Breaking Open the Word

THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A — 15 NOVEMBER 2026

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 4, 5

Alleluia, alleluia! / Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; / my branches bear much fruit. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 25: 14-15, 19-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Because you have been faithful over a few things; enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." '

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form, Mt 25: 14-30.

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THE PRAISEWORTHY SERVANT

Today's Gospel focuses on a parable in which an absentee landlord entrusts five, two and one talent to each of three servants respectively. He returns later to receive the fruits of his servants' labours with their respective talents.

Because the story is quite long, we have a choice of the shorter or longer version. The shorter Gospel selection ends with the focus on the servant with the five talents who returns five more back to the master. With this truncated version, the Gospel is about success: use your talents and you will be rewarded!

The longer version of the Gospel offers a very different teaching. A talent in the ancient world was a monetary value equivalent to a year's wage. The parable is not about *personal talent* or giftedness but about the use of wealth. In the longer version, the first two servants come forward having made a profit with their wealth and are praised by the Master. The last servant to come forward returns the one talent. In a world in which there was only so much of the economic 'pie' to go around, people become wealthy at the expense of others becoming poor. In a subversive way, the last servant is most praiseworthy.

And the Master in this parable is not an image of God, rewarding those who do what is right! What Matthew depicts for us is the reality of life that continues to confront disciples: injustice still pervades relationships in a world where the wealthy get wealthier and the poor become more impoverished.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

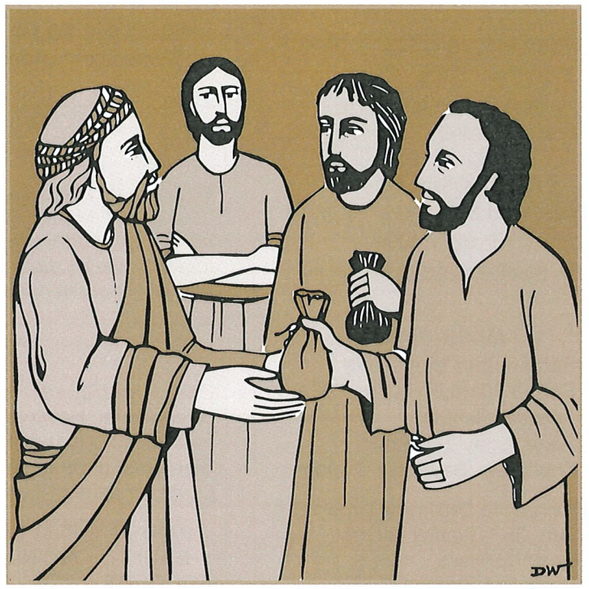
Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 127: 1-5. R. v. 1

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **R.**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 5: 1-6

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

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

■ **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

33rd Week in Ordinary Time YR A
15 Sun: 33rd Sunday in O/T
16 Mon: No Mass
17 Tues: St Elizabeth of Hungary
18 Wed: Weekday in O/T
19 Thu: Weekday in O/T
20 Fri: Weekday in O/T
21 Sat: Presentation of the BVM/ Vigil Feast of Christ the King

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
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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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. We all have our unique gifts and talents. When we use them well, we enrich our community. We bring joy to ourselves and to others. Let us encourage each other to develop our gifts. Then, together, we will hear our Master say: 'Well done, good and faithful servants. Come and join in my happiness forever.'

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 21st Nov 6.00pm	Joe Saldanha		M Jackson G Batienza	P Subrata C Lopera	S Lopera A Megee
Sunday 22nd Nov 8.00am	Sunil Rodrigue	M Soares	M Smith C Parnham	N Del Rosario C Parnham	N King
Sunday 22nd Nov 10.00am	Jerome Can Truong	F Brown	R Brown A Jennings	T Seputro K Whittaker	J Cheung Z Chong
Sunday 22nd Nov 6.00pm	Dave Daguit		L Blake **Reader Required**	T Doan J Manning	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. ***14th November 2026***
C Lemos U9/6 Andell Cres Redcliffe & A King
320 Sydenham St, Cloverdale.

November Mass Offering Envelopes
Are available from either entrance of the Church or the pews. A basket has been 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 are also available for 'Gold Coin' donation.

Parish Thanksgiving Mass and Dinner
Saturday 21st November 6pm followed by Dinner in the Parish Centre. This is for all who have volunteered their time and talents to the parish over the last 12 months in any capacity. For catering purposes please write your name on the attendance sheet provided at either side of the church.

Notre Dame Youth Gathering – Friday 27th November
You're warmly invited to our '***White Christmas'*** NDY Gathering ***@ 6pm*** in the Parish Centre. Let's come together for a joyful time of fellowship, fun, games, food, and celebrating the Christmas season. ***Dress Code: White Attire.*** Come dressed in your favourite white outfit as we celebrate our White Christmas theme!
We can't wait to spend this special evening with you. Bring your friends and let's make wonderful memories together! Bring a gift of $15 for exchange gift and a plate to share.

Diary Dates for December
December 3rd: Second Rite of Reconciliation in Notre Dame Church.
December 9th: Carols & Morning Tea in the Parish Centre.

SVDP (Vinnies) Christmas Appeal 2026
Next weekend ***21st/ 22nd November,*** collection boxes will be placed at both sides of the church for your donations of Pantry or Non-perishable Food Items / Christmas Food Items / Toiletries / School Supplies to help make hampers, which will be given to the Vinnies companions in the area.

Around the Archdiocese

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink
The ***'Archbishop's Appeal Letter'*** and ***'Special Appeal Envelope'*** are available from either entrance of the Church. Read his message and give generously to support the valuable work of the Church's welfare agencies in this Archdiocese. You may choose to mail your gift in the reply-paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation and place in the Second Collection until the end of November.

Notre Dame Community

Upcoming Roadworks Wright Street
We have been notified by the City of Belmont that there are planned road works for Wright St, between Belgravia St & Hardey Rd, due to commence Monday 16th November and continue for 10 weeks. Traffic management will be in place with road closures. This may not impact on the weekend Masses but be mindful that entering the church and carpark during weekday Masses may be a challenge.

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 Kim Nguyens Family, Vernon Gordon Watson, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, all names that appear at the foot of the Altar 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.