

GOSPEL

Mt 23: 1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 NOVEMBER 2023

CALLED TO SERVE

Leadership has always been a risky business. With leadership comes prestige and the esteem of others and yet these can be dangerous and murky waters. Those involved in leadership often experience being caught in the tension between the respective privileges and responsibilities that accompany their position. Today's readings converge in their concern to reflect on the nature of authority and how it should be exercised.

At the time Malachi wrote, the people of Israel were in dire need of religious reform and the priests were called to account for their role in creating that situation. If the charge could be laid at the feet of the priests in Malachi's time that they did not care for the people, the same could not be said for Paul. While Paul was called to be an apostle, he was also most concerned to offer the gospel without charge. In the ancient world wandering teachers were usually sponsored financially. Paul avoided such ambiguous relationships by not accepting any help from a community till he had established it and was ready to move on to another.

When Jesus sets out to address the disciples and the people about the scribes and Pharisees it probably sounded fairly safe. Anyone can be comfortable when another person is being subjected to scrutiny and criticism! But the second half of the Gospel suddenly changes direction and disciples in every age are given some guiding principles. Firstly, leadership comes from God, secondly, we belong to one family and thirdly, leadership means service.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R.**
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R.**
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 23: 9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / You have one Father, your Father in heaven; / you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. / 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

31st Week in Ordinary Time YR A
05 Sun: 31st Sunday O/T
06 Mon: No Mass
07 Tues: Weekday Mass
08 Wed: Weekday Mass
09 Thu: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.
10 Fri: St Leo the Great
11 Sat St Martin of Tours/ Vigil
32nd 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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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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER. St Paul was great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God's message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher. Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership embodied in Paul.

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 11th Nov 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		A Correya T Hanson	C Lopera G Ottaway	J Chapin B & F Kareng D Patrick
Sunday 12th Nov 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S Robinson	D Rodrigues Alina Sali	P Subrata D Rodrigues	T Harding N King
Sunday 12th Nov 10.00am	Renato Gomes	Joy Intervencion	In-In Intervencion N Barker	J Branchi M Bijoux	R Vadakkal S Barker A Megee
Sunday 12th Nov 6.00pm	Acolyte Required		M Ward 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. **4th November:** *J Turner U6/30C Chester St, Belmont. & C Conception 148 Waterloo St, Tuart Hill.*

November Memorial Masses 4/5th November

We welcome all Family members to the parish this weekend for our Memorial Masses. Those that have lost a Family Member or close friend in the last 12 months have been invited to light a special candle in their honour. Their names have been placed in front of the altar.

November Mass Offering Envelopes

Are available from either entrance of the Church and the Pews. A basket has been placed at the foot of the altar during the month of November for you to place your offering in for the 'Holy Souls'.

Votive Candles for November

Are available at the front of the Altar. Please place a donation in the candle stand.

St Vincent de Paul 'Poormans Mass'

Thank you to all those that supported the Passing Out Collection last weekend for St Vinnies. They collected **\$1,879.80** to help go towards the ongoing works in the area.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

This Sunday 5th November after the 8am & 10am Masses, a light snack with Tea & coffee will be available. Also for sale we have Curry Puffs, Spring Rolls, Noodles, Curries, Cakes and Assorted Sweets.

Archbishop's Appeal for LifeLink 2023

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink will be held next weekend on 11/12th November 2023. Please collect your copy of the Archbishop's Appeal Letter after Mass this weekend, read his message and please give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's social service agencies. You may mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation for special collection which will be held at Mass next weekend. You may also donate (securely) online by credit card: www.lifelink.com.au

Around the Archdiocese

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 Online Sessions are: 7th November @ 7pm. & 17th November @ 10am.

Mothers Prayers Australia 20th Anniversary Mass

MPA invites Mothers of all ages to a Mass to celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Wednesday 22nd November at 10am at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton. Contact Su Goh E: perth@mothersprayers.org for more information.

Notre Dame Community

Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tuesday 7th November

Doors open 10am. \$10 per person. Sweeps & Raffles are available. Please bring a plate to share for lunch or sweets or both. BYO Drinks. Tea & Coffee are available at no charge. All are invited to attend.

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 Kessler, Augusta Clark Kessler, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, Thomas Falvey, Melissa Betham-Pillae, Steve Betham, Seve Sua, Masi Simeti-Smith, Afele Simeti, deceased members of the Kruh's Family, George & Clarence de Rozario, Fred Gomeze, all whose names that appear at the foot of the Altar 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, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway & Sharon Bridger.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community: *Charlotte Ivy Hall & Penelope Rose Hall.*

