATION MASS
ELGIN**

**WED 22 MARCH 2023
7.00 p.m.**

LENT

WAY OF THE CROSS
Wednesday 7.00 pm (eng.)

DROGA KRZYŻOWA
Piątek g. 19.00

CONFESSION
Tuesday 4 April
6.00 pm – 8.00pm

SCIAF
Wee box can be collected
from the back of the
church

SUNDAY

23 MARCH 2023

**VIGIL MASS
18.00**

**SUNDAY MASS (English)
12.00**

NO MASS AT 10.30

FR PIOTR IS AWAY

CHRZEST

Zamiar ochrzczenia
dziecka zgłaszamy do
biura parafialnego na
**miesiąc przed datą
chrztu**

MAŁŻEŃSTWO

Zamiar zawarcia
sakramentu
małżeństwa zgłaszamy
do biura parafialnego
na **6 m-cy przed
datą ślubu**

GIFT AID

If you are a UK taxpayer,
ensure all your contributions
to the OLMC Banff are Gift-
Aided by registering for the
OLMC Banff Gift Aid
scheme. This means we can
claim an additional 25% on
top of all contributions you
make in whatever form,
without it costing you a
penny more!!
To complete GIFT AID
DECLARATION FORM
please contact Parish Office

COLLECTIONS

Sunday's Collection
12 March 2023
Cash – £278.50
Gift Aid – £60.00

Thank you for your donations

FEBRUARY FINANCES

Income: £1828.00
Expenses: £1854.05
Balance: - £26.05

Bank account: £7365.10

**SECOND
COLLECTION**

Next Sunday
23 March 2023
Second Collection
for SCIAF