

# Prayer & Reflection

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Week beginning: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

**Theme = St Patrick's Feast Day (House Saint)**

**Gospel = Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A)**

# The Wednesday Word

The logo for 'Hallow' is centered on a purple square. The word 'Hallow' is written in white, with a blue circle above the letter 'o' and a horizontal line above the 'o' and 'w'.

You are invited to 10 minutes of prayer and reflection every Wednesday.  
Join Jonathan Roumie (Jesus- The Chosen), Jeff Cavins, Mark Wahlberg, Chris Pratt and Gwen Stefani as we reflect on the Gospel on the day.

**8am**

**12:40pm (First lunch)**

**1:30pm (Second lunch)**

**Venue- School Chapel.**

## What is the Catholic Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)?

During this term all students are invited to go to confessions where you can ask for forgiveness.

If you are non-Catholic you can still go and speak with Father Emmanuel and/or Father Lawrence.

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March** = Years 7, 8, 12 & 13 during lesson 5 LUNCH.

**Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March** = Years 9, 10 & 11 during lesson 6 LUNCH.

# Our House Saints

17<sup>th</sup> March is the Feast  
Day of our House Saint  
– Saint Patrick



Saint Ambrose



Saint Patrick



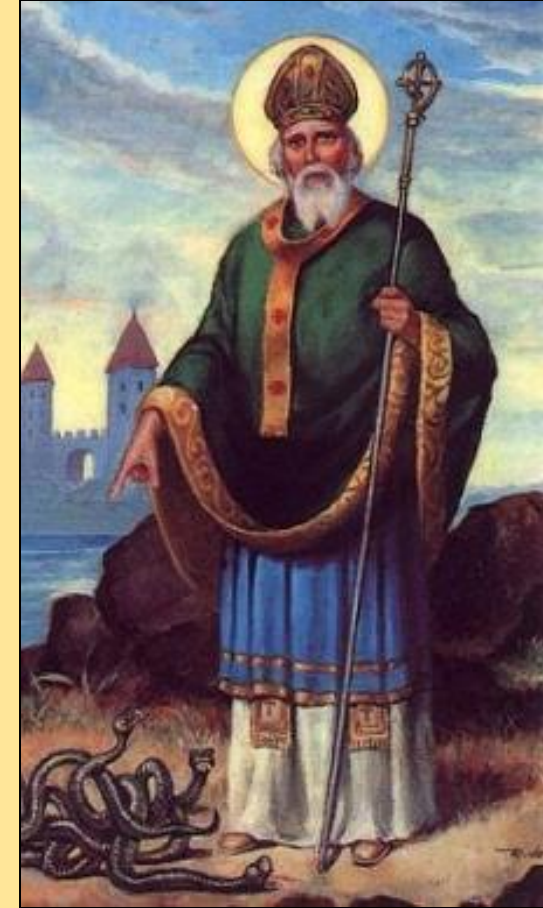
Saint Clare of Assisi

# Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick was born in England in the early 400s, but when he was 16, he was captured by Irish pirates who took him to Ireland as a slave.

Patrick prayed to God and deepened his faith. Patrick heard God telling him that he would be able to go home.

After six years, Patrick escaped slavery, and returned to England and his family, where he studied to become a priest.

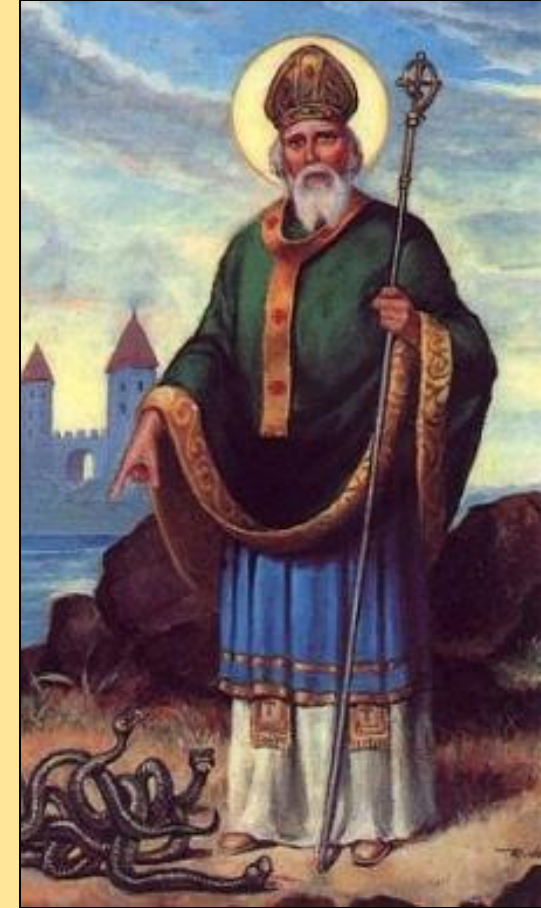


# Saint Patrick

After having a vision, Patrick travelled back to Ireland as a missionary priest so that he could teach the people about God. He used examples to explain the mysteries of the faith in simple ways. One day, Saint Patrick compared the Holy Trinity to a shamrock. He said that the shamrock has three leaves, but it is only one plant. In the same way, God is three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—but one God.

