Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A — 30 AUGUST 2026

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Gospel follows on immediately from last Sunday's Gospel and the question posed to Jesus' disciples in Matthew's day, and to us, about his identity. Jesus then outlines what awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death and resurrection. These words seem either incomprehensible to his disciples, represented by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter's reaction, following God's anointed one on a path of suffering, death and resurrection is unfathomable. The disciples imagine a triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome Roman opposition. Success and status are their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder that suffering is not excluded from discipleship. Life's tragedies and concerns are not the opposite of following Jesus; they can be authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not called to seek suffering nor to become victims. Rather, suffering can be integrated into genuine discipleship. These are important insights especially for some who think that they must 'prove' their loyalty to Jesus by seeking out further pain or suffering. We know that suffering is part of life; we need not look for it further. We are surrounded by a world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those who gather with us in our Assembly, especially those borne silently or through violence, including domestic violence.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let
myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the
stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

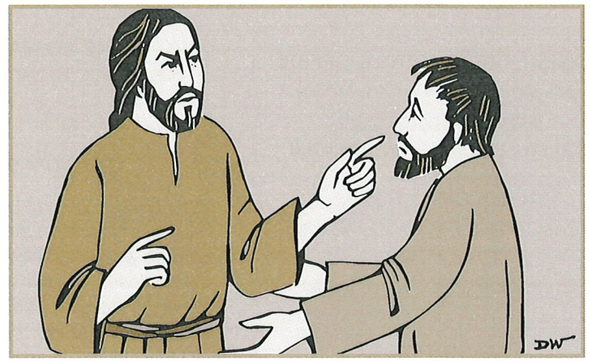
Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!



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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

22nd Week in Ordinary Time YR A
30 Sun: 22nd Sunday in O/T
31 Mon: No Mass
01 Sept Tues: 22nd week in O/T
02 Wed: 22nd week in O/T **(Whole School Mass – Father's Day)**
03 Thu: 22nd week in O/T
04 Fri: 22nd week in O/T **(Whole School Mass)**
05 Sat: 22nd week in O/T / Vigil 23rd 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
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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD! The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

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 5th Sept 6.00pm	Raven Ocanada		T Hanson C Joyce	M Jackson C Lopera	A McPherson I Rajakaruna N Foneska
Sunday 6th Sept 8.00am	Joe Saldanha	S D'Castro	K Nguyen C Parnham	K Nguyen S D'Castro	N King
Sunday 6th Sept 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	C Neville	J Branchi A Semaan	T Seputro F Brown	J Cheung Z Chong
Sunday 6th Sept 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		G Godfrey V Conier	P & J Pereyra	J Mai

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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***. 29th August 2026***
A Bernadino 17 Hedges Place Kewdale & L King
3 Pratt St Cloverdale.

Visitation to the Parish of Bishop Nelson Po
Bishop Nelson would like to extend his sincerce thanks to all that attended the Thanksgiving Mass in the parish last Sunday. He was humbly appreciative of the well wishes and the gift given to him by the parish. As he stated, the biggest gift can be everyone keeping him in your prayers as he journey's through his role as Bishop. A big thankyou also to the Social/Fundraising committee for organising the Parish Centre & Catering for the Morning Tea.

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.

RCIA
Welcome into our Catholic Faith Community the 8 RCIA Candidates who were received into the Church, through Baptism and also received the Sacraments of First Holy Eucharist & Confirmation. Thank you also to the RCIA Team and sponsors.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea
As it is Father's Day next Sunday – September 5th, there will be NO Morning Tea or Food Stall after the 8am & 10am Masses.

Notre Dame Youth Group – Spring Walk
Saturday @ 9am 19 September. Location: Lions Lookout off Welshpool Road, Lesmurdie, just east of Crystal Brook Road. Meet up at Lesmurdie Lions Lookout Bring a plate to share. Barbecue facility is available.
Please write down your name on the Expression of Interest form and fill out the consent form available at both entrances of the church. See posters for details and things to bring.

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/.**

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.

Notre Dame Community

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2026 Final Results
151Pts: M Iannantuoni & C Parnham **149Pts:** G Robinson **148Pts:** C Innantuoni. See Notice board for 'Top Tipsters'. Thank you again to all that entered & thank you to Katie Bennett for doing the Tipping for 2026.

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*: deceased members of the Xavier Family, deceased and members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Chua Teck Hee, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, recently deceased Sr Bernadette Nguyen Thi To, 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.

Baptism:
We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community
Lucas James Frederick Cao, Elyse Marie Amelia Cao, Joshua Grogan, Lucy Redmond & Thomas Redmond.