

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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'LISTEN TO ME'

Returning to the Gospel of Mark this week, we have an edited version of a dispute raised by the Pharisees and some of the scribes from Jerusalem about some of Jesus' disciples eating loaves with unwashed hands. Particularly in light of our recent pandemic experiences, we may have some sympathy with them. Yet as the narrative unfolds, we are given further background, that this is but one of the observations of their tradition. The prescriptions about washing do not stem for the Torah, the Law, but are local interpretations by specific groups.

Importantly we can join the extended crowd to hear Jesus say, 'Listen to me.' The same words are used by the prophets to call the people of Israel to listen to the word of God. Here it is a call to pay attention to Jesus' words that 'nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile.' It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions can grow.

Today let us pick up on Jesus' call to 'listen to me' as we read and pray with the scriptures. Let us also hear Pope Francis reminding us, 'The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.'

(Pope Francis audience, 27 Jan. 2021)

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

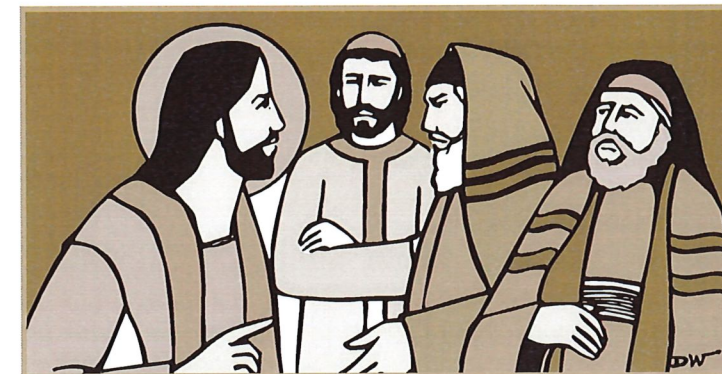
Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James.

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and



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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

22nd Week in Ordinary Time YR B
01 Sun: 22nd Sunday O/T
02 Mon: No Mass
03 Tues: St Gregory the Great
04 Wed: 22nd week in O/T
05 Thu: 22nd week in O/T
06 Fri: 22nd week in O/T
07 Sat: 22nd week O/T/ Vigil 23rd 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

CLINGING TO HUMAN TRADITIONS. We can sometimes do something good for an evil motive. For instance, we may help others, not to relieve their difficulties but to put them in our debt. Acts that flow from evil intentions are always evil even if they masquerade as good. If the seed of God is planted deep within us the intentions that arise from our hearts will be good and loving. Our motives for worshipping God and helping others will be pure.

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 7 th Sept 6.00pm	Mikaele Piliae	Notre Dame School	Notre Dame School	Notre Dame School Staff	D & C Oee D Patrick
Sunday 8 th Sept 8.00am	George Sekulla	S Robinson	D Rodrigues C Neville	P Subrata R Saldanha	P Sekulla
Sunday 8 th Sept 10.00am	M Piliae & A Ribeiro	St Maria Goretti School	St Maria Goretti School	SMG Staff & Parish	J & L Carson
Sunday 8 th Sept 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		M Ward S Irene	J & R Fernandez	J Mai 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. **August 31st, 2024:** A Bernadino 17 Hedges Place Kewdale & C & E Madden 29 Belvidere St Belmont.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2024/2025 Financial Year

Still 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 7th 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 10th September @ 7pm** in the Parish Centre. Please contact Parish Office & details will be passed onto Ann our coordinator.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

This Sunday 1st 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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 7th/8th September

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish next weekend at the 6pm Vigil for Notre Dame School Students and Sunday at the 10am Mass for St Maria Goretti's Students & Parish Children. Please keep all these children, their parents and teachers in your prayers.

Parish Feast Day – Sunday 8th September

Morning tea will be served in the Parish Centre after the 8am Mass next Sunday to celebrate our Feast Day. All are invited to attend.

Funeral details for Mrs Teresa Del Borrello

Rosary: Tuesday 3rd Sept @ 7pm in Notre Dame Church.
Requiem Mass: Wednesday 4th Sept @ 10.15am in the Church followed by Entombment at Karrakatta Cemetery @ 12.15pm.

Safeguarding Story & Information Books

We have a few copies of Story books for children & information books for teenagers & parents available in the parish office. Please see Safeguarding Notice board Wright St entrance for book titles.

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 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 Final Results

Congratulations to our winners for this year, Rosemary Bennett & Fr Ian Johnson who tied in first place with 139pts and will share 1st & 2nd prizes. Kevin McLean (1) has finished 3rd by himself. See alpha listing & notice board for Top Tipsters. A special thankyou to John York & Kaite Bennett who have kept us all up to date this AFL season with scores and endless emails.

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.

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, Isobel Quain, Giuseppe Caminiti, Jeremy Michael Richards, Lucy Hilda Richards, Chua Teck Hee, 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).

Baptism

Welcome into our Catholic Faith community: *Isabella Grace & Riley John Bonanno and Kha Han (Teresa) Bui.*

Happy Father's Day to Dads of all ages.
Have a wonderful day!