Breaking Open the Word

The Saving Word

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time / A

23 August 2026

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church / the gates of hell will not hold out against it. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Who is Jesus? What would I want to say to him? Today's Gospel brings us to one of the most important questions posed by the evangelist to the Gospel's audience – and to us: Who is Jesus for us?

Jesus first asks the disciples about the gossip circulating concerning him and who they believe him to be. Their response reflects how the disciples understand Jesus and how they will follow him as they draw closer to Jerusalem, the city where Jesus' ministry will conclude in his death and resurrection. The disciples respond to Jesus' question as to what others say about him: He is John the Baptiser, or Elijah who will return at the end of time, or one of the prophets. Then Jesus asks them, 'Who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter, speaking for the group, acknowledges Jesus as 'the Christ', the Greek for the Hebrew word 'Messiah', literally 'the anointed one'. Jesus is God's emissary anointed with the Spirit. Jesus affirms Peter's response as divinely inspired and declares that Peter – *Petros*, 'rock' – will be the foundation or 'rock-base' for the growth of the Jesus movement.

For Matthew's audience, this is an affirmation of the movement's authority through time and history. It is within this graced community that we gather today. As contemporary followers of Jesus, we are invited to give our response personally and communally as to Jesus' identity: Who do you, who do we say Jesus is? Our response will shape how we act, with whom we engage and the kind of community of Jesus' followers we will be.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Isa 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

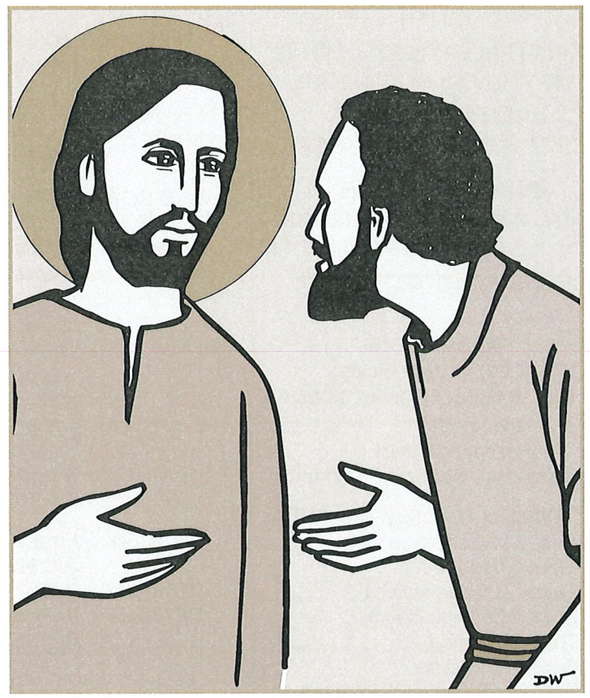
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**



3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

■ **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

21st Week in Ordinary Time YR A
23 Sun: 21st Sunday in O/T
24 Mon: No Mass
25 Tues: 21st week in O/T
26 Wed: 21st week in O/T
27 Thu: St Monica
28 Fri: St Augustine
29 Sat: The Passion of John the Baptist/ Vigil 22nd 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 6.00pm

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
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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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? Jesus asks his disciples this question in today's Gospel. He asks us the same question. He is not seeking a textbook response or for us to repeat what others have said about him. He wants to hear our personal response. May we answer his question as truthfully as possible, and then listen as he speaks to us.

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 29th Aug 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		G Batienza M Carino	C Joyce M Jackson	A McPherson R Vadakkel
Sunday 30th Aug 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	R Bennett	J Oshie K Nguyen	L Millington S Robinson	B Oshie
Sunday 30th Aug 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	A Semaan	F Brown B Parasuraman	J Jong F Brown	L Carson
Sunday 30th Aug 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		L Blake S Irene	J & R Fernandez	F & B Kareng

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish
We are now into the Winter months and there are many Viruses & Flu's/colds are in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better. ***Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network*** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

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***. 22nd August 2026***
V & P Vu 361 Daly St, Cloverdale & S & R Garcia
15 Chester St, Belmont.

Visitation to the Parish of Bishop Nelson Po
We welcome our newly Ordained Bishop, Nelson Po Auxilliary Bishop of Perth to the parish this weekend to celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass. Please join us in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass for Morning Tea.

St Vinnies Winter Appeal 2026
Thank you to all those that donated to the Winter Appeal your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Dinner & Bingo Night Saturday 26th September
In the Parish Centre, doors open ***7.00pm***. Tickets ***$30.00*** each. BYO Drinks, Tea & Coffee available. Tickets available after all Masses or from the Parish Office during Office hours, or until sold out. Get in quick, only 100 spaces available. Donations for prizes are being sort after, these can be left in the Sacristy or dropped off at the Parish Office during working hours.

Parish Donation QR Code
A QR Code has been set up for the parish to make it easier to make a donation. Scan the QR Code and follow the prompts. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.

Church Parking
When parking around the Church on weekends, please observe the ***'No Parking Signs'*** on the verges in Daly Street and the yellow line markings.
The City of Belmont Rangers work on the weekends and will hand out infringement notices.

48 Hour Perpetual Rosary Bouquet
The Legion of Mary invite you to join in our gift for ***'Our Lady's Birthday*** by placing your name in a time slot for you to pray the rosary. Sheets are availble at both sides of the Church.The scrolls will be presented at a special Mass at ***St Mary's Cathedral*** on ***Tuesday 8th September @ 12.10pm.*** See notice board for all information.

Quote for the Week
We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." — St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course
Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers. The training provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. It is a self-paced online learning module. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction
Email: **safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au** or **https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/.**

Notre Dame Community

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2026 Round 23
145Pts: M Iannantuoni **143Pts:** C Parnham, G Robinson **141Pts:** B Poole & C Innantuoni. Last round this weekend and it is a close race to the finish. Good luck to you all at the top. See Notice board for 'Top Tipsters'.

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: *Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, Edward & Judith Saldanha, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Rose Marie Shepherd, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:
Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Myrna, Ranjit, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), John Vuleta, Liz Mulder, Lena Kennedy, Marjorie Sandon, Sr Terri Emslie (Presentation Sr), Alecia Hamilton (Quain), John O'Rourke & Joyce Fardy.

