

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?' Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me

will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works,

because I am going to the Father.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

OPEN TO CHANGE

Living with change is often uncomfortable and unsettling. Ways of acting and seeing things no longer work as they once did. We look for direction and a sure guide, to know how to act in the present, and plan for the future. It may be a source of comfort to know that the early Church faced many challenges and needed to adapt to changing situations and contexts. The very growth of the community in Jerusalem had created its own problems and the apostles were stretched thin. Consequently, some groups were disadvantaged. It was a moment of tension and decision which led the apostles to call for deacons to be appointed so that the needs of the poor, and the need for the word to be proclaimed, would both be satisfied.

When Jesus spoke of his coming departure the disciples were rightly fearful. How would they manage without Jesus' presence to guide them? They felt ill-prepared for such change and distrustful of their own ability to find the right path. Addressing this dilemma, Jesus reminds them that his departure is how God will open the way to a future that they have not yet dared to imagine.

To deal with changes creatively we need a solid core on which we can rely. Peter stresses that steadfastness in the face of opposition and misunderstanding is an essential requirement in the life of a disciple. For others Jesus is a stumbling block, but for believers he is a precious stone. In a constantly changing world, there is one firm foundation, and we are called to trust in him and sing his praises.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

7 MAY 2023

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (*or* Alleluia!)

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, / with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; / no one comes to the Father, except through me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am



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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

FIFTH Week of Easter - YR A

07 Sun: Fourth Sunday of Easter
08 Mon: No Mass
09 Tues: 5th Week of Easter
10 Wed: 5th Week of Easter – Whole School Mass
11 Thu: 5th Week of Easter
12 Fri: 5th Week of Easter
13 Sat: 5th Week of Easter/Vigil 6th 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

 **St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR A

I AM THE WAY. In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time – and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others.

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
Saturday 13 th May 6.00pm	Dave Daguit		A Correya P Timms	T Khoo G Ottaway	J Chapin A Khoo
Sunday 14 th May 8.00am	Jerome Can Truong	L Blake	M Smith S A MacFarlane	P Subrata D P Sekulla	C Rozario
Sunday 14 th May 10.00am	Renato Gomes	Joy Intervencion	In-In Intervencion N Barker	M Bijoux J Jong	S Barker T Harding
Sunday 14 th May 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		S Garcia J Fernandez	V Borja B Ryan	M Lanarolle

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

As of Friday 4th November 2022, the State Government announced that WA was no longer in a State of Emergency, however some restrictions will still apply.

Sunday 4th 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

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.

May 6th: J Turner U6/30C Chester St, Belmont & R & S 15 Chester St, Belmont.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023 Round 7

1st: 46pts: P McLean 2nd: 43pts: C Innanantuoni, C & E Grieves 3rd: 42pts R Szlezak, M Purdy, S Stanfield, J Williams, C Smith & L Wylie.
No on tipped all 9 winners but there were high scores. See notice boards for Top Tipster list.

Holy Water - Now Available

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

Project compassion 2023 – For all future Generations
Still time to place a donation for PC2023. Receipts will be issued mid May for those that have requested. To make an online donation, please visit:
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Morning Tea & Food Stall Sunday 7th May

Morning Tea will be served after the 8am & 10am Masses this Sunday in the Parish Centre. Available for purchase, Spring Rolls, Curry Puffs & limited Curries. There will be also hand made Mothers Day cards available for purchase. All proceeds to the PBF.

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Employment Opportunity

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to the website or see notice board.
<https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

Music Reading Course, Part 1 – Three Session Course. 11 May & 25 May

Thursdays 11 May, and 25 May 7pm to 8.30pm. Cost free Workshop. Please note the Workshop is offered in two formats simultaneously i.e., in person with a maximum of 6 people and on-line via Zoom. Registration is essential for the workshop. To register please visit www.liturgy.perthcatholic.org.au. Further info; cfl@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9207 3350

Around the Archdiocese

Pope Francis – Prayer Intention for MAY

For Church movements and groups. We pray that Church movement and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1, Online, **16th May**, 2pm & **29th May** at 7pm; **8th June**, 10am to 11am. This is for all church workers, paid or volunteers who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762 or E: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

Bowra & O'Dea Cannington – Open Day

Sunday 21st May, 10am – 2pm: Newly refurbished, modern purpose-built premises.

Notre Dame Community

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. Drawn prior to Mothers Day – May 14th.

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: *Raymond Joseph Kesler, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, James Crowley, Franco Piva, 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;
Milani Jean Talbot-Smith.

