

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

*Longer form 5:17-37*

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# Breaking Open the Word



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 FEBRUARY 2023

## CHOICES

Choices are a part of the human experience. Some are minor and of little consequence, others will shape our futures and have lasting ramifications for our lives. Ecclesiasticus places a choice before us: we have the power to choose life or death, that is, whether we will follow the living God or not. While many people are fearful of God's judgement the point of the first reading is that any judgement on God's part is only a consequence of our own (cf. John 3:17.12:47).

Jesus invited his hearers to make a decision about the standard they used to live their life of faith. They had grown up with the Jewish law but now the invitation is made to choose a new set of criteria. In the next few weeks, the excerpts from the Sermon on the Mount invite us to choose once again the values that Jesus places before us. Today the challenge is made in terms of our attitude regarding violence, sexual morality and the quality of our speech.

Paul places a choice before the Corinthians – to model their lives on the wisdom of the cross. In Paul's time, the mystery cults abounded and such groups considered themselves as having been initiated into the elect, those who had knowledge and power denied to those around them. He knew they had been given the gift of the Spirit and wisdom, but it was the misunderstood and paradoxical wisdom of the cross.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1

**R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, / who follow God's law! / They are happy those who do his will, / seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts / to be obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm / to obey your statutes. **R.**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may consider / the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes / and I will keep them to the end. / Train me to observe your law, / to keep it with my heart. **R.**

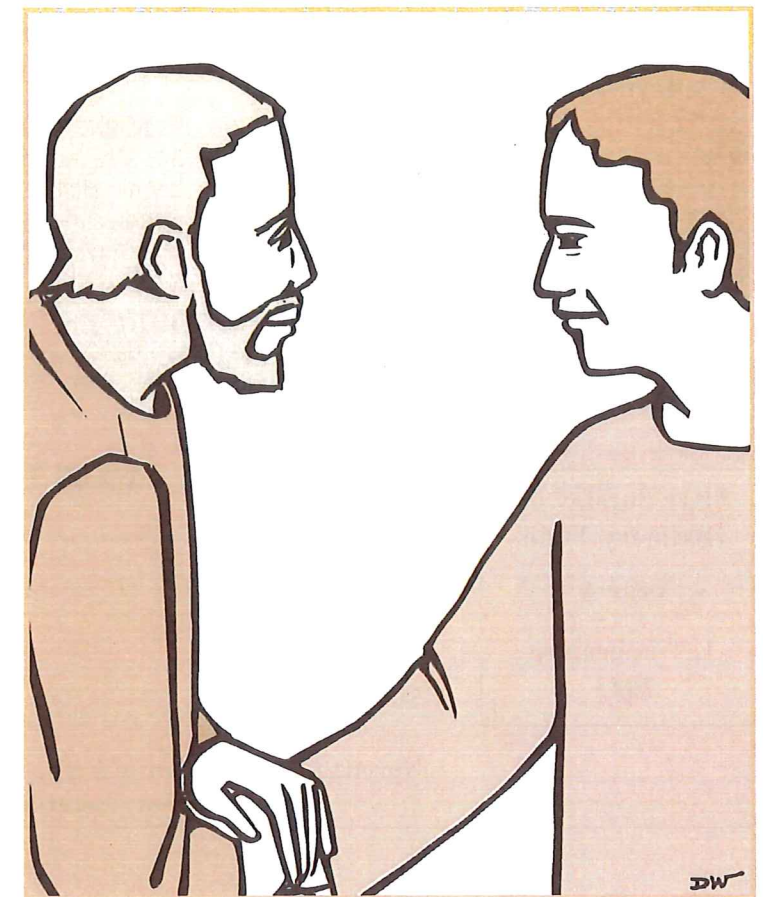
## SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden



wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!





