

his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him;

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

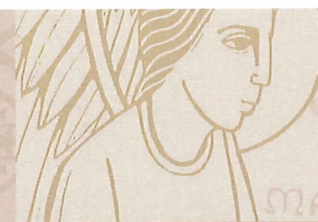
There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / A (OF DIVINE MERCY)

16 APRIL 2023

## FAITH: A PROMISE OF LIFE

How many times have you heard people relate stories and then say, aware that the story does not do justice to the experience, 'You had to be there'? When we read of those early days of the Church, when the community was so united in faith, love and prayer, we can find ourselves wishing to have been there. Imagine the disappointment of second-generation Christians who had missed out by only a few years! The story of Thomas' doubt, disbelief and disappointment would have been partly preserved to encourage such Christians. Decades later, they were invited to see that while they were not part of the original experience, their faith was all the more precious because it was not based on being an eyewitness. It also served as a reminder not to be too quick to idealise the early life of the Church; even then the road to mature faith was not an easy one.

Late in the first century, the first letter of Peter set out to build up the faith of a community that felt caught between the resurrection and Jesus' final return. Like us, they may have felt that they had missed out on something precious, but Peter reminds them that their faith is a tremendous gift and promise of the life that lies ahead. The road to a mature faith is not easy and there are problems to be encountered from both within and outside ourselves. These very struggles purify our hearts and prepare us for what is to come.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Let the sons of Israel say: / 'His love has no end.' / Let the sons of Aaron say: / 'His love has no end,' / Let those who fear the Lord say: / 'His love has no end.' **R.**

2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling / but the Lord was my helper. / The Lord is my strength and my song; / he was my saviour. / There are shouts of joy and victory / in the tents of the just. **R.**

3. The stone which the builders rejected / has become the corner stone. / This is the work of the Lord, / a marvel in our eyes. / This day was made by the Lord; / we rejoice and are glad. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Pet 1:3-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which had been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia! / You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; / happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them





## NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

### Second Week of Easter - YR A

**16 Sun:** Divine Mercy Sunday  
**17 Mon:** No Mass  
**18 Tues:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
**19 Wed:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
**20 Thu:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
**21 Fri:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter  
**22 Sat:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter/Vigil 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
  - Rosary: Sat 8am
  - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
  - Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm
- \*For Baptisms & Weddings\***  
Please call the Parish Office

### PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

### PARISH SCHOOLS

**Notre Dame Catholic Primary**  
360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105  
6272 7100 | [www.nds.wa.edu.au](http://www.nds.wa.edu.au)

**St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**  
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104  
6279 2000 | [www.smg.wa.edu.au](http://www.smg.wa.edu.au)

**WELCOME TO MASS!** A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

### SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

*I AM SENDING YOU. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday, the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.*

### MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		Second Collection EFT Details	
	A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery		A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish	
	BSB:	086 006	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	140 608 771	Account #:	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	Reference:	Name

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 6.00pm</b>	Robert Lam Nguyen		I lwansantoso R Bennett	C Lopera Sr Margaret	D & C Oee G lwansantoso
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 8.00am</b>	George Sekulla	S D'Castro	D Gaskell Alan Sali	M Smith L Millington	P Sekulla
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10.00am</b>	Acolyte Required	V Erskine	A Semaan S Bradshaw	R Ratnayake J Branchi	T Harding J Carson
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 6.00pm</b>	Ashley Rebeiro		M Ward S Irene	T Doan S Rodrigues	A Pravin Leo S Surin

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## Parish Events

### Masses in the Parish

As of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022, the State Government announced that WA was no longer in a State of Emergency, however some restrictions will still apply. **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 'The Sunday Obligation'** for the faithful was re-instituted by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. This means that you are required to attend Sunday Mass, unless you are unwell. Although Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory in places of worship, it is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to continue to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. If you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

**Mass at Home** available on CH10 6am Sunday morning or go [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au)

### Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138.

**April 15<sup>th</sup>:** V Bennett U5/263 Fulham St Cloverdale & R Saldanha U3/15 Ellard St, Belmont.

### Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023

We have results after round 4:

1<sup>st</sup>: 26pts C Innanantuoni, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 25pts P McLean, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 24pts L Russell, M Conier, J Honner, C Orsi & R Szlezaqk. 9 entrants on 23pts. See notice board for Top Tipster list.

### Silent Auction – Framed Crucifix

The Crucifix is mounted on a bevelled edge mirror with gold velvet surround, glow in the dark cross & pearls as a feature. Its size is 76cm X 59cm. Should you like to make a bid or offer on this item, please place name & contact details on the sheet which is available at both sides of the church. All proceeds to the PBF. The Artist of this Crucifix will come and mount on the wall for the lucky recipient.

### Holy Water - Now Available

Holy Water will be available from the church over the next few weeks. Please bring a small bottle or jar and it will be filled for you.

### Mother's Day Raffle

4 prizes on offer, 3 Hampers and a Black Forrest Torte. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00. Available at all Masses. All proceeds towards the Parish Building Fund. Draw prior to Mothers Day – May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Vocation Sunday (Good Shepherd Sunday) 30 April** 'Recognise the Voice of Jesus' – A Day of Vocation Reflection. What do you hear Jesus saying to you? We encourage you take time to pray and listen to what Jesus' is saying to you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, come along on **Sunday, 30 April, 9.30am to 3pm** and join us for the day. Further Info: email: [stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:stcharlesseminary@perthcatholic.org.au) or 08 9279 1310.

### Welcome to Visiting Priest from Vietnam

We extend a warm welcome to Fr Vu Nguyen who is visiting from Hue City. We hope that he enjoys his stay here in the parish and Perth.

## Around the Archdiocese

**Project compassion 2023 – For all future Generations**  
Tubs have been placed at both entrances for you to leave your donations for Project Compassion 2023. If you have requested a receipt, these will be issued before the end of May. To make an online donation visit: [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)  
**If you require a Tax Receipt please mark box clearly.**

**Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course**  
Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1, Online, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2-3pm & 27<sup>th</sup> April 7-8pm. This is for all church workers, paid or volunteers. Further info: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or **08 9221 7762**.  
<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

**Archdiocese of Peth Employment Opportunities**  
The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitable qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the church. For listing of all part time & full time positions <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

### The Record – April Edition

Available from both entrances of the church. It contains Archbishop Costelloe's Easter message, message from Bishop Don and many more articles. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4myBXJ3coQ>  
Visit the above website for Archbishop Costelloe's Easter Message.

## Notre Dame Community

### Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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### In Our Prayers...

#### In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, recently deceased Julius Cork and all souls in Purgatory.*

#### Parishioners who are unwell:

*Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Fran Carter, Marjorie Williams & Glen Arathoon.*

#### Baptisms

**We welcome to our Catholic Faith Community;**  
*Wynter Crencentia Lee Lewis.*

