

For me, the daily Readings from Isaiah provide a real blessing. They reflect prophecy that is full of hope as they point to a future time of peace and joy. Like so many of the other Advent Readings, the poetic language used points to the birth of Jesus who is the WAY that will lead to a future life in Heaven. “The deaf, that day, will hear the words of a book and, after shadow and darkness, the eyes of the blind will see.” “They will hallow the Holy One of Jacob, stand in awe of the God of Jacob.”

And so, in today’s Gospel, we read from the Word of God, of two blind men who seek pity from the ‘Son of David,’ Jesus. He, in return, asks them an important question. “Do you believe I can do this?” They reply, “We do,” and Jesus touches their eyes saying, “Your FAITH deserves it, so let this be done for you.” But he then cautions them not to tell anyone about it! Why? Because the people are not ready to understand. Jesus wants them to know him through ALL that he says and does. Not just as a wonderful miracle worker. He is the one heralded by Isaiah as ‘The Holy one of God.’ He wants us to realise this too, so that, through his Word, we may experience peace and joy in our lives but also the fulfilment of Isaiah’s prophecy, a future life with him in Heaven.