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### MASS TIMES

Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday	8.45am
Thursday to Saturday	8.30am
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	8.00am, 10.00am & 6pm

Baptism & Wedding  
Bookings : Please  
call the Parish  
Office

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wednesday 6pm  
Reconciliation : Saturday 9.00am – 9.30am

	NOTRE DAME CHURCH	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Special Ministers	Altar Servers
R O	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		I Iwansantos T Khoo	C Lopera Sr Maraget	G Iwansanto D & C Oee
S T	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2023 8am Mass	Jermone Can Truong	S D'Castro	D Rodrigues C Parnham	P Subrata D Panzich- Sekulla	C Rozario
E R	10.00am Mass	Renato Gomes	V Erskine	A Semaan T Gomes	Ranjit Ratnayake J Branchi	M&M Fernandes Dodsley J Carson
	6pm Mass	Pedro Borja		M Ward L Blake	L Blake S Rodrigues	A Pravin Le

## PARISH NOTICES

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

**FOLLOW GOD'S LAW.** The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

### Multicultural Friendship Dinner Dance Feb 18<sup>th</sup>

All tickets have now been sold. Doors open @ 7pm.

A 3 course Banquet of Entree, Main & Dessert. BYO Drinks & drink ware. Coffee & Tea included. Music provided by our wonderfully talented Rozario Family Band. There will also be raffles, \$100 board & door prizes.

### After school Religious Classes

Have commenced in the Parish Centre on Thursday afternoons 4.30 – 5.30pm. If you have a child or children attending a non catholic school & wish for them to receive instructions in preparation for the Sacraments, please contact Muriel via email, [mbijoux@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mbijoux@optusnet.com.au)

### Morning Tea & Food Stall – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Thank you to all that enjoyed a lovely morning tea last Sunday and to those that purchased from the mini food stall after the 3 Masses. We Raised \$954.50 towards the PBF. Also thank you to our wonderful Chef's.

### Sausage Sizzle – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February

After the 8am & 10am Masses this morning.  
\$5.00 will get you a sausage in a bun & drink.

### In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Cajetan Rodrigues, John Sequeira, Philip Minas, Patrick & Merlyn Stahlmann deceased members of Kym Nguyen's Family and all souls in Purgatory.*

### Baptisms

We welcome to our Catholic Faith Community;  
*Charlie McGuane & Lillie McGuane.*

### Feasts for the Week

**14<sup>th</sup> February:** Sts Cyril & Methadius

### Centre for Liturgy – Upcoming Workshops

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am – 11.30am @ CFL 28 Marda Way, Nollamara.

To book E: [cfl@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfl@perthcatholic.org.au) or phone 92073350.

### Safeguarding Induction Training Level – 1

Online courses for Church workers (paid/unpaid) will be held on the following dates: 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb @ 10am, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb @ 2pm & 21<sup>st</sup> Feb @ 7pm. For further information [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>

### Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi & Sicily May 5 - 19

Join Monsignor Michael Keating on a Pilgrimage, traveling on Emirates Airline. See notice board for full details or contact Anawin Journeys 6118 7313

### Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023

Yes it is back for the 2023 Season Forms are available from either entrance of the church. Cross out the team that you think is going to loose. Do this for the whole season. \$10 per entry. The more entrants the bigger the prize money. Hand forms to family members and friends. Thanks to Katie who is taking on this task from John York. Good luck. Read the T&C's on the form.

### World Day of Prayer - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

At All Saints Anglican Church, Belgravia St Cloverdale (just across the park from ND church). This is an Ecumenical Service set out by the Bible Society for all denominations. All are invited to attend.

### Parish Bulletin

Again this week the old format, yes the new computer has arrived, but at the time of the bulletin preparation the new computer hadn't been completely set up.

### Meetings for the Week

**Parish Council:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm in the parish Centre.

### Pilgrim Statues – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023

If you wish for one of 'Our Lady's Statues to visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra 9277 2878  
*J Turner U6/30C Chester St, Belmont & R Saldanha 3/15 Ellard St, Belmont.*