God used Saint Patrick's kidnapping to convert the Irish people.

In our lives, **God uses the bad times to bring about a good we do not always see. We must be patient and trust Him.**



Patrick's example invites us to live our school mission in real, practical ways:

- **Inspired by Christ:** Patrick listened for God's voice, even in hardship. Like him, we are called to let Christ guide our choices, our friendships, and how we treat others.
- **Service to Others:** Patrick returned to the very people who once hurt him, not for revenge but to share God's love. His life challenges us to look beyond ourselves and choose kindness, forgiveness, and generosity, to serve others.
- **Excellence for All (Being a Better Person):** Patrick didn't become a saint overnight. He grew through prayer, perseverance, and courage. We too are called to grow each day—to be better, not perfect; to lift others up, not just ourselves.

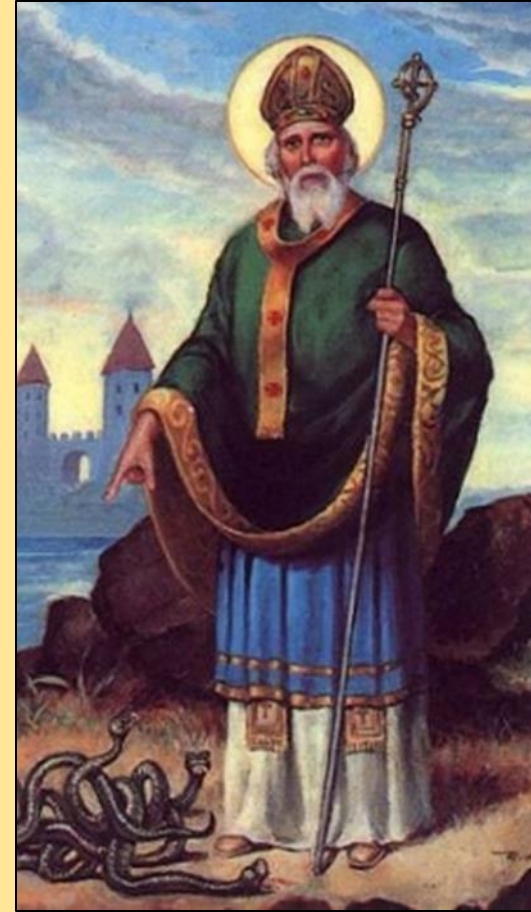
**Thought for today:** How can I follow Saint Patrick's example by living with courage, kindness, and a heart open to God's call?



# Saint Patrick's Pocket Prayer

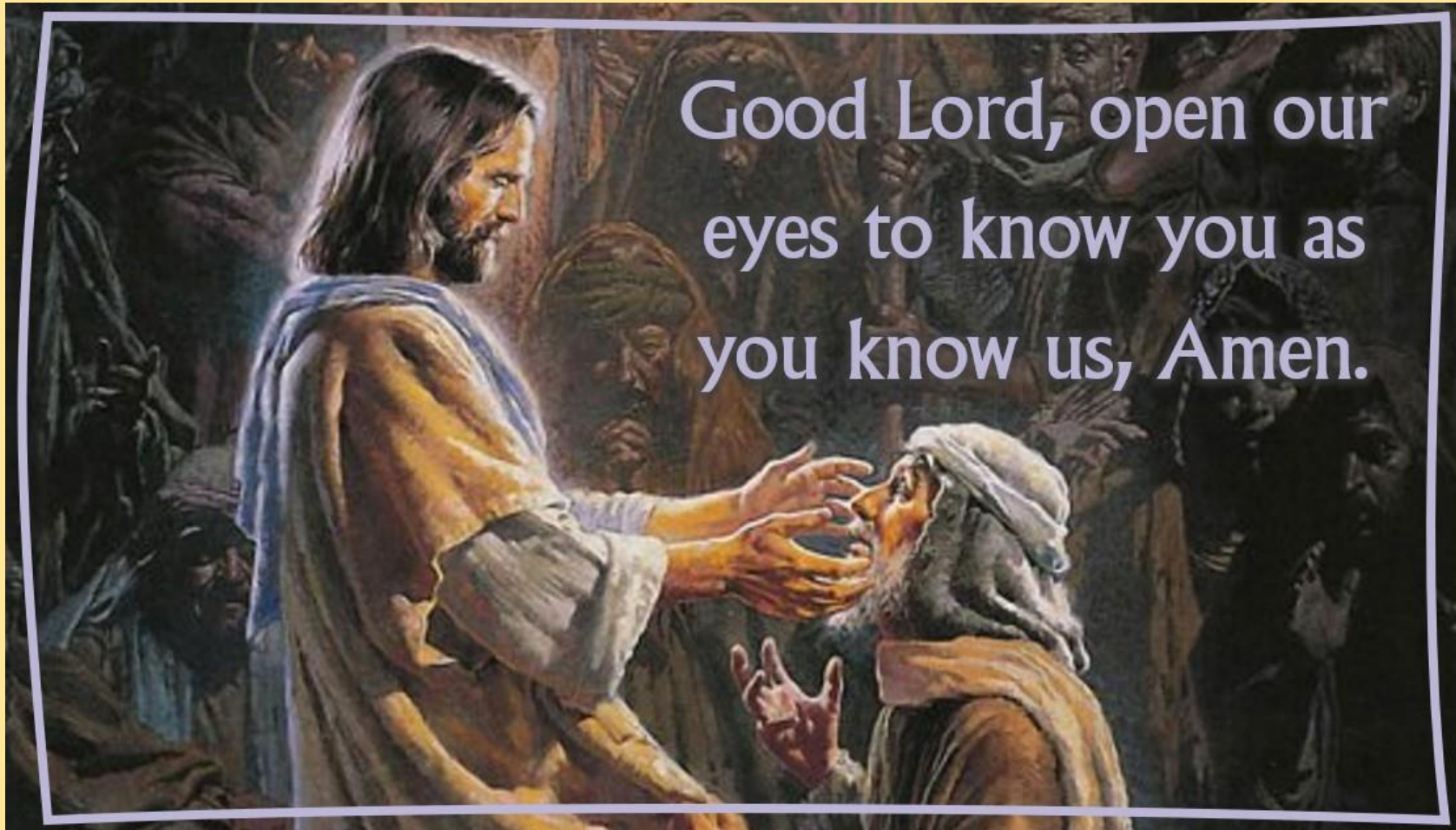
Be my guide Lord, everyday  
Give me strength, come what may  
Lord be in the hearts that love me  
Help me through, when lost and lonely  
Help me be- the person I am  
And to do the best I can  
Help me love, the way you do  
So that I may love you too.

