



**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH TAREE**

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC PARISH WINGHAM**

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

22ND MARCH 2020

**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**22ND MARCH 2020**

**4TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING:** 1 Sm 16:1. 6-7. 10-13 In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 22 R. v.1 (R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

**SECOND READING:** Eph 5:8-14 Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Jn 4:42. 15  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL:** Jn 9:1-41 The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**

**29TH MARCH 2020**

**5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**FIRST READING:** Ez 37:12-14 I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 129. R. v.7 (R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

**SECOND READING:** Rom 8:8-11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

**GOSPEL:** Jn 11:1-45 I am the resurrection and the life.

**Reflection**

Humans see and judge by appearances, but God looks into the heart, and there finds the real person. God's standards are not superficial, as are so many of the standards of the world. It is not age, beauty or physical strength that is important; it is not social position or religious role that is preferred. God chooses whom God chooses. God saw in David, the insignificant shepherd, the potential for being the chief shepherd of his people. The man who was born blind became the one through whom others would see the mighty works of God. Yet, neither young David nor the man in the gospel made the initial step; each simply responded with openness to God's choice of him.

By what criteria do we judge others? Do we consider some people too insignificant for greatness? Are we overly concerned with status? Do we categorise people according to the disease or physical limitation that they must endure? Do we sometimes blame them for their disability? Do our eyes perceive life in accord with the standards of a materialistic, body-orientated, pleasure-seeking society? Or do we look into the other's heart, as God does?

As with the other scrutiny Sundays, catechumens and long-standing members alike are exhorted to make a choice. Jesus is the one who gives sight to blind eyes and religious insight to those open to receive it. However, there is a price to pay. Will it be the standards of the world, or the power of God in Jesus Christ?

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**PRAYER LIST FOR TAREE & WINGHAM PARISHES**

**SICK:** Rosh Barbagallo, Maureen Barrett, Sue Berry, Josh Corbett, Bev Crouch, Amy Douglas, Maree Dunne, Joan Edstein, Brendan Foster, Peter Hacksaw, Teddy Herrera, Doug Hile, Trevor Holden, Betty Howard, Camo Hyde, Terry Mason, Liza Mirabello, Riely McCain, Ross McDonald, Don McIntyre, Brenda McIntyre, Robert McGregor, Neil Moroney, Tim Mulhearin, Martin Murphy, Linda Norris, Nicholas Parker, John O'Keefe, John Rush, Janora Senders, Josie Sierro, Marie Stanford, Jim Smith, Tom Salmon, Rory Turnbull, Monica Walsh, Paul White, Tilby Marie Williams.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Anthony Joseph Baker, Colin Mills, Hannah Mariae Hayward

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bob Coleman, Ita McCarthy

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.