

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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## FINDING OUR TREASURE

As a young king, Solomon knew that he had much to learn to be the ruler the people of Israel needed him to be. When God invited him to ask for whatever he needed he asked for the gift of discernment between good and evil. Wealth might come and go, but the treasure he needed most of all was the gift of wisdom.

Matthew concludes the parabolic discourse with four parables that emphasise the wisdom that is required to not only recognise what is of lasting value but to hold on to it when we find it. It can be that what is of value is often hidden like the treasure in the field, or needs to be discovered like the pearl, or sorted like the catch that the dragnet brings in. While Jesus spoke of the treasure of the kingdom of God, Matthew has come to see that the pearl of great price is Jesus himself who is the source of our hope and the wisdom we need to live life to the full.

Throughout the eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans, Paul encourages his readers to take heart during the struggles and difficulties that they face as Christians. Our faith itself is a pearl of great price, a gift and treasure that gives us the strength to deal with the struggles and complexities of our lives. God can transform even the darkest moments and our faith helps us to live with hope in the future glory God has prepared for us.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v. 97

R. Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, / is to obey your word. / The law from your mouth means more to me / than silver and gold. R.
2. Let your love be ready to console me / by your promise to your servant. / Let your love come to me and I shall live / for your law is my delight. R.
3. That is why I love your commands / more than finest gold. / That is why I rule my life by your precepts: / I hate false ways. R.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; / therefore I obey it. / The unfolding of your word gives light / and teaches the simple. R.



## SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

#### ■ 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!





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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

**17<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time YR A**  
**30 Sun:** 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in O/T  
**31 Mon:** No Mass  
**01 Aug Tues:** St Alphonsus Liguori  
**02 Wed:** Weekday Mass  
**03 Thu:** St Dominic  
**04 Fri:** St John Vianney  
**05 Sat:** Weekday Mass/ Vigil The Transfiguration of the Lord


**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**

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 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.

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A**

*FINDING A TREASURE. A treasure is not something we earn but something we find. We can spend a lot of our lives wishing and hoping that some treasure will come our way. We can forget that we already possess a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. And the greatest treasure of all is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world.*

**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 5 <sup>th</sup> Aug 6.00pm	Dave Daguit		G Ottaway T Hanson	C Lopera L Nguyen	M Coutinho I Sharp
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S D'Castro	D Rodrigues J Joji	D Rodrigues H Heldt	N Nolan
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug 10.00am	Renato Gomes	A Semaan	C Neville J Branchi	A Semaan V Erskine	R Vadakkel A&M Alacantha
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		V Conier G Godfrey	J & R Fernandez	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. **July 30<sup>th</sup>:** C Smith 137B Bishopgate St Carlisle & B Parasuraman 12A Chester St, Belmont.

**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 in the black folder. Thank you for supporting the parish.

**Parish Fundraiser – Soup & Bingo Night 12<sup>th</sup> August**

In the parish centre, doors open 7pm. Tickets \$20.00 per person. Tables of 6. Ticket includes: Bingo Card, soup of your choice, Bread Roll & Dessert. Cans of cool drink & bottled water for sale. BYO Alcohol. Door Prizes, Money Board also. Tea & coffee available also at no charge. All proceeds to the PBF. Donations for prizes can be left at the parish office or in the sacristy.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

Please give generously to the Vinnies Winter appeal to assist those in need in our local community. Donations can be sent by mail to SVDP in the pre-paid envelopes at the church entrances or placed in the Second Collection. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

**First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Mart**

In the parish centre Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August after the 8am & 10am Masses. Curries, Biryani, Curry Puffs, Spring Rolls & assortment of sweet treats available to purchase. Curry Puffs will be available after the 6pm Vigil Mass @ 5 for \$10.00 All proceeds to the PBF.

**Manicures for our Seniors Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

In the parish centre after the 10am Mass. If you are in your Senior years and wish for a manicure, let Vinh make your hands look good. Cost: Donation of any amount.

**Commitment Mass for Confirmation Candidates**

Next Weekend 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> August children from SMG, Notre Dame Schools & our After School Liturgy will make their Commitment for the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 6pm Vigil & 10am Masses. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**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](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

Online courses: Aug 7<sup>th</sup>: 10-11am & 16<sup>th</sup> Aug: 2-3pm.

**Notre Dame Community**

**Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023 Round 19**

1<sup>st</sup>: 118pts: P McLean 2<sup>nd</sup>: 116pts: C York, 3<sup>rd</sup>: 114pts: A Walker. 2 tipsters picked 9 winners See notice boards for Top Tipsters.

**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.

**Catholic Mission Appeal**

Please give generously to the CM Appeal by going online to [www.catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection. Envelopes still available at both entrances.

**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, John, Victoria & Ralph Jackson, Brian Aitken, Denis & Margaret Saldana, Alton Geer, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, Godofredo Marfil Snr, Luigi Fabriziani, Milan Marfil, recently deceased Peter Fernandez 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.*

**Baptisms:**

*We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community: Maxine Geila Libunao & Cruz Mikael Munvar.*

