



NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parish of Belmont-Redcliffe and Cloverdale
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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

Fourth Week of Advent YR B

- 24 Sun:** Third Sunday of Advent
- 25 Mon:** Christmas Day
- 26 Tues:** St Stephen
- 27 Wed:** St John the Apostle
- 28 Thu:** The Holy Innocents
- 29 Fri:** 5th Day in Octave
- 30 Sat:** 6th Day in Octave/ Vigil The Holy Family

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
360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105
6272 7100 | www.nds.wa.edu.au

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B

A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD. King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar for a dwelling place but the womb of the virgin Mary. God continues to dwell among us in Mary's son, Jesus Christ, whose body is the Church. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary, may continue to give Christ to the 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 A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery BSB: 086 006 Account #: 140 608 771 Reference: Name	Second Collection EFT Details A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish BSB: 086 006 Account #: 667 172 433 Reference: Name
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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 30th Dec 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		T Khoo R Bennett	L Nguyen G Ottaway	A Khoo
Sunday 31st Dec 8.00am	George Sekulla	C Neville	S Macfarlane D Rodrigues	L Millington M Smith	P Sekulla
Sunday 31st Dec 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	Ranjit Ratnayake	F Brown A Semaan	J Jong T Seputro	C & C Empleo T Harding
Sunday 31st Dec 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		T Fernandez N Barker	B Ryan SM Required	S Barker 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. **23rd December:** M & B Jackson 6 Hedges Place Kewdale & Tresa Fernandez, 4 Dod Green, Cloverdale.

Simbang Gabi 2023

Simbang Gabi 2023 has concluded with the final Mass celebrated by Bishop Donald Sproston, Auxilliary Bishop of Perth. All Masses were well attended by parishioners and visitors to the parish. Thank you to the Gabagy Family and to all those that sponsored the 9 nights.

Christmas Rosters

Most spaces have been filled for our Christmas Celebrations but we still have 4 vacant spaces:
9pm Vigil: Altar Server. 8am Christmas Morning: Special Minister. 10am Mass: Acolyte & Reader.
Please place name if you are able to assist.

New Years Day Mass – January 1st 2024

'*Mary the Holy Mother of God*' Solemnity will be held in the Church commencing @ 6pm.

Christmas Offering Envelopes

Available from both church entrances to take home and return over the Christmas Masses. The offerings given go to the Renumeration Fund for the Priests and distributed to those Priest in remote areas, retired Priests or where the parish has a low income.

Parking around the Church and School

Please be aware of the parking signs in Daly St & streets surrounding the church and school. Park in designated parking spots and areas. Remember to remove or hide all valuables in your car and lock before coming into church. Not everyone practices the commandment of '*thou shall not steal*'.

SVDP Christmas Appeal – Thankyou

The members of the Belmont/Cloverdale Conference would like to thank all who donated groceries to our Christmas hamper appeal. Because of your generous support and the assistance of the Catholic Schools in our area we were able to deliver 71 hampers to needy families and individuals.

Around the Archdiocese

Perth Racing Mass – Thursday 28th December 2023

To be held at Ascot Racecourse Members Lounge commencing at 7.00pm. Park in Members Car Park and follow the signs. We ask you to be seated by 6.45pm. Main Celebrant: Mons. Timothy Corcoran. All are invited to attend.

Memoirs of B J Hickey, Emeritus Archbishop of Perth

Emeritus Archbishop Hickey has completed his memoirs titled '*My Spirit Land*'. It is a fascinating and insightful read, documenting not only the last 80+ years of the Catholic Church in WA, Priests, Cardinals, Popes and Catholic agencies and policies, but also the journey of one of our Archbishops who was called to the priesthood in Western Australia.

This is now available for purchase @ **\$44.95** per copy. Details of how to purchase are on the notice boards.

Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain & France – June 2024

Join Monsignor Michael Keating for 16days, 13 Nights departing on 6th June 2024 returning on 21st June 2024. For more information contact Anawim Journeys on 6118 7313. See notice board for all contacts.

Notre Dame Community

Parish Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all those that supported the Christmas Raffle for 2023 we raised another \$460 for the PBF. Congratulations to Bernie Ryan, Ada Piva, Thao Doan, Noel Row, Maurice Lam & Marie who were our lucky winners.

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, Tom Falvey, Vince Juras, Blaga Juras recently deceased Bill Spini, Edward Hocek 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 & Allan Jones.

Baptism:

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community; *Adam Junior Burke (AJ).*



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

24 DECEMBER 2023

THE ANNUNCIATION

On the eve of Christmas, today's Gospel reminds us of how the birth of Jesus is possible. Luke's narrative describes God sending the Angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee. It is a familiar story to us, yet nothing of it is in our realm of experience.

This event is reported in a series of stories paralleling the annunciation and birth accounts of John the Baptist and Jesus. The narrative will present John as herald of the arrival of Jesus as Messiah when the time of his public ministry arrives, fulfilling God's promise.

Rightly this is an account of God's activity via Gabriel announcing first to Zechariah and then to Mary. Here is a moment bathed in God's grace. God's incarnation will occur in a natural human manner, born of a woman. Yet take a focus on Mary and imagine again the appearance of an angel. No surprise that she might be perplexed (Luke 1:29). Yet Mary responds, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." (v. 38).

Mary also hears of her cousin Elisabeth's fortunate conception and sets off to see her. Their meeting, the centrepiece of the double annunciations and births, reveals these two women in embrace, together they usher in the birth of the Son of God. Today, the focus is on Mary's embrace of her mission but she is part of a larger story, God's story. Mary is a courageous woman who in the face of an impossible challenge steps forward in faith.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel
The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 88: 2-5, 27, 29. R. cf. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts



for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; / I have sworn to David my servant: / I will establish your dynasty for ever / and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, / my God, the rock who saves me.' / I will keep my love for him always; / for him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

■ **The word of the Lord.**