

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 4: 26-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

16 JUNE 2024

EXPLAINING THE UNEXPLAINABLE

How do we understand the kingdom or reign of God? The Gospel of today brings two examples and a word about understanding parables. This passage is preceded by Jesus telling the parable of the sower and explaining it to his disciples. We have the inside running on this as we hear and read what Jesus explains, for we too are disciples. Today's first example tells what the kingdom of God is like, continuing the theme of the sower. We see the imagery of the kingdom of God as something that is not static but growing. It takes time to flourish and bring a harvest. Those on the land know this is an ongoing process season to season, sowing and harvesting. The kingdom of God is like this, growing wherever it is planted and harvested.

Then Jesus asks, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God or what parable will we use for it?' What follows expands further on the kingdom of God. It is like the smallest of seeds that will grow to become the greatest of shrubs giving shelter for further life and growth in its branches and shade.

It seems a mystery that Jesus used many parables like this to speak the word to them, 'but he explained everything in private to his disciples'. Jesus entices the crowd with images of what the kingdom of God is like. Jesus explains the meaning to those who believe. This echoes Paul's words in the second reading 'for we walk by faith, not by sight'. How would you explain the kingdom of God today?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Ezek 17: 22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very
high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain
of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I,
the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low
ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord/
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning/and
your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree/and
grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord/they will
flourish in the courts of our God,/still bearing
fruit when they are old,/still full of sap, still
green,/to proclaim that the Lord is just./
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

■ 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

11th Week in Ordinary Time YR B

- 16 Sun:** 11th Sunday O/T
- 17 Mon:** No Mass
- 18 Tues:** 11th Week in O/T
- 19 Wed:** 11th Week in O/T (YR 3)
- 20 Thu:** 11th Week in O/T
- 21 Fri:** St Aloysius Gonzaga
- 22 Sat:** Sts John Fisher & Thomas More/ Vigil 12th Sunday 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 6.30pm
- *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**
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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

THE LAWS OF GROWTH. We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the trees to grow to its full height. Likewise, the church is constantly growing towards fuller maturity. The Church is nourished in its growth by the eucharist and the Word of God. The Church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

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 22nd Jun 6.00pm	Robert Lam Nguyen		Reader Req T Hanson	C Lopera M Jackson	S Lopera F & B Kareng
Sunday 23rd Jun 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	C Neville	S Robinson D Rodrigues	L Turuva S Robinson	N King
Sunday 23rd Jun 10.00am	Jerome Can Truong	V Erskine	B Parasuraman T Gomes	V Erskine A Semaan	A Benjamin
Sunday 23rd Jun 6.00pm	M Piliae		J Fernandez Reader Req	S Rodrigues J Manning	M Lanarolle

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

It is now coming up to Flu Season and Covid 19 is still 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.

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. **June 15th, 2024:** C D'Souza U2/100 Keymer St, Belmont & J Nolan 104 Gardiner St, Belmont.

Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 13

78pts: R Harrison, M Iannantuoni & H Deegan
77pts: Fr Ian Johnson, K McLean (3) **76pts:** P McLean & K McLean (1) **75pts:** K McLean (1) & N Blake.
Only 4 points separate 1st and 5th. See Notice board for top tipsters listing.

First Holy Communion

We welcome the SMG School Students and our parish children and their families to the parish this weekend for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass. Please keep these children, their family, teachers and catechists in your prayers

Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1

As required by the Archdiocese that all volunteers of parish activities participate in a Safeguarding course every 3 years, either in person or online. The parish will be hosting a session on **Thursday 20th June @ 7pm in the Parish Centre**. If you haven't attended a session before or not in the last 3 years, we warmly invite you to attend in the parish.

For more information Ph: 08 9221 7762

E: safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or

<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

Parish Youth Group – Friday 21st June @ 6pm

Join us for 'Movie Night' in the Parish Centre. Put on your comfy clothes – PJ's, Onesies, Oversized Sweater etc, Bring your bean bags, pillows & blankets. Snacks will be provided. Come and join for a fun night. RSVP on the Expression of Interest Sheet.

Parish Canonical Visitation 28th – 30th June 2024

Bishop Don sproxton will be visiting the parish from Friday 28th June until Sunday 30th June. In his visit he will visit our 2 schools, Notre Dame Primary & St Maria Goretti's. The Bishop will go through the Registrar and Parish Records and meet with the Parish Council. During his visit he will celebrate Mass on the Saturday evening and the Sunday Masses. After the 8am parishioners are invited to morning tea in the parish centre & after the 10am Mass a light lunch. To help with catering parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2024/2025 Financial Year

Will be available from next weekend or if you wish to arrange for Direct Debit please see Fr Quynh or the parish office for forms.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course

Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers, who have not attended the course in the last 3 years. The overview provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures.

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<https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

Next online sessions: Friday 21st June @ 10am & Tuesday 25th June @ 7pm. Or attend Cloverdale 20th June @ 7pm or Clarkson 19th June @ 6pm.

Archdiocese of Perth Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details refer to their website or refer to the noticeboard.

<https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to the Safeguarding of children and adults at risk.

The Record Magazine – June Edition

Available at both entrances of the church. Good articles as well as messages from Archbishop Timothy and Bishop Don Sproxton. Please take a copy.

Notre Dame Community

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: *Augusta Clark Kessler, Charles Richards & deceased members of the Richards Family, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Reginald & Rosy Crasto, Judith & Edward Saldanha, Lucy Chia, recently deceased Rosie Carmela Spagnollo and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Maureen & Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Glen Arathoon, Allan Jones, Honey Heldt, Hanh Hoang & Helen Bertola (Coverley).

