

## NOW I CAN SEE

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Isa 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### 1st Reading 1 Sam 16: 1,6-7,10-13

#### A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22

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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R/

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R/

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R/

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R/

### 2nd Reading Eph 5:8-14

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for

the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### GOSPEL Jn 9:1-41

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. [His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered, 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this,] 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.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. 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. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we don't know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So, the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said, 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we don't know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' '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 worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.' Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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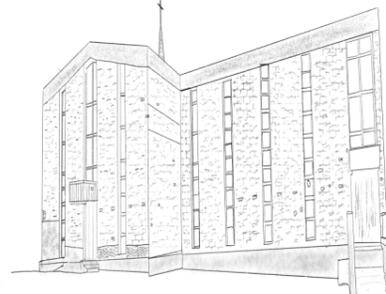
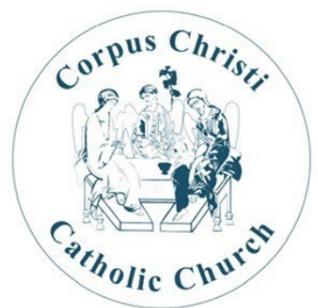
**WEDDINGS:**

**COLUMBARIUM COORDINATOR:**

**St Mary Star of the Sea & CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH**

**4th Sunday of Lent  
YEAR A**

**15th MARCH 2026**



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**First Friday of the month immediately after 9am Mass**

**Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 11am**

**Only by appointment**

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## PARISH CALENDAR – FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

### Sunday, 15th March 2026

8:30am Mass—Mosman Park

10:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Children's Liturgy

12:00pm Mass (Spanish)—Cottesloe

5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

### Monday, 16th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Tuesday, 17th March 2026

8:15am Mass—Mosman Park

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Wednesday, 18th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Thursday, 19th March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

### Friday, 20th March 2026

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

8:30am Cottesloe

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

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6:00pm Mosman Park

### Saturday, 21st March 2026

9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

12:00pm Confessions—Cottesloe

5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park

5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park

8:00pm Neocatechumenal

Community Mass

(Parish Centre Cottesloe)

## THE BLIND MAN WENT OFF AND WASHED HIMSELF AND CAME AWAY WITH HIS SIGHT RESTORED

You have heard that story in the gospel where we are told that the Lord Jesus, as he was passing by, caught sight of a man who had been blind from birth. Since the Lord did not overlook him, neither ought we to overlook this story of a man whom the Lord considered worthy of his attention. In particular we should notice the fact that he had been blind from birth. This is an important point. There is, indeed, a kind of blindness, usually brought on by serious illness, which obscures one's vision, but which can be cured, given time; and there is another sort of blindness, caused by cataract, that can be remedied by a surgeon: he can remove the cause and so the blindness is dispelled. Draw your own conclusion: this man, who was actually born blind, was not cured by surgical skill, but by the power of God. When nature is defective the Creator, who is the author of nature, has the power to restore it. This is why Jesus also said. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world, meaning: all who are blind are able to see,

so long as I am the light they are looking for. Come then, and receive the light, so that you may be able to see. What is he trying to tell us, he who brought human beings back to life, who restored them to health by a word of command, who said to a corpse, Come out! and Lazarus came out from the tomb; who said to a paralytic. Arise and pick up your stretcher, and the sick man rose and picked up the very bed on which he used to be carried as a helpless cripple? Again, I ask you, what is he trying to convey to us by spitting on the ground, mixing his spittle with clay and putting it on the eyes of a blind man, saying: Go and wash yourself in the pool of Siloam (a name that means "sent")? What is the meaning of the Lord's action in this? Surely one of great significance, since the person whom Jesus touches receives more than just his sight. In one instant we see both the power of his divinity and the strength of his holiness. As the divine light, he touched this man and enlightened him; as priest, by an action symbolizing baptism

he wrought in him his work of redemption. The only reason for his mixing clay with the spittle and smearing it on the eyes of the blind man was to remind you that he who restored the man to health by anointing his eyes with clay is the very one who fashioned the first man out of clay, and that this clay that is our flesh can receive the light of eternal life through the sacrament of baptism. You, too, should come to Siloam, that is, to him who was sent by the Father (as he says in the gospel, My teaching is not my own, it comes from him who sent me). Let Christ wash you and you will then see. Come and be baptised, it is time; come quickly, and you too will be able to say, / went and washed; you will be able to say, / was blind, and now I can see, and as the blind man said when his eyes began to receive the light, The night is almost over and the day is at hand.

Gospel: John 9:1-41 or 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38  
Commentary: Ambrose

### FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT – 15 March MANAINI from FIJI

Life in rural Fiji has always been a struggle for 44-year-old Manaini, a mother of six and grandmother of two. The family lived from what they grew, but meals were plain and often lacked nutrition. Store food was too expensive. At night, the village was in darkness, leaving children and the elderly unsafe. Holding back tears, Manaini shared: "The things I worry about the most is my kids' education. The requirements that need to be met are hard for me to achieve with my daily income." Almost one quarter of Fiji's population live in poverty, and rates are higher in rural villages. Any extra income can mean the difference between children completing school, being able to buy medicine, or simply managing daily costs. This is what poverty looks like in rural Fiji – every dollar counts. The nation also faces one of the worst health crises in the Pacific. Diabetes and heart disease are widespread. On average, every eight hours, three people lose a limb to diabetes. Viloki, who works with Caritas Australia's partner FRIEND (Foundation for Rural Integrated Enterprises and Development), explained: "Fiji has one of the highest rates in the Pacific in terms of non-communicable diseases. That's like 80% of the people here have one or the other form of non-communicable diseases, including diabetes... Every eight hours, there are three amputations." Thanks to your generosity, Manaini joined training with local partner, FRIEND. She learnt food processing skills to transform leftovers from crops like cassava and taro into flour and increase her weekly income. Her family eats healthier meals, and she saves money. With the women's group she bakes cakes and pies to sell for extra income. Seeds from the program gave her a thriving garden, and she makes her own organic fertiliser and pesticides. Solar lights now brighten the village, helping children to study and walk safely. Manaini is proud of what she has achieved. She said, "The project totally changed the life of my family and even the community." **Please donate today:** You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes at the church entrance. **Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) **Or by calling:** 1800 024 413



### FRIDAY MARCH 20TH—STATION OF THE CROSS

8:30am St Mary Star of the Sea Church Cottesloe  
6:00pm Corpus Christi Church Mosman Park

### REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THE AFTER SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

+ **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 23rd March 2026**  
+ **CONFIRMATION** Online enrolments will close **Monday 17th August 2026**  
Please register online at: <https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/sacramental-programme/>  
For all inquiries and further information needed please contact Natasha Colli,  
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### Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Tue	Mar	17	Feast Day	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	St Patrick, Feast Day
Tue	Mar	17	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Patrick, Feast Day
Wed	Mar	18	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (commemoration)
Thu	Mar	19	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mon	Mar	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Turibius de Mogrovejo (commemoration)
Wed	Mar	25	Solemnity	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>
Mon	Mar	30	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Monday of Holy Week
Tue	Mar	31	Holy Week	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Pk	Tuesday of Holy Week
Tue	Mar	31	Holy Week	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Tuesday of Holy Week



## PARISH NEWS

### Invitation to the Annual Chrism Mass from the Archbishop



I invite you to participate in the annual Chrism Mass which I shall concelebrate with the priests of the Archdiocese at St Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 31 March at 7pm.

At the Mass the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens will be blessed and the Sacred Chrism will be consecrated. The priests will also renew the commitment they made at ordination.

*Timothy Costelloe SDB*

Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe SDB  
Archbishop of Perth



### POPE'S INTENTIONS MARCH

**For disarmament and peace.**  
Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Lenten Prayer of Intercession**  
For vulnerable communities who thirst for justice and security, that our support for Project Compassion will be a sign to them of the love of God for all people.

### BAPTISM

We welcome into our Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Community through baptism:

*Ivy Leisel Heath*  
daughter of  
*Ben & Brooke Heath*

We ask God to bless Ivy her parents, Godparents, and families, surround them with Your goodness and lead them in Your light each day of their life.

### OUR SICK

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

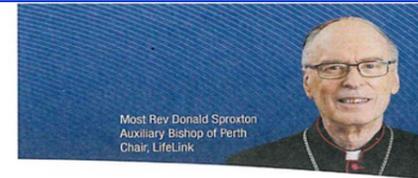
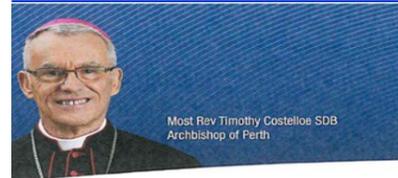
Dariusz Rapcewicz  
Francesca Letizia  
Maria Blaszczynska  
Leon & Burchell Jones  
Julie Atrache  
Tim and Estelle Beckett  
Marie and Ivo Milcich



### Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen."*



### [extract from letter dated 4 March 2026 from Brett A Mendez Manager, LifeLink]

Dear Fr Marcelo, it is with pleasure that I write to advise you of the result of the **2025 Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink**. As of 27th February 2026 - **\$770,204.12** has been donated. What a wonderful achievement. The total donation recorded for Cottesloe/Mosman Park is **\$22,170.00**; and on behalf of Archbishop Costelloe SDB and Auxiliary Bishop Sproston, please accept our heartfelt thanks. The result simply could not have been achieved without your parish support, and we acknowledge the many thousands in donations from the parishioners. Each and every gift will be used to provide compassionate care and support to those in need.

### 1st & 2nd Collection Cashless Point Tap terminals at the church entrance

1st & 2nd Collection Direct Debit information below

#### FIRST COLLECTION (PRIESTS)

Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Cottesloe/Mosman Park  
Account No: 115134447  
BSB: 086006

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### WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$ MOSMAN PARK \$

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 14/15 Mar '26	Next Weekend 21/22 Mar '26
Flowers	R Masarei	A Tedesco A Broadhurst
Church Cleaning	T Davis	C Donnelly
Readers Sat 5.30am	M Davis	F Green
Readers Sun 8.30am	C Lobo N Kalnejais	S Cannon J Stratton
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 14/15 Mar '26	Next Weekend 21/22 Mar '26
Flowers	S Marerwa & E Madara	J Donaldson & M Prosperi
Church Cleaning	P Solari	M Shea & L Mann
Readers Sun 10am	E O'Loughlin & R Ardon	M Shea & L Mann
Readers Sun 5pm	I Yeo	J von Perger
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea