

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. Jn 6:63, 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:

you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Jn 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, "Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?"

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, "This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him." After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" Simon Peter answered, "Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God."

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

25 AUGUST 2024

**'LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?'**

We come to the end of the five weeks with the Gospel of John', chapter 6. As it concludes we could imagine ourselves standing with the disciples complaining that the teaching was too difficult. The Judeans had twice confronted Jesus on this teaching. Now we hear, 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' If it is hard to understand these words, then for some it would be hard to believe, and that is acknowledged by Jesus.

We are affirmed in that, as the narrator advises, Jesus knew from the beginning that some would not believe, and who would betray him. This is a crisis moment. We can remember that in the first part of this chapter, aligned to Passover and with the miracle of the loaves, the crowd was looking for signs. At this point, we can see that the reinterpretation of the Mosaic law caused upset and division. With many disciples leaving, Jesus challenges the Twelve: 'do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter speaks up as leader and representative of the Twelve. Those, called by Jesus, recognise that his words are 'spirit and life.'

What about us? Do we find believing too hard? Or do we line up with Simon Peter affirming our faith and saying 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' We are in this for the long haul.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

**FIRST READING**

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

*We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.* Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

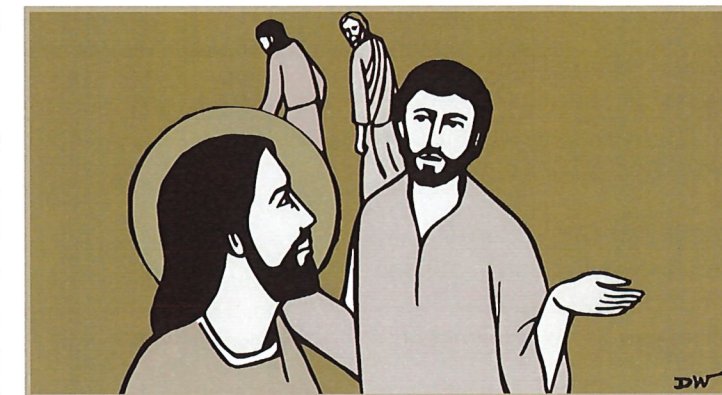
The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. **R.**
3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**
4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**



5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Eph 5:21-32

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

*This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.*

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

■ **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

**21<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time YR B**  
**25 Sun:** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday O/T  
**26 Mon:** No Mass  
**27 Tues:** St Monica  
**28 Wed:** St Augustine (Whole School Mass)  
**29 Thu:** The Passion of St John the Baptist  
**30 Fri:** 21<sup>st</sup> week in O/T  
**31 Sat:** 21<sup>st</sup> week O/T/ Vigil 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 6.00pm
- **\*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**

 Notre Dame Catholic Primary  
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 St Maria Goretti's Catholic School  
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104  
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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-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

*THE HOLY ONE OF GOD. It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.*

**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 A/C Name: Cloverdale Presbytery BSB: 086 006 Account #: 140 608 771 Reference: Name	Second Collection EFT Details A/C Name: Cloverdale Parish BSB: 086 006 Account #: 667 172 433 Reference: Name
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**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER**

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug 6.00pm	Joe Saldanha		M Carino I Iwansantoso	R Bennett L Blake	A McPherson I Rajakaruna
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 8.00am	Jerome Can Truong	S D'Castro	J Joji C Parnham	K Nguyen D P Sekulla	P Sekulla
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 10.00am	Mikaele Piliae	Filipa Brown	C Neville J Branchi	F Brown R Ratnayake	A & M Alacantha
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		G Godfrey V Conier	J & R Fernandez	A Parvin Leo J Mai

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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. **August 24<sup>th</sup> 2024:**  
M & M Soares 9 Philomel Close Redcliffe & O Sigayno 17 Ironbark Place Maddington.

**Planned Giving Envelopes 2024/2025 Financial Year**

Still some sets of Envelopes to be collected from the schoolside entrance of the church. If you wish to arrange for Direct Debit, Forms are available in a 'Black Folder' near this years envelopes. Or see Fr Quynh or the parish office for forms. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish and the Parish Priest.

**48hr Rosary Bouquet for 'Our Lady's Birthday'**

The Legion of Mary invite you to join in our gift for 'Our Lady's Birthday' by placing your name in a time slot for you to pray the rosary. Sheets are available at both sides of the Church. The scrolls will be presented at a special Mass at **St Joachim's Catholic Church Vic Park on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am.** See notice board for all information.

**RCIA Commencement for 2024/2025**

If you know of anyone who would like to join the Catholic Faith Community, our RCIA will be holding an Information Night on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact Parish Office & details will be passed onto Ann our coordinator.

**Parish Youth Group Gathering – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

In the Parish Centre 7pm – 9pm. All youth are invited to attend for a fun night in. Please place your name on the 'Expression of Interest' sheet.

**Bingo & Soup Night Fundraiser**

A big thank you to all those that supported the fundraiser last Saturday evening in the parish centre. A good evening was had by all. Thank you to the members of the Fundraising Committee for their Culinary Skills and providing us with a good evening. In total **\$4,615.50** was raised for the PBF through door sales, raffles, auctions and donations.

**Father's Day Raffle**

3 tickets for \$5.00 on Sale after all Masses. Variety of Prizes. Donations for Prizes can be left in the Sacristy or at the Parish Office.

**First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall**

Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. A Light snack will be served for morning tea. Variety of delicious food items for sale.

**Wedding Congratulations**

Congratulations to Natalie Westcott & Mark Stokes who were married in our beautiful church on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August. May they share many wonderful years together.

**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.

Email: [safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au) or <https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/>.

This is now a Self-paced online learning module that can be completed at any time. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction. See noticeboards for full details.

**Notre Dame Community**

**Footy Tipping AFL Season 2024 Results Rnd 23**

**133pts:** R Bennett (2) **132pts** Fr Ian Johnson  
**131pts** M Iannantuoni, R Harrison & K McLean (1) & (3)  
A change in leader again this week. But still only 4 points separate 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> position again this week. See notice board for Top Tipsters list.

**Mary MacKillop's Story & Colouring Books**

Are available to purchase. The books are written in English & Vietnamese. Pink – colouring book \$5.00 each and the green, blue & yellow Story books - \$10.00 each. All proceeds to the PBF.

**Parish Diary Dates for September**

**Sacrament of Confirmation** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 6pm & Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 10am  
**Parish Feast Day Morning Tea** – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept after the 8am Mass only.

**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, Peter Butcher, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Sylvester & Celestine Crasto, Peter & Grace D'Silva, Rose Shepherd, Denzil DeVisser and all souls in Purgatory.*



**Parishioners who are unwell:**

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