Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A — 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

GOSPEL

Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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SEEK RECONCILIATION

Last Sunday reminded us that following Jesus is not free from struggle. Challenges, even misunderstandings, will be part of the disciple's vocation. This Sunday, the evangelist moves deeper to highlight further concerns that beset the community of disciples—internal struggles, tensions, even rejection.

The evangelist draws on the wisdom of Jesus to address these realities and suggests a three-step process towards reconciliation. It begins with personal dialogue. The one wronged seeks to invite the wrongdoer to reconciliation. If this fails, witnesses to what has happened verify the authenticity of the issues and encourage resolution. If this fails then the whole faith community, the *ekklesia*, witness to the wrong that has created the division, inviting the wrong doer to a change of heart and reconciliation.

Even if this third step fails then Matthew advises to treat the wrong doer 'like a pagan or tax collector.' In other words, as Jesus welcomed strangers and invited a tax collector to become one of his disciples, the door must always be left open. The final words of the Gospel contain Jesus' assurance that he is always present to even a small discipleship gathering, of even two or three, no matter what they are dealing with.

Today's Gospel is as relevant for our day as it was in the time of Matthew. No faith community is tension free. Disagreements arise and, sometimes, are not easily resolved by faith leaders. Rather than gossiping or character assassination, personal approaches that invite conflict resolution and community building are essential. In everything, Jesus is present.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

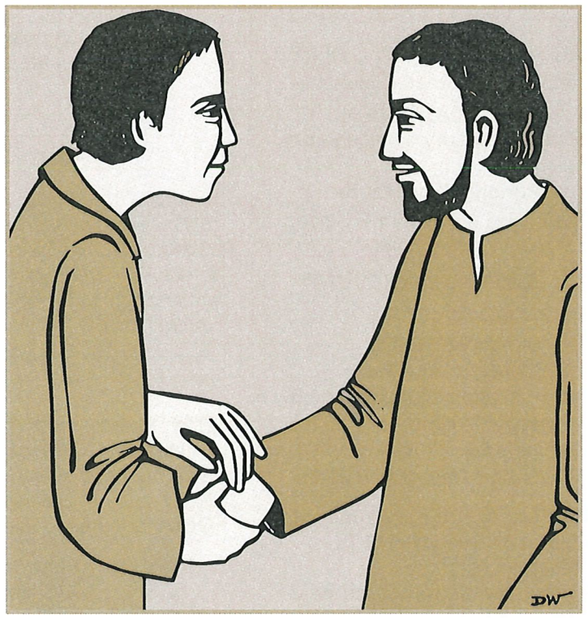
Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! / God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; / and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. / 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

23rd Week in Ordinary Time YR A
06 Sun: 23rd Sunday in O/T
07 Mon: No Mass
08 Tues: The Nativity of the BVM
09 Wed: 23rd week in O/T
10 Thu: 23rd week in O/T
11 Fri: 23rd week in O/T
12 Sat: 23rd week in O/T / Vigil 24th 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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St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

I SHALL BE THERE WITH THEM. Every Christian community experiences difficulties in one form or another. Misunderstandings occur, divisions arise. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ is present in our communities even when they are broken, when only two or three meet in his name. Healing occurs when we seek to embody in our communities the qualities of Christ, especially forgiveness and mutual love.

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 12th Sept 6.00pm	Joe Saldanha	**Sacrament of Confirmation**	**SMG Students**	**SMG Staff**	M & M Coutinho R Vadakkel
Sunday 13th Sept 8.00am	Jerome Can Truong	M Soares	D Rodrigues J Oshie	L Millington C Parnham	B Oshie
Sunday 13th Sept 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	**Sacrament of Confirmation**	**Notre Dame Students**	**Notre Dame Staff**	L Carson Z Chong
Sunday 13th Sept 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		N Barker S Garcia	J Manning B Ryan	F & B Kareng

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish
We are now into the Spring months and there are still 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***. 5th September 2026***
M Sann 282 Daly St Belmont & L King 3 Pratt St Cloverdale.

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.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation
The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish next weekend ***12/13th September***. The childen from SMG School and our After School Liturgy will be Confirmed at the Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass and the Children from Notre Dame Primary Sunday morning at the 10am Mass .Please keep all these children, their parents and teachers in your prayers.

Social Committee/Fundraising Committee Meeting
Thursday 10th September @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

RCIA – New Term
Will recommence on Tuesday 15th September @ 7pm in the Parish Centre. If you know of any one interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the Rosemary or the Parish Office.

Anointing Mass for September
Due to Whole School Mass on Friday 4th September, the Anointing Mass was postponed and will be held on Friday 11th September.

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

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

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*: Uvy & harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, Maria Nguyen Thi Tu, John Chia, Mary Ng, Albert Chia, Aaron Toug, deceased and members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, 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
Timothy Fin Dela Torre

Happy Father's Day to all Dad's have a wonderful day!