

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 3: 16

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! / God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, / that all who believe in him might have eternal life. / Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Jn 3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD’S LOVE, GIFT AND GRACE

On this *Laetare* Sunday (so called for the first word of the liturgy is “rejoice”) we find in the Letter to the Ephesians: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” (2:8). To contemplate this statement is to begin to understand the generous mercy and love of God for each of us.

This reading follows 2 Chronicles that recounts the fall of Jerusalem, despite the compassion of God for the people, but then King Cyrus of Persia liberating the exiles. So as the passage begins in Ephesians we see the continuity with God, who is rich in mercy. Three times “grace” is repeated: “by grace you have been saved,” “the immeasurable riches of God’s grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus” and “for by grace you have been saved through faith.” This reiteration accentuates the love of God and invites us to know that “we are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

John’s Gospel reminds us “God so loved the world that he gave his only son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (3:16). With his clear illumination of light and darkness, John affirms that “those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

How will we respond to God’s love, gift and grace?

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

10 MARCH 2024

FIRST READING

2 Chron 36: 14-16, 19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 136. R. v. 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon / there we sat and wept, / remembering Zion: / on the poplars that grew there / we hung our harps. **R.**



2. For it was there that they asked us, / our captors, for songs, / our oppressors, for joy. / ‘Sing to us,’ they said, / ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ **R.**

3. O how could we sing / the song of the Lord / on alien soil? / If I forget you, Jerusalem, / let my right hand wither! **R.**

4. O let my tongue / cleave to my mouth / if I remember you not, / if I prize not Jerusalem / above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it.

■ 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

Fourth Week of Lent YR B
10 Sun: 4th Sunday of Lent
11 Mon: No Mass
12 Tues: 4th Week of Lent
13 Wed: 4th Week of Lent
14 Thu: 4th Week of Lent
15 Fri: 4th Week of Lent
16 Sat: 4th Week of Lent/ Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent

- 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.

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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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH. During the season of Lent we humbly acknowledge the ways in which we have failed to respond to our Christian vocation. We do this before a God who is infinitely rich in mercy and grace, who sent the Son into the world not to condemn it but to be its saviour. Acknowledging our failings and accepting healing and forgiveness from Christ prepares us to celebrate the feast of Easter with great joy.

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 16th Mar 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		M Jackson R Bennett	Sr Margaret T Khoo	S Lopera F & B Kareng J Olaso
Sunday 17th Mar 8.00am	Jerome Can Truong	S Robinson	M Piliae C Neville	D Rodrigues L Millington	C Rozario
Sunday 17th Mar 10.00am	Renato Gomes	Ranjit Ratnayake	V Erskine T Gomes	R Ratnayake F Brown	M & M Fernandes
Sunday 17th Mar 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		T Fernandez S Garcia	T Doan J Manning	A P Leo J Mai

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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. **9th March 2024:**
M Tatum U6/293 Epsom Ave Redcliffe & V Everett 14 Treffone St Redcliffe & L King 3 Pratt St, Cloverdale.

Project Compassion Boxes & Envelopes

This week we are focusing on Memory's Story from Malawi & how Caritas Australia helped with a Carpentry course. Your donation through Project Compassion can help many more like Memory. Please take a box or envelopes or both. The theme for this year **"For all Future Generations"**. If you wish for a receipt for Taxation purposes, please mark box clearly.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

There are Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends: 20/21 April - Live-out. Tuat Hill 9/10 November - Live-in. Currambine. For more information, contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493534865.
E: WAbookings@wwme.org.au Visit www.wwme.org.au
The parish will be visited by WWME Members next weekend 16/17th March to give brief talk on what the weekends involve.

Easter Raffle 2024

Tickets on Sale after all Masses – 3 for \$5.00. Prizes: 3 Easter Hampers & Easter Cake. All proceeds to the PBF. If you would like to assist with the hampers, donations of chocolate items can be left at the parish office or in the church.

Easter Rosters and Flyers

Blank Rosters have been placed school side entrance of the church. Please place your name where you are available for the Triduum Celebrations & Easter Sunday. Easter Flyers available with all Mass & Service Times on.

Parish Morning Tea and Food Stall

Thanks to all that attended Morning Tea & purchased curry's another \$590 was added to the PBF. And \$57 for Project Compassion.

Funeral details for the late Mr John D'Souza

A Funeral Service will be held in the Church @11am on Tuesday 12th March.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday @ 6pm in the Church during Lent.

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 for 'March' are: Thursday 14th @ 2pm, Friday 22nd @ 10am & Tuesday 26th @ 7pm.

Notre Dame Community

Parish Dinner Dance Fundraiser April 6th 2024

Tickets all sold for the 'Parish Dinner Dance' to be held at Redcliffe Hall on Saturday 6th April 2024. Doors open at 5.30pm. Ticket includes Dinner, Sweets, Tea & Coffee. BYO Drinks & Drinkware. Theme: Floral. Prizes for Best Dressed. Raffles on the night. So Bring extra change.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024

Season has commenced, but not too late to get your form in. Late entries excepted but no points will be awarded for games played. \$10.00 per entry and all details are the forms. Return completed Forms to John York, the Parish Office or place in an envelope and put in the 2nd collection. The more entries the bigger the prizes.

Silent Auction – Framed Crucifix

Decorative white frame, blue velvet surround on a beveled edge mirror, blue diamantes with glow in the dark cross. Sheets available both sides of the Church for you to place name, bid and contact details.

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, Ivan Richards, deceased members of the Richards Family, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, recently deceased John D'Souza and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Wilton Ottaway, Allan Jones & Honey Heldt.

Baptisms:

We welcome to our Catholic Faith community: *Aurelia Violet & Atticus Alan Price Banks & Aletheia Grace Hawley.*

