

Thought for the Week
22nd March 2020
Fourth Sunday in Lent (A)

Light and Darkness! The themes of today's readings are about these two elements of our life, which Jesus used constantly throughout His ministry on earth.

Jesus said "*I am the Light of the World*" and is therefore our light on the path through the darkness of our lives.

In today's Gospel He demonstrates this. He cures the blind man, but His action is questioned by those who feel their authority is under threat, namely the Pharisees. They cannot see through their own darkness.

"How could a sinner produce signs like this?" They bully the blind man and his family and refuse to believe that Jesus could be God.

They drive the cured man away when he affirms:

"He has opened my eyes and you don't know where he comes from? We know God doesn't listen to sinners but to men who are devout and do his will. If this man were not from God he could not do this thing."

The blind man has the light to see who Jesus is. His darkness had been lifted and he sees the light of God, even though he cannot explain it in words, without a prompt from Jesus. We must ask Jesus for frequent hints through our lives to reinforce our courage and faith.

We must try and have such faith in God that we believe He can heal the darkness of sin within us and lead us to His wonderful light.

This is the journey we are on: from darkness to the eternal life of light in Jesus Christ, Our Lord. How hard a journey it is but with Christ as our guide how can we go wrong?

"Jesus, give us the courage to pursue the right path through the darkness of sin, and with you as our friend and guide, come to the light of your eternal life." Amen