

Blind man cure

The gospel is fantastic for the stubborn blindness, not of the man who was cured but of those who knew him.

First his neighbours question if it is the same person that they had often seen begging.

Then the Pharisees seek for reasons to discount this inconvenient miracle.

Then when confronted by the simple witness of the cured man they resort to condemning him for being ignorant.

He may have been cured but what did he know about theology.

Everyone other than the man who had been blind from birth had their vision impaired because they refused to see.

Cough Cough Cough

Excuse me

For years now there has been clear COUGH proof that COUGH smoking damages your health.

I have heard that COUGH certain people have smoked all their lives and it has done them no harm.

Young people who tell me that COUGH COUGH COUGH they are fine.

There are even those who know that they are destroying their health but get angry with the messenger when reminded that their health is being put at risk by the habit.

Not so different from the Gospel

There are non so blind as those who will not see.

Then of course there are those involved in discussions, who transform this debating exercise into a competition because they want to win.

The points being discussed.
The reason for the argument.
The opportunity for learning. All are sacrificed for the sake of winning.

The mother who forgets who the adult is and finds herself getting down to the level of her teenage son, not so that she can understand him but so that she can scream at him.

The husband who practices the art of sulking long after the futile reason for the row has passed.

The child who is no longer a baby but reserves the rite to act like one if refused the impossible.

Who when confronted with the obvious explanation as to it is impossible replies.
“but why not”

There are non so blind as those who will not see.

Then of course there is the standard problem of LOW SELF ESTEEM.

The evidence was that she was perfectly capable of passing the exam but she would not see that this was true and so panicked and failed.

The evidence was that she did not need to run around doing everything for her daughter But she was frightened that the child might feel neglected. She shut her eyes and did far too much.

The evidence was that he had more than enough money for his retirement. But he refused to see what he had. Preferring to focus upon what he had not.

There are non so blind as those who will not see.

If this does not apply to you personally then you are either a saint, or a blind sinner.

We all at times for our comfort choose blindness. Denial.

During these weeks of LENT look into your life pray and have the courage to see even the different, the difficult, the unpleasant.

Then with faith gently transform those realities with faith.

There are non so blind as those who will not see.