

PARISH OF ST FELIX, FELIXSTOWE

THE YEAR OF THE WORD

Ninth Week, beginning February 9th 2020
This week we read St. Matthew's Gospel Chapter 9

KEY PASSAGE - ST MATTHEW 9:27-31

As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, 'Have mercy on us, Son of David!' When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, 'Do you believe that I am able to do this?' They said to him, 'Yes, Lord.' Then he touched their eyes and said, 'According to your faith let it be done to you.' And their eyes were opened. Then Jesus sternly ordered them, 'See that no one knows of this.' But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

* Jesus does not heal the blind men immediately - not until he is in the house, and they approach him again. In this way he tests their faith - will they persist? Maybe when he doesn't answer our requests immediately he is testing us.

* He 'touches' their eyes. Often his healing comes through the medium of touching. Consider how he touches us when we receive the Host and the Chalice which are in reality his Body and Blood.

* To what do we most need Jesus to open our own eyes? To our failings and shortcomings? To the needs of others? To the opportunities we have for serving others? To his presence? To his will for us?