

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

### WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Dr Rosemary Canavan as our reflection writer. Rosemary is Senior Lecturer in New Testament at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. In her reflection, she will briefly consider each of the Scripture readings set down for the Sunday.

We are very grateful and thank Fr Christopher Monaghan CM, for his insightful reflections on the readings over the past three years.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

3 DECEMBER 2023

## WATCHING AND WAITING

The liturgical year begins, Advent dawns, and the readings call us into reflection and renewal of our relationship with God. The prophet Isaiah's plea resounds across the ages, lamenting the current state of affairs. Having already asked God to see how bad things are, he beseeches God "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down." Then and now, God's help is needed to turn our lives around.

The psalm invites us to raise our voices in response "Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved." Paul writing to the Corinthians offers a thanksgiving to God for the revelation of Jesus Christ and prays with all gratefulness so that they, and we, "will not be without any of the gifts of the Holy Spirit while waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ."

In today's Gospel four imperatives emphatically call upon our hearts: "see" and "be alert" come in rapid succession, then "stay awake" is repeated. This warning to stay awake is echoed twice to the disciples in Gethsemane. The beginning of Mark's Gospel announces, "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ" (v1) and "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news" (v15). The ultimate moment of revelation of Jesus comes with the resurrection and the empty tomb. This is our time to turn our hearts to God, to hear the good news, to wait with gratitude and renew our souls before celebrating anew the birth of Jesus, God among us.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## FIRST READING

Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,  
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways  
and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants,  
the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and  
come down — at your Presence the mountains  
would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but  
you act like this for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity  
and keep your ways in mind.  
You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you.  
We were all like men unclean,  
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves  
and our sins blew us away like the wind.  
No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you.  
For you hid your face from us  
and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand.

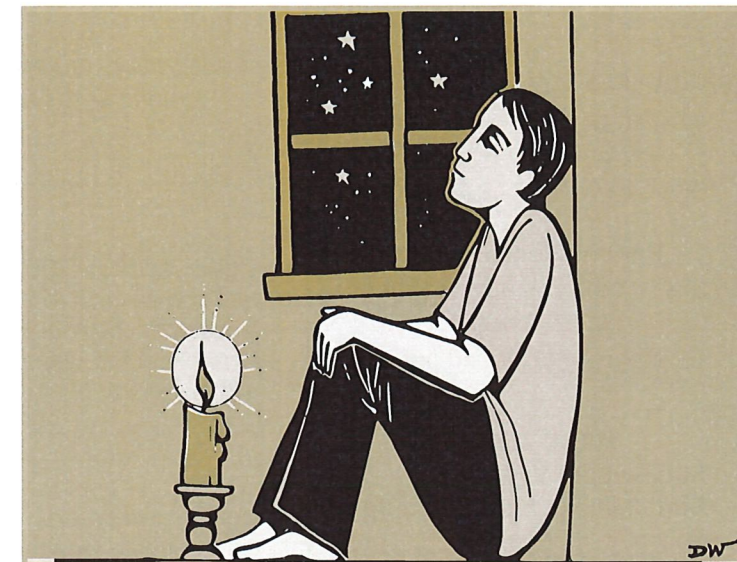
■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see  
your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,/shine forth  
from your cherubim throne./O Lord, rouse up  
your might,/O Lord, come to our help. **R.**



2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,/look  
down from heaven and see./Visit this vine  
and protect it,/the vine your right hand has  
planted. **R.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have  
chosen,/the man you have given your strength./  
And we shall never forsake you again:/give us  
life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:3-9

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

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces  
you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank  
him that you have been enriched in so many  
ways, especially in your teachers and preachers;  
the witness to Christ has indeed been strong  
among you so that you will not be without any  
of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting  
for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he  
will keep you steady and without blame until  
the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
because God by calling you has joined you to  
his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

■ The word of the Lord.





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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

### First Week of Advent YR B

**03 Sun:** First Sunday of Advent  
**04 Mon:** No Mass  
**05 Tues:** Weekday Mass  
**06 Wed:** Weekday Mass  
**07 Thu:** St Ambrose - bishop  
**08 Fri:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**09 Sat:** Weekday Mass/ Vigil 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent YR B

### 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**  
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**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.

### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

*COME LORD JESUS. The Prophet Isaiah implored God to tear the heavens open and come down to save the people. God, however, did not come among us in such a dramatic way but in the humble form of Nazareth. God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways. If we are watchful for the presence of Christ in each day, we will recognise him when he comes in glory.*

### 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	
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	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 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		A Correya P Timms	C Lopera G Ottaway	J Chapin A McPherson
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	L Blake	D Rodrigues M Smith	L Blake D Rodrigues	T Harding N King
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am	Renato Gomes	Joy Intervencion	In-In Intervencion N Baker	J Branchi M Bijoux	R Vadakkal S Barker A Megee
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm	Mikaele Piliae		M Ward J Fernandez	B Borja B Ryan	M Lanarolle J Mai

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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. **2<sup>nd</sup> December:** V Bennett U5/263 Fulham St, Cloverdale & R DeZolt 17 Greenfield Cres Caversham.

### St Vinnie's Christmas Appeal 2023

Baskets have been placed both sides of the church for your donations of in-code non-perishable food items. These will help make up Christmas Hampers to distribute to those in need in our area. Thankyou for your ongoing support of the SVDP.

### Morning Tea & Christmas Carols

Thank you to all that attended the Christmas Carols & Morning Tea on Wednesday just gone. The Notre Dame School choir put on a lovely performance. Thank you also to members of the Legion of Mary that assisted.

### Parish Monthly Morning Tea & Food Stall

Thist Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December after the 8am & 10am Masses a light snack with tea & coffee will be available. Also on sale: Curries, Spring Rolls, Samosa's, cakes & assorted Christmas food items. All proceeds to the PBF.

### Parish Christmas Raffle

Tickets on sale after all Masses – 3 for \$5.00  
Prizes: 3 Pamper Hampers, Christmas Cake, Ginger Bread House, Nescafe Coffee Machine with cups, biscuits & coffee. All proceeds to the PBF.

### Christmas & Simbang Gabi Flyers

Available from both sides of the church, please take one of each home and place on fridge.

### Christmas Rosters

Blank Rosters for Christmas have been placed at school side entrance of the church. Please fill in where you are available to assist. The 6pm Christmas Vigil Family Mass we invite children of school age up to 18 years inclusive to Commentate, Read, Altar Serve & Prayers of the Faithful.

### Funeral Details for the late Mrs Margaret McLean

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December: **Requiem Mass @ 10am** in Notre Dame Church followed by Cremation, Brown Chapel Karrakatta Cemetery **@ 11am.**

## 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](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.  
Next Online Session: December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.

### The Record Magazine & Australian Catholics Magazine

are both available at both entrances. Good articles in both. Please take a copy of each home for a good read.

## Notre Dame Community

### Columban Calendars 2024 & SVDP Christmas Cards

Are available for purchase, school side entrance to the church. Calendars - **\$10.00 each & Cards \$3.00 per pack of 5.** We only have a small supply of both so get in quick.

### Parish Diary Dates

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

**Parish AGM:** 10<sup>th</sup> December @ 11.15am in the Parish Centre.

### 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, deceased members of the Xavier Family, Margaret McLean, Osvaldo DeZolt and all souls in Purgatory.*

### Parishioners who are unwell:

*Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Rathnayake, Fran Carter, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway, Tina Murace & Alan Jones.*

### Baptism:

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community: *Xavier Finn Hope.*

