

Advent – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2016

## Shouting from the Rooftops.

**Reading:**

**Matthew 9:27-31**

As Jesus went on his way two blind men followed him shouting "Take pity on us, Son of David". And when Jesus reached the house the blind men came up with him and he said to them, 'Do you believe I can do this?' They said, 'Sir, we do'. Then he touched their eyes saying, 'Your faith deserves it, so let this be done for you.' And their sight returned. Then Jesus sternly warned them, 'Take care that no one learns about this.' But when they had gone, they talked about him all over the countryside.

**Reflection:**

See that no one knows about this, says Jesus to the men whose eyes he had just opened. He warns them sternly, and then they go right ahead and see that everyone knows it. That happens quite often in the gospels, and the Evangelists never utter a word of condemnation about it.

People are in dire need, they cry out to Jesus, the Lord heals them, he tells them to keep the miracle quiet, and they go and tell everybody they meet. Let us think about this. It is clear that Jesus shied away from spectacles, he was totally given over to his Father's will, and proclaiming the Kingdom of God. The wonders he wrought were signs and not the Kingdom itself. Jesus will preach to crowds of thousands, and he will also shy away from those crowds. He did not come amongst us to put on a show.

Yet for us there is no longer any danger that was, we too, are the blind who can see and the dead who now live. What has been done for us in secret, says Jesus, we should shout from the rooftops.

Do we do That?

Why not?

Those blind men were the heralds of more than advent.

The Lord is amongst us.

Why should we keep it silent?



**Prayer:** Eternal Father, send down your Holy Spirit amongst us to loosen our tongues, that we may speak and proclaim the coming of your son, though the same Christ our Lord. Amen.