THE SAVING WORD
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A
18 OCTOBER 2026

Breaking Open the Word

WHO IS OUR GOD?

Homilists today may be tempted to use this Gospel as an encouragement to honour taxation: every citizen contributes to the common good, and perhaps parishioners might even be urged to contribute a little more to the parish coffers. After all, Jesus does say, 'Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar!' While we certainly have a responsibility to support those social structures that advance the common good, and to assist those who struggle, something more troubling is at work in this Gospel.

The setting is the Temple Mount, where Matthew presents Jesus undergoing a theological trial before religious leaders and guardians of orthodoxy. It is a scene repeated in every generation of Jesus' followers: the attempt by theological rigorists to indict those whom they regard as out of step with orthodox teaching. Jesus refuses the premise of their question. Instead, he asks them to produce the coin used to pay the tax and to identify the figure and inscription upon it. 'Caesar's,' they reply.

Here lies the real issue. These religious leaders publicly champion the Torah's fundamental confession that there is only one God. Yet, in Israel's most sacred place, the Temple, they carry an image of the god-king Caesar. Their actions contradict the faith they claim to defend. Thus, today's Gospel is not primarily about the lawfulness of taxation. It is about fidelity to the Divine One. Beneath the question of what belongs to Caesar lies the more searching question: Who is our God, the One to whom our ultimate love, allegiance and obedience belong?

Fr Michael Trainor

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! / Shine on the world like bright stars; / you are offering it the word of life. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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FIRST READING

Isa 45:1, 4-6

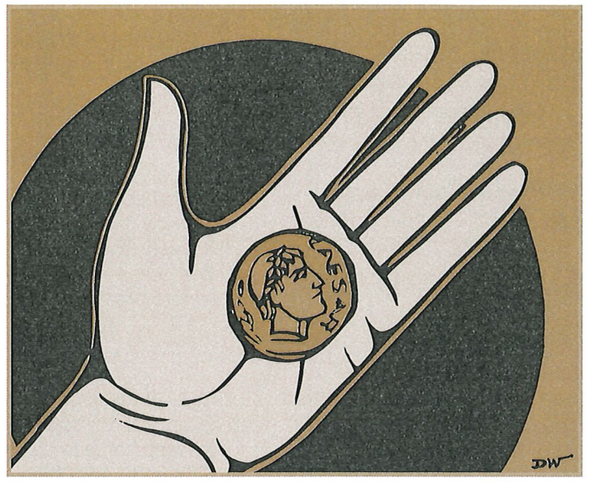
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10. R. v. 7

R. Give the Lord glory and honour.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, / sing to the Lord all the earth. / Tell among the nations his glory / and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, / to be feared above all gods; / the gods of the heathens are naught. / It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, / give the Lord glory and power, / give the Lord the glory of his name. / Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. / O earth, tremble before him. / Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' / He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

■ **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

29th Week in Ordinary Time YR A
18 Sun: 29th Sunday in O/T
19 Mon: No Mass
20 Tues: Weekday in O/T
21 Wed: Weekday in O/T
22 Thu: Weekday in O/T
23 Fri: Weekday in O/T
24 Sat: Weekday in O/T/ Vigil 30th 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 @7.00pm.
- **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
6279 2000 | www.smg.wa.edu.au

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SERVING GOD THROUGH CIVIL SOCIETY. The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here that we practise the kingdom values of justice, honesty, love and compassion. It is here that we show our faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of civil society we are promoting the kingdom of God.

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 24th Oct 6.00pm	Andy Minh Nguyen		JM Carreon R Carino	L Nguyen C Joyce	D & C Oee D Jose
Sunday 25th Oct 8.00am	George Sekulla	L Blake	M Smith V Conier	N Del Rosario L Blake	P, F & S Sekulla
Sunday 25th Oct 10.00am	Oliver Perez	A Semaan	R Brown F Brown	K Whittaker B Parasuraman	Z Chong L Carson
Sunday 25th Oct 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		S Fernandez J Fernandez	T Doan V Borja	J Mai

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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***. 17th October 2026***
V Everett 14 Treffone St, Redcliffe & V & H Heldt 31 Morago Cres, Cloverdale.

Parish Annual General Meeting
Thank you to all who attened the AGM last Sunday, we welcomed 6 newly elected members to the Parish Pastoral Council: Ed McCarthy, Filipa Brown, Sunil Rodrigues, Melinda Carino, Kim Phung Nguyen & Glenn Dickson.

Altar Server Training
Will commence this Monday 19th October @ 3.30pm until 4.15pm and continue 26th October & 2nd November. Sign -up sheet has been placed at the school side entrance of the Church for you to place your child's name and parent contact details. Please take a copy of the Parent/Carer Consent Form also and return on the first day of training.

Saint Vincent de Paul – Poor Man's Mass
Next weekend ***24th/25th October***, there will be a 'Passing Out' Collection after every Mass. All monies donated will help the works of St Vinnies in the area.
Thank you for your ongoing support of the SVDP.

Social/Fundraising Committee Meeting
Thursday 22nd October @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

November – the Month for All Souls
The month of November is fast appoaching, the parish will be holding a Memorial Mass on Monday 2nd November @ 6pm in the Church to pray for all those who have passed away in the last 12 months, from the beginning of November 2025 until now. Sheets are available at both sides of the church for you to write the name of your deceased relative or friends. You will be invited to process with Fr Quynh and place a memorial candle. Please place those names on the list or email the parish office no later than 29th October 2025.

Funeral details for the Late Mrs Hanna Guilfoyle
Rosary will be recited in the Church @ ***10am on Wednesday 21st October*** followed by a Requiem Mass ***@ 10.30am.*** May she rest in peace.

Around the Archdiocese

Lake Monger Torchlight Procession 23rd October
With Rosary and Hymns in honour of 'Our Lady'. Starting ***at 7pm,*** congregating at 'The Gazebo' near Powis St, down from the carpark end of Dodd St.
Please see notice board for full details.

Australian Catholics Magazine & The Record
Please take a copy home for a good read.

Notre Dame Community

Catechists Needed for 2027
Our parish is seeking **volunteer catechists** for the 2027 Religious Education Program and Sacramental Program. Classes are weekly during school terms.
No experience needed – training and support provided. Help share the joy of the Gospel with the next generation!
Interested? Contact Leonie at the Parish Office: Phone: 92774094 / Email: ndparish@bigpond.net.au or speak to Fr. Quynh after Mass.

Notre Dame Parish Youth – Friday 23rd October
We are gathering as one Circle of Friends for the upcoming Notre Dame parish youth event at 6pm in the parish centre. Get ready for a fun, uplifting night filled with activities, laughter, and great company. Come join the circle, meet new friends, and make memories together.

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*: Janet & Alex McNess, Charlotte D'Cruz, John, Victoria & Ralph Jackson, Alf Taylor, Denise & Margaret Saldana, Brian Aitkin, Katrina Jayne Hammond, Angela Ciccotosto, Giuse Dang Quang Dung, deceased members of Kim Nguyen Family, Terry Carter & deceased members of the Carter Family, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, recently deceased Oliver Daly & Hanna Guilfoyle and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:
Deacon Al Atkinson, 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's
We welcome to our Catholic Faith Community:
Ellias Louis Sazon & Kamsiyochukwu Chimamanda Chike.