## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

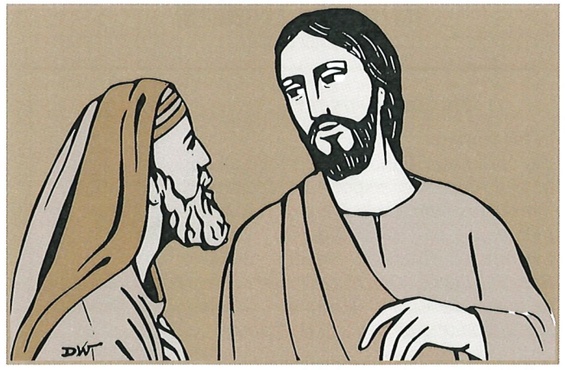
Mt 22:34-40

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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# Breaking Open the Word

# THE SAVING WORD



## THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

As with last Sunday's Gospel, we find ourselves again on the Temple Mount—the sacred place where the Torah was taught and people were encouraged to live its demands and invitations. As Matthew's Gospel approaches its concluding chapters, however, the Temple also becomes the arena for another trial, continuing from last Sunday. Jesus' religious opponents set theological traps, seeking to expose him as an imposter and false teacher. This time the question concerns the greatest of the 613 commandments discerned in the Torah. It is a formidable test. Throughout his Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus to a Jewish community of followers living decades after the Galilean ministry of Jesus. The teaching Matthew records in the mid-80s CE reaches back to the original teaching of Jesus in the 30s.

Both then and now, Jesus draws upon the Torah to identify the two commandments that stand at the heart of faithful living. The first comes from Deuteronomy: to love God with one's whole being—heart, soul and mind. This command was so central to Jewish faith that it was symbolically carried on the body, clothing and doorposts of the home, and recited frequently each day in prayer. From this all-encompassing love of God flows the second commandment: to love one's neighbour as oneself. The two cannot be separated. Love of God finds its expression in how we love and treat others.

These commandments remain at the heart of our Christian heritage. They continue to shape our relationship with God and with one another, calling us beyond religious observance alone into a life grounded in love.

**Fr Michael Trainor**

## FIRST READING

Ex 22:20-26

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

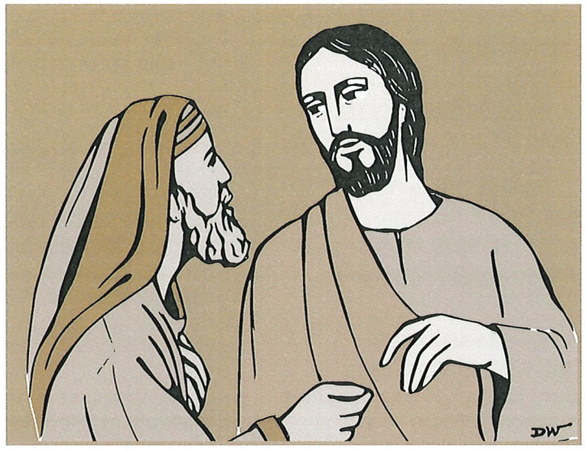
## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / He has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:5-10

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

*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

■ **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

**30th Week in Ordinary Time YR A**
**25 Sun**: 30th Sunday in O/T
**26 Mon:** No Mass
**27 Tues**: Weekday in O/T
**28 Wed**: Sts Simon & Jude
**29 Thu:** Weekday in O/T
**30 Fri:** Weekday in O/T
**31 Sat:** Weekday in O/T/ Vigil for ALL SAINTS

**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.

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

*OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.*

**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 |
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| | **A/C Name:** Cloverdale Presbytery | **A/C Name:** Cloverdale Parish |
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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

| Mass | Acolyte | Commentator | Readers | Extraordinary Ministers | Altar Servers |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Saturday 31st Oct 6.00pm** | Robert Lam Nguyen | | G Batienza R Bennett | C Nguyen M Jackson | M & M Coutinho J Santos |
| **Sunday 1st Nov 8.00am** | Ashley Rebeiro | S D'Castro | K Nguyen J Oshie | K Nguyen S D'Castro | B Oshie |
| **Sunday 1st Nov 10.00am** | Joe Saldanha | C Neville | J Branchi A Semaan | T Seputro F Brown | Z Chong J Cheung |
| **Sunday 1st Nov 6.00pm** | Sunil Rodrigues | | G Godfrey V Conier | P & J Pereyra | J Mai |

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| **St Vincent de Paul:** | Guilbert Cabagyo | belmont.er@svdpwa.org.au |

## 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***. 24th October 2026***
*V Everett 14 Treffone St, Redcliffe & Remya Manoj 40 Copeland Drive Redcliffe.*

**Saint Vincent de Paul – Poor Man's Mass**
This 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.

**Altar Server Training**
Has commenced, next training session is this ***Monday 26th October @ 3.30pm until 4.15pm*** 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 day of training.

**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.

**November Mass Offering Envelopes**
Are available from either entrance of the Church.
A basket will be placed at the foot of the altar during the month of November for you to place your offering in for the 'Holy Souls'. November Votive candles will also available for 'Gold Coin' donation.

**First Sunday of the month Morning Tea & Food Stall**
Next Sunday ***1st November*** in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. Light snack served for morning tea. Variety of delicious food items for sale also. A Gold Coin Donation towards morning tea would be greatly appreciated to help cover costs. All proceeds to the PBF.

**Catechist Team Meeting**
Thursday, 29/10 at 3:45pm in the Parish Centre.

## 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/.**

**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.

**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 members of Kim Nguyen Family, Lawrence Crasto, Robert D'Silva, Benidict Lewis, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, recently deceased Grenville Courtland & Noelene Harbinson 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 & Victor Richards.*

**Baptism's**
We welcome to our Catholic Faith Community:
*Octavia Rain Bowyer & Zachary Lee Bowyer.*