‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said, “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me,” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

FORGIVE FROM THE HEART

Have you ever been hurt by another? How do you act? Can you forgive? Hurts, misunderstanding and at times serious ruptures can occur amongst Jesus’ members. The question which Peter asks Jesus is relevant: ‘How often should one forgive another? Seven times?’ Jesus replies, ‘Seventy times seven,’ meaning forgiveness is beyond calculation.

Jesus then offers a parable to highlight the essential truth about forgiving others ‘from the heart’. The story involves two servants. One owes his king 1000 talents. In Matthew’s day a talent was worth a year’s wage. The servant owes the king 1000 years’ wages! An impossible debt to honour, even though the servant promises to pay it in time. The king, out of compassion, cancels the debt. Whew! Leaving the judgement hall, that same servant comes across a fellow servant who owes 100 denarii. A denarius is a day’s wage, so the debt is a hundred days’ wages, a paltry sum by comparison. But in this second scenario, compassion and debt cancellation are absent. The king gets to hear of this and imprisons the first servant for his lack of forgiveness.

Meanness of spirit and forgiveness of heart will have their divine repercussions, the point of the final words of today’s Gospel. Matthew’s Jesus invites us to reflect upon our own forgiving and compassionate spirit towards those who have hurt or wronged us. As we pray in the Lord’s Prayer, ‘…forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.’ The measure of our forgiveness is ultimately not God but our own hearts.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING Sir 27:30–28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Forgive your neighbour’s faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience
the vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by
the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not
bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and
overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8

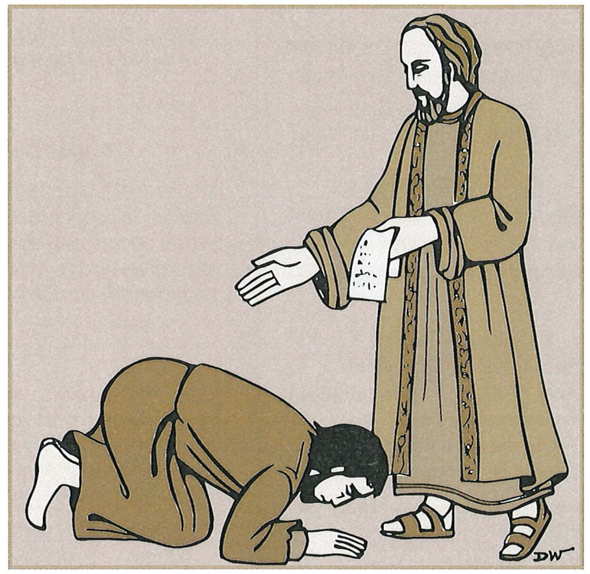
**R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. His wrath will come to an end; / he will not be angry for ever. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. / As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. **R.**



SECOND READING Rom 14: 7-9

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

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia! / I give you a new commandment: / love one another as I have loved you. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 18: 21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.



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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

24th Week in Ordinary Time YR A
13 Sun: 24th Sunday in O/T
14 Mon: No Mass
15 Tues: Our Lady of Sorrows
16 Wed: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
17 Thu: 24th week in O/T
18 Fri: 24th week in O/T
19 Sat: 24th week in O/T / Vigil 25th 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

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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- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

HOW OFTEN MUST I FORGIVE? There is much truth in the proverb, 'to err is human, to forgive divine.' We all make mistakes. We all do or say things we later regret. And yet, when others wrong us, we can find it beyond our human strength to forgive. As we celebrate the mystery of Christ's love today, let us ask Jesus to heal our divisions and fill our hearts with his spirit of forgiveness.

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 19th Sept 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		G Batienza M Jackson	P Subrata C Lopera	D Patrick S Lopera J Santos
Sunday 20th Sept 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S Robinson	P Palmez C Neville	D Rodrigues S Robinson	B Oshie N King
Sunday 20th Sept 10.00am	Andy Minh Nguyen	F Brown	B Parasuraman C D'Souza	J Branchi J Jong	J Cheung
Sunday 20th Sept 6.00pm	Dave Daguit		S Fernandez L Blake	T Doan V Borja	D Daguit

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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).

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.

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***. 12th September 2026***
H & V Heldt 31 Morago Cres Cloverdale & 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.

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.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation
This weekend we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for St Maria Goretti Students & After School Liturgy Children @ the 6pm Vigil and Notre Dame Students @ the 10am Mass. May the children, teachers and family members be blessed with Holy Spirit.
We welcome all visitors to the parish for this occassion.

New book by Fr Stephen Truscott SM
Fr Stephen Truscott SM has published ***A Companion Along the Way***: Bearings for the Inner Journey, a reflective book on finding deeper direction through times of change, uncertainty and spiritual growth. Drawing on the Christian contemplative tradition and using the Southern Cross as its central image, it is available in paperback and eBook through Amazon.
Further information: www.fullnessoflife.org/resources

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Sunday – 13th September 2026
This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

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/.**

Australian Catholics Magazine – Spring Edition
Available from both sides of the Church. Take a copy, free to all good homes.

Notre Dame Community

Date for the Diary
Tuesday 3rd November: 70th Anniversary Celebrations of 'St Maria Goretti's School. Please see Notice Board for all 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*: Arthur Douglas, William 'Bill' Napoli, Marivel Rabino, Michael James Murray, Stephen Flynn, deceased and members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Nicoletta Del Borrello, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, recently deceased Edward (Eddie) Spini, Celine Fernandes 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 & Eddie Spini.

Baptism:
We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community
Marcus Jaye Hall & Maeve Lily Hall.