**St. Patrick – Pray for Us, Amen.**



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Be Inspired by Christ**

# Sunday Gospel = Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A)



Jesus heals a man who was born blind, but the Pharisees are sceptical and investigate the miracle. They interrogate the man and his parents, and ultimately cast the man out for declaring his belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

# THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING – FOURTH Sunday Lent, YEAR A.

## A reading from the Gospel according to John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” – which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbours and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is, “ but others said, “No, he just looks like him.”

He said, “I am.”

So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?”

He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.”

And they said to him, “Where is he?”

He said, “I don’t know.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?”

He said, “He is a prophet.”



## A reading from the Gospel according to John 9:1-41 (continued)

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner."

He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from."

The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

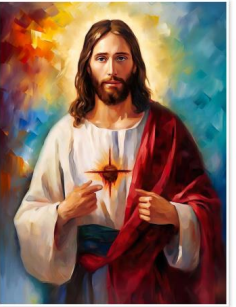
Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."



**Reader = the Gospel of the Lord.**  
**RESPONSE = Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

# Explanation of this week's Gospel reading



In the gospel reading this week, there are THREE key messages:

- Spiritual Blindness and Sight:** Jesus heals the man born blind, revealing spiritual blindness in those who refuse to believe. This shows the importance of faith and openness to God's truth.
- Faith and Conversion:** The blind man's journey from physical healing to faith in Jesus shows a deep conversion. This challenges us to grow in faith and recognize Jesus as the Son of God.
- Courage to Witness:** The healed man boldly defends Jesus before the Pharisees. His courage inspires us to stand up for our faith, even when challenged.



## REFLECTION TASK

In the Gospel, Jesus heals the man born blind, showing that God can bring light where there seems to be only darkness. The real challenge is not just seeing with our eyes, but opening our hearts to recognise Jesus at work in our lives. Like the blind man, we are invited to grow in courage, honesty, and trust.

### Thought for the day:

*How can I be "inspired by Christ" today by seeing others—and myself—with greater compassion, patience, and understanding?*

# WORD OF THE WEEK

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# Prayer- Inspired by the Healing of the Man Born Blind

Lord Jesus, You opened the eyes of the man born blind and helped him to see Your light and truth.

Open our eyes today to recognise Your presence in ourselves and in those around us.

Help us to be inspired by Christ, choosing kindness, courage, and honesty in all we do.

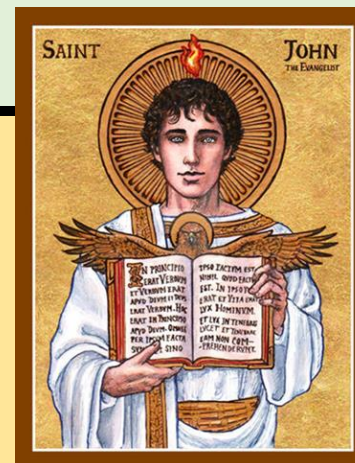
Guide us to live lives of service to others, especially those who feel unseen or left out.

Strengthen us to strive for excellence for all, becoming better people who bring light into our school and into the world.

May Your light guide our steps today.



**St John the Apostle & Evangelist,  
pray for us. AMEN.**



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