**GOSPEL** Jn 12: 20-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus'. Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

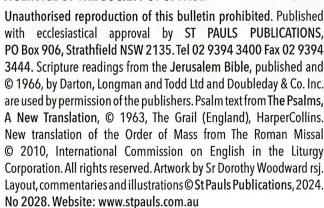
A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

#### A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL



# Breaking Open the Word



## THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / B

17 MARCH 2024

#### A MATTER OF TIME

In this fifth week of Lent, we approach the crux of our belief. We are drawing near to our journey through Passion Sunday and Holy Week. Jeremiah heralds: "See the days are coming" and Jesus in the Gospel of John proclaims, "Now the hour has come!" These times are both important in their own context yet also mark God's time.

Jeremiah's prophetic words announce God's new covenant with the House of Israel, a covenant which God writes on their hearts that "I will be your God and you will be my people" (Jer 31:33).

As John's passage opens, it is the time of the Passover and some Greeks want to see Jesus. Their seeking of Jesus affirms the words of the Pharisees earlier "the world has gone after him" (John 12:19). The Greeks approach Philip as he has a Greek name, and Philip goes with Andrew, to Jesus. With the Greeks seeking him, Jesus recognises that the gathering has begun, "the world has gone after him," so he announces, "the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23). An Amen saying follows: "Very truly (Amen, amen), I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). In this image of a grain of wheat is firstly the revelatory sense of Jesus' fate, destiny and mission. Secondly it is the way to see the disciples and our own lives and mission.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan** 

#### FIRST READING

Jer 31: 31-34

#### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

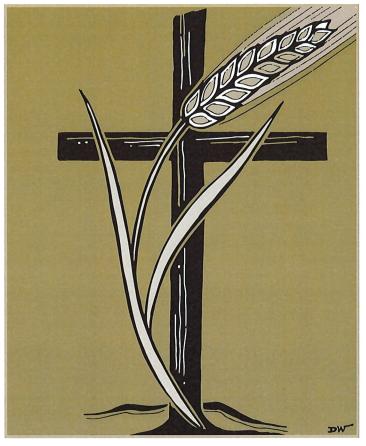
The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50: 3-4, 12-15. R. v. 12 R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

- 1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. / In your compassion blot out my offence. / O wash me more and more from my guilt / and cleanse me from my sin. R.
- 2. A pure heart create for me, O God, / put a steadfast spirit within me. / Do not cast me away from your presence, / nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
- 3. Give me again the joy of your help; / with a spirit of fervour sustain me, / that I may teach transgressors your ways / and sinners may return to you. R.



#### **SECOND READING**

Heb 5: 7-9

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

■ The word of the Lord.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 12: 26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! / If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; / and where I am, my servant will also be. / Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!



#### **PARISH PRESBYTERY & OFFICE**

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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

#### Fifth Week of Lent YR B

**17 Sun:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent **18 Mon:** No Mass

19 Tues: St Joseph
20 Wed: 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent YR 4
21 Thu: 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent

22 Fri: 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent 23 Sat: 5<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent/ Vigil Palm

Sunday

#### 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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#### **PARISH SCHOOLS**





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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.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

THE HOUR HAS COME. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be a source of new life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

#### 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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER								
Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers			
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		M Carino I Iwansantoso	C Nguyen I Iwansantoso	M & M Coutinho D & C Oee			
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	L Blake	S Robinson C Parnham	L Turuva S Robinson	N Nolan N King			
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar 10.00am	Andy Nguyen	Filipa Brown	B Parasuraman S Bradshaw	J Jong T Seputro	A Benjamin J & L Carson			
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		T Fernandez S Garcia	B Ryan S Rodrigues	S Barker M Lanarolle			

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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 Maskwearing 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 <u>www.massforyou.com.au</u>

#### 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. **16**<sup>th</sup> **March 2024**: M Tatum U6/293 Epsom Ave Redcliffe & Piliae Family 1 Rendition Place Redcliffe.

#### **Project Compassion Boxes & Envelopes**

The theme for this year "For all Future Generations". Your donation to Caritas Australia through Project Compassion will go towards working to eradicate poverty and injustice. 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. Tuart Hill 9/10 November – Live-in. Currambine. For more information, contact Brendon or Valerie on 0493534865.

E: <u>WAbookings@wwme.org.au</u> Visit <u>www.wwme.org.au</u> The parish will be visited by WWME Members this weekend 16/17<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Special Note of Thanks – World Day of Prayer

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March the Parish hosted the WDOP 2024, where all denominations in the area were invited to participate in an Ecumenical Service for the Women of Palestine. We had 80 people attend. Thank you to all that attended from our parish and to all those that helped with the catering, setting up of the parish centre and cleaning up on the day. Your time was greatly appreciated.

#### **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: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> @

10am & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> @ 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 6<sup>th</sup> Appril 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. Results will be posted after Round 2.

#### 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, Alfred Taylor, Brian Aitken, Denis & Margaret Jackson, John, Victoria & Ralph

Margaret Jackson, John, Victoria & Ralph Jackson, Erlinda Barcebal, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's family, Alberto Lalli Cafini, Michael, Florence, Rosalind, Josephine & Phillip Sandon, Clement Talbot, Denzil Devisser recently deceased Anna Maria Thi Ngan Chu, Maria Thi Hanh Ngo 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.