

[John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38](#)

*2019-20: Building the Kingdom, Century 2*

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Jesus enables a blind man and a Pharisee to see in this week's Gospel passage. Unlike the blind man, there was nothing wrong with the Pharisee's eyes before he met Our Lord; he just wasn't seeing things right. Both men were only truly able to see, once they believed and in order to do this they had to put their trust in God.

It's not always easy to put our trust in God, even for those of us who belong to Catholic school communities. It can be particularly difficult to show trust when we are faced with situations that challenge us or make us feel anxious. How can we trust in something or someone we can't see? Where is God in our "locked-down" world? Part of the challenge of being a Christian is accepting the call to see the good in every person and in every situation. Whilst we have seen some of the worst of human nature in recent days amongst the panic buyers and opportunistic criminals, we have also seen some of the best, not just from key workers but also from all those people who are going out of their way to ensure that those who are isolated in their communities are not lonely, hungry or afraid.

Things undoubtedly appear bleak under the shadow of coronavirus but they are far from hopeless. All the simple acts of loving kindness, charity, goodwill and forbearance that will go on in communities across the planet this week should be a great source of hope for us all. Whilst there are obviously going to be some grim days ahead, this may all end up changing our world for the better! Where there is love and hope and a little bit of faith (blind or otherwise), there the Kingdom of God is being built. Let's make sure we all do our bit to bring this about in the coming days.

Reflections on new sight:

- Where, despite all the challenges, do I see the good in my current situation?
- What can I do and how can I act to help others see that things aren't hopeless?
- Who do I need to see with new eyes, in order to see the best in them?
- Where in my life is God asking me to just trust in Him?