

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

## GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought.

This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened.

The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



## SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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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

**23<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time YR B**  
**08 Sun:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday O/T  
**09 Mon:** No Mass  
**10 Tues:** 23<sup>rd</sup> week in O/T  
**11 Wed:** 23<sup>rd</sup> week in O/T  
**12 Thu:** 23<sup>rd</sup> week in O/T  
**13 Fri:** St John Chrysostom  
**14 Sat:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross/ Vigil 24<sup>th</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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

*HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR! Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.*

**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 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00pm	Mikaele Piliae		I Iwansantoso M Carino	C Nguyen I Iwansantoso	S Lopera M & M Coutinho
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 8.00am	Joe Saldanha	C Neville	P Palmez M Piliae	D Rodrigues D P Sekulla	N King
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 10.00am	Oliver Perez	R Ratnayake	F Brown S Bradshaw	B Parasuraman J Jong	R Vadakkal A Megee
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		S Fernandez J Fernandez	V Borja R Fernandez	A P 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. **7<sup>th</sup> September 2024:** M Sann 282 Daly St Belmont & P Ross 9 Waterway Cres Ascot.

**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.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> September**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish this 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. Thank you to all the teachers & catechists that have prepared the children for this Sacrament.

**Parish Feast Day – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Father's Day Raffle - Winners**

Thank you to all that supported the Father's Day Raffle with either purchase of tickets or donations towards prizes or both. **\$502.00** was raised. Congratulation to our winners; Maree Smith, M Dawson, Lina Del Borrello & Sunil Rodrigues.

**Safeguarding Audit**

On Tuesday just gone, our Parish was Audited by the 'Australian Catholic Safeguarding Office' and an Independent Auditor, we were given a couple of minor recommendations that will be implemented over the next couple of weeks, but all in all we are doing everything that is being asked of us. So well done everyone with complying with all requests set out by the Archdiocese.

**Anointing of the Sick – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Due to Notre Dame School Mass on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September the Anointing of the Sick will be held next Friday at the 8.30am Mass.

**Around the Archdiocese**

**Safeguarding Sunday - 8<sup>th</sup> September**

The Cloverdale Parish and the Archdiocese of Perth are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week – **"Every conversation matters"** may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

**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**

**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, Duilio Andreoli, Deniz DeVisser and all souls in Purgatory.*



**Parishioners who are unwell:**

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

**Baptism**

Welcome into our Catholic Faith community:  
*Tom Frederick Launder & Kitana Faith Holbrook.*