

## Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A, 14/15 March 2026.

### **PRESIDER**

Dear Sisters and brothers, as the man born blind received sight and faith from Jesus, so, we pray that the people of our time will come to believe in Jesus, the Light of the World.

### **READER**

We pray for our church leaders on this Laetare Sunday, that they may lead the Church with courage and joy and be renewed with the gifts of your Holy Spirit. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the multitude of innocent people trapped in wars not of their making, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and Sudan. May they be raised out of the dark abyss of their suffering. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the refugees of Gaza sheltered by Caritas Jerusalem. May our generous support for Project Compassion help them endure and recover. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Australian community. May **Harmony Week** (16-22 March, with Harmony Day on 21 March) and the **United Nations Day for an End Racial Discrimination** (21 March) call us to live together in a spirit of mutual respect and appreciation. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the children making their first reconciliation later this month. We pray that they may be responsive to the love and forgiveness of God. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all teachers of the faith; parents, teachers and youth ministers. May they share a common concern to help young people thrive in their faith and commit themselves to work closely together. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord

We pray for our parish community. May this week's feasts of Saint Patrick (17 March) and Saint Joseph (19 March) be occasions of joy for everyone on their Lenten way. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently especially, May Hayes, Betty Galvin and Remedios Rivera-Renfoe, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time especially, Brian Brown, Mary and John Flanagan, John Frawley and Keith McLaughlin. May the light of Christ shine on them for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

### **PRESIDER**

Heavenly Father, you have given your Son Jesus to us to be our light. May he illuminate our lives with hope, guide us safely on life's journey, and bring us into his radiant presence when we die, for he is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.