

a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

23 JULY 2023

THE SPIRIT COMES TO US IN OUR WEAKNESS

It has been said that nothing is as strong as gentleness and that nothing is as gentle as real strength. Oftentimes gentleness is interpreted as a sign of weakness or indecisiveness. If God is all powerful, how is it that God does not judge our world? The book of Wisdom gives a glimpse into how the people of Israel reflected on this question in the centuries immediately preceding the birth of Jesus. What the surrounding people saw as God's weakness they had come to see as God's gracious strength which provides a model for our own lives.

The parable of the darnel addresses a similar question for the community of Matthew. In a time of opposition, they may have impatiently wondered why God had not forcefully intervened to establish the kingdom on earth. Jesus' parable of the darnel calls them to understand that the time of judgement will come when each person receives what their actions deserve. In the meantime, the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast are timely reminders that while the kingdom's beginnings may be humble and hidden the final outcome is assured.

Like Matthew, Paul saw that the period between the resurrection of the Lord and his return at the end of time was a time of struggle between good and evil. This struggle continues, and Paul reminds Christians of every age that we are not alone in this struggle since the Spirit is the one who carries our prayers and pleas to our gracious and loving God.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, / to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. / Your justice has its source in strength, / your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. / You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned / and you expose the insolence of those who know it; / but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, / you govern us with great lenience, / for you have only to will, and your power is there. / By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people / how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, / and you have given your sons the good hope / that after sin you will grant repentance.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you / and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are great and do marvellous deeds, / you who alone are God. **R.**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, / slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts



knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

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!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which



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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

16th Week in Ordinary Time YR A
23 Sun: 16th Sunday in O/T
24 Mon: No Mass
25 Tues: St James the Apostle
26 Wed: St Joachim & St Anne
27 Thu: Weekday Mass
28 Fri: Weekday Mass
29 Sat: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus/ Vigil 17th Sunday of O/T


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.

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 **St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**
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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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

WHEAT AMONG THE WEEDS. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of heroism and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

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 29 th July 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		G Ottaway M Jackson	I Iwansantoso M Jackson	A Khoo J Chapin
Sunday 30 th July 8.00am	George Sekulla	R Bennett	S MacFarlane M Smith	L Millington M Smith	P Sekulla N Nolan
Sunday 30 th July 10.00am	Malcolm Barraclough	Ranjit Ratnayake	A Semaan V Erskine	A Semaan F Brown	M & M Fernandes- Dodsley J Carson
Sunday 30 th July 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		B Parasuraman J Fernandez	S Rodrigues R Fernandez	A Pravin Leo

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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. **July 22nd:** B & S Machado 53 Lintonmarc Dr, Redcliffe & A Correya 56A Campbell St, Rivervale.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023 Round 18

1st: 111pts: P McLean 2nd: 107pts: C York, 3rd: 106pts: A Walker. 3 tipsters picked 9 winners in Round 18. Close call between 2nd & 5th placing. See notice boards for Top Tipsters.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2023/2024

Still many sets of envelopes to be collected. Just a reminder to please take the same number as last year and tick your name off the list. Please check that all contact details are correct. Direct Debit forms for the Parish & Presbytery Account are available pin the black folder. Thank you for supporting the parish.

Catholic Mission Appeal

THANKYOU for our prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You are helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving health care to the vulnerable in East Timor & throughout the world. There are still envelopes available if you missed out last week. Please give generously by going online to www.catholicmission.org.au/timor using the appeal envelope, or scanning the QR code that is on the noticeboards. Donation envelopes can be placed in the 2nd Collection over the next 2 weeks.

Funeral for the late Mr Phillip Sandon

Friday 28th July: Requiem Mass @ 10am followed by Burial at Karrakatta @ 11.30am.

Parish Fundraiser – Soup & Bingo Night 12th August

In the parish centre, doors open 7pm. Tickets \$20.00 per person. Tables of 8. Ticket includes: Bingo Card, 1 soup of your choice, Bread Roll & Dessert. Cans of cool drink for sale. BYO Alcohol. Door Prize, Money Board also. Tea & coffee available also at no charge. All proceeds to the PBF.

Parish Diary Date

Sunday 6th August Morning Tea & Food Mart

Around the Archdiocese

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Vatican has announced that this Sunday, July 23rd, ahead of the feasts of Sts Joachim & Anne (July 26th) is the third annual World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme of the event as chosen by Pope Francis is **"His mercy is from age to age"** (Lk 1:50) We stop and reflect and give thanks to our Grandparents and the Elderly for the contribution that they have given to our lives and our community.

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has broadened safeguarding to include adults at risk. Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1, is for all church workers, paid or volunteers who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762
E: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.
Online courses: July 25th 7- 8pm. August 7th 10-11am.

Notre Dame Community

Silent Auction – Framed Crucifix

The Crucifix is mounted on a White bevelled edge mirror with gold 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.

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, Charles Pears, Peg & Peter Collins, deceased members of the McGrath & Smith families, Patrick Collum, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, recently deceased Phillip Sandon and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Fran Carter, Marjorie Williams, Blaga Juras, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway & Anthony Murace.

