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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'Laetare' Mothering Sunday

He went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

First Reading 1 S 16:1.6-7.10-13

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22

Second Reading Ep 5:8-14

Gospel Jn 9:1-41



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT: Today is Mothering Sunday. Unlike the American 'Mothers Day' later in the year it is an ancient tradition rather than an invention of greeting card industry. The entrance antiphon, and in the Extraordinary Form of Mass (Tridentine) the Epistle, refer to Jerusalem as our heavenly mother. It was this theme that gave rise to the custom of honouring 'Mother-Church' and then our human mothers on this day. We pray for all our mothers, living and dead. The readings today, however, focus once again on those preparing for baptism. The first reading tells how Samuel anoints David as King – a sign of God's blessing – and points to the preliminary anointing that takes place at baptism, a ceremony that can be anticipated today for those preparing for baptism at the Easter Vigil. The Gospel is the story of the man born blind and given his sight. Faith brings us the light of Christ and the technical term for those preparing for baptism at Easter is 'the enlightened' because the light of Christ is already showing them the path ahead and on the day of baptism will be symbolised by the Easter Candle and the candle they will receive. This year we pray for Michael Streat and Fiona Bradford who are preparing for reception into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

PRAYER NEEDS: Please continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick especially *Michelle Bryant, Samantha Upton, Margaret Britain, Paul Britain, Vanessa Dann, Angelina Barber, June Jezierski, Mrs Van Stolk Senior, Denis Wood, Hayley Hetzel, Julie Trueman, Deborah Lee, Bill Sullivan, Pam Loath, Karen Kelly, Sheila Faulkner, Mike Gibson, Donovan Bushing, Rebecca Dillon, Brian Harper, Anne Entwistle, Audrey Hopwood* & any unknown to us.

ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember *Michael Matrejek, Edith Waite, Sr Mary Celestine, Eileen Murphy, Timmy Browne, Sr Catherine, John Hynes, Evelyn Shaw, Louise Braun, Audrey Holder* and *Patrick Shaw* whose anniversaries occur at this time.

COGGESHALL 'SEDER SUPPER': Each year members from all the Churches in Coggeshall gather for a meal that reflects in structure the 'Seder' or Passover meal as a preparation for Easter. This takes place on the Thursday before Holy Week (6th April) so as not to clash with Maundy Thursday services and begins at 7.00 p.m. in Christchurch. If you would like to go please sign the sheet on the clipboard at the back of the Church at Coggeshall or let me know by next weekend as the numbers will be needed for catering purposes by Sunday 2nd April.

MONTHLY TRIDENTINE MASS: This Saturday 12.15 p.m. Exposition and Confessions run from 10.30-12.00 noon.

CAFOD's EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL: The United Nations is warning that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. Severe drought, lack of food, and civil war, mean that now over 16 million people across East Africa are facing starvation. Please support our parish retiring collection for CAFOD's appeal. Your donation will get food, clean water and healthcare to people in desperate need. You can also donate on line. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/eastafrica.