

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

3 SEPTEMBER 2023

CHALLENGES OF DISCIPLESHIP

As we listen to Jeremiah pouring his heart out to the Lord, it is not unusual for us to be somewhat embarrassed by his candour. It is as though we are eavesdropping on a very personal and private conversation between the suffering prophet and the God who has commissioned him. There is an enormous battle in the heart of Jeremiah as he wrestles with the message he must proclaim and the impact his preaching has on his own life.

Last week Peter was praised because he had come to understand that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Now he must learn what the consequences mean for Jesus and then for those who follow in his footsteps as disciples. His well-meaning attempt to protect Jesus is misguided and like Jeremiah, he must struggle to accept the paradoxical and costly ways of God.

The Christians of Rome are encouraged by Paul to continue with the struggle to live a life of faith in a world that did not share their values and vision. In a world where there were many temples, gods and sacrificial banquets, Paul goes to the heart of the matter when he calls for an offering of one's life as a living sacrifice to God.

All the readings for today converge in laying the challenge before us of not losing heart, even though at times the difficulties might seem beyond our strength. Making our own the mind of Christ is not easy, but then again, it never was.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; /
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / 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

22nd Week in Ordinary Time YR A

03 Sun: 22nd Sunday O/T

04 Mon: No Mass

05 Tues: Weekday Mass

06 Wed: Weekday Mass

07 Thu: Weekday Mass

08 Fri: Nativity of the BVM

09 Sat: Weekday Mass/ Vigil 23rd
Sunday in 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.

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

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.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD! The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies, but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like, Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

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 9 th Sept 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		Notre Dame School	Notre Dame Staff	B Kareng J Nofal M Coutinho Myles FD
Sunday 10 th Sept 8.00am	Ashley Ribeiro	L Blake	D Rodrigues D Gaskell	P Subrata L Millington	N Nolan
Sunday 10 th Sept 10.00am	Malcolm Barraclough	SMG School	SMG School	SMG Staff & Parish	T Harding S Barker R Vadakkal
Sunday 10 th Sept 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. **2nd September:** A Bernadino 17 Hedges Place Kewdale & O Sigayno 17 Ironbark Place, Maddington.

New Framed Crucifix for Silent Auction

The gold glow in the dark crucifix is mounted on a red crushed velvet background with a gold bevelled edge frame. It measures 57cm x 47cm. If you wish to make a bid or offer on this, please place your name & contact phone number on the sheets provided.

Altar Server Training – Commencing September

If you have a child/children that has received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion who would like become an Altar Server, please email details to the parish or place your name on the list provided. Training will commence Monday 18th September in the Church @ 3.30pm & continue 25th Sept, 2nd & 9th October.

RCIA Commencement for 2023/2024

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Catholic Faith Community, our RCIA commences 12th September 2023 in the parish centre. Please contact Parish Office & details will be passed onto Ann our coordinator.

Morning Tea for First Sunday in September

There will be NO Morning Tea or Mini Food Mart on the First Sunday in September. We are taking a break for a month.

Sacrament of Confirmation – 9th/10th September

Will be celebrated in the parish next weekend. Bishop Don Sproston will be Officiating at the 6pm Vigil & 10am Masses. Please keep the children from Notre Dame School, SMG School & our After School Liturgy Children in your prayers as they make their final preparations for this Sacrament.

Funeral for the coming Week

Thursday 7th September: Mr Tom Falvey – Requiem Mass @ 10.30am in the Church, followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. The Cortage will leave at 12.30pm for Internment at 1pm Guildford Cemetery. Rosary & Viewing Wednesday evening 6th September in the church at 7pm.

Around the Archdiocese

48hr Rosary Bouquet for 'Our Lady's Birthday'

The Legion of Mary invite you to join in our gift for 'Our Lady's Birthday' by placing your name in a time slot for you to pray the rosary. Sheets are available at both sides of the Church. The scrolls will be presented at a special Mass at **St Mary's Cathedral at 12.10pm on Friday 8th September in honour of 'Our Lady's Birthday'**. See notice board for all information.

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

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/>.
Next Session is: Wednesday 20th September 6.30pm – 7.30pm @ St Mary's Catholic Church 21 James St Guildford. You can book online or phone 9221 7762.

Notre Dame Community

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2023

Congratulations to our winners for 2023 Footy Season, 1st: 145pts: C York 2nd: 141pts: P McLean 3rd: 139pts: L Wylie & A Walker. Thank you to John York & Katie Bennett who kept us up to date with the weekly scores, a job well done. Thank you to everyone for supporting this fundraising event for the parish.

Parish Diary Date

7th October: Parish Thanksgiving Mass & Supper, more details to follow next week.

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, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, Helen Randell, John & Anastella Saldanha, Edward & Judith Saldanha, recently deceased Irene Fuentes & Tom Felvey 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.



Happy Father's Day to Dads of all ages.

Have a lovely day!