

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH / C

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LOST AND FOUND

We know Jesus to be truly human and truly divine. This is the heart of our faith. Sometimes, though, we make Jesus to be more divine than human. Today's Gospel offers us the balance. This passage comes towards the end of the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel that are focused on Jesus' birth. His family has come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Feast of Passover. Mary, Joseph and Jesus are Jewish. They celebrate the feast which commemorates God's liberation of the Israelites from slavery remembered in the *Book of Exodus*. They come, too, to the Holy city which will feature at the beginning and end of Luke's Gospel, and in the opening chapters of Luke's second volume, the *Acts of the Apostles*.

Jesus, the one who will be God's revealed liberator and redeemer, comes to the Holy City, to Israel's key worship centre with its religious leaders, to remind the people, even as a child, that God is acting in their midst. His parents, worried that they had lost him in their caravan journey, find him later in the temple, in the sacred place of God's holy city. He returns with them to Nazareth to grow in wisdom and learning. This bearer of God's Spirit is like any other Jewish child who needs to be nourished.

The story also reflects powerfully on family life: it's about members being lost and found, seeking holiness and liberation amidst life's struggles, and growing in wisdom.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my Lord. As you live, my Lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

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

Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10. R. v. 5

R. How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, / Lord, God of hosts. / My soul is longing and yearning, / is yearning for the courts of the Lord. / My heart and my soul ring out their joy / to God, the living God. **R.**

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, / for ever singing your praise. / They are happy, whose strength is in you; / they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**



3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, / give ear, O God of Jacob. / Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, / look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John.

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

■ **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

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29Sun: The Holy Family
30 Mon: No Mass
31 Tues: 7th day in Octave
01 Wed: Mary the Holy Mother of God
02 Thu: Sts Basil & Gregory
03 Fri: Friday before the Epiphany
04 Sat: Saturday before the Epiphany/Vigil, The Epiphany YR C

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
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
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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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH– YEAR C

GOD BLESS OUR HOME. A house is made of materials that are replaceable. But a home is founded on relationships, love, memories, joys and pains, births and deaths. No material compensation can ever be made for the loss of these. On this feast of the Holy Family we pray, 'God, bless our home', whatever its shape may be.

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 4th Jan 6.00pm	Greg Kempton		M Carino I Iwansantoso	R Bennett I Iwansantoso	I Rajakurna A McPherson
Sunday 5th Jan 8.00am	Mikaele Piliae	S D'Castro	J Joji K Nguyen	K Nguyen P Subrata	P Sekulla
Sunday 5th Jan 10.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	V Erskine	J Branchi P Palmez	R Ratnayake V Erskine	J & L Carson
Sunday 5th Jan 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		G Godfrey V Conier	J & R Fernandez	J Mai A Pravin Leo

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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. **28th December 2024:** M Sann 282 Daly St, Belmont & L King 3 Pratt St Cloverdale.

Parish Christmas Raffle

Thank you to all that supported the Christmas Raffle the lucky winners are: K Neville, E Millington, M Fernandes, R Doria & Feloo. We raised \$1,232.00 for the PBF. Thankyou to those who donated items to make up the prizes. And thank you to the members of the Fundraising Committee for the lovely presentation of the prizes and selling the tickets after all masses.

St Vinnie's Christmas Hampers

Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas Appeal for 2024. Through donations from our parish, Notre Dame School & St Maria Goretti's School we were able to give 87 hampers to those in need in our area.

Christmas Masses

I would like to thank everyone again for your attendance at our Christmas celebrations for 2024. All masses were well attended. Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up for the Masses and to all those who assisted in the Ministries.

The Record Magazine December 2024 Issue

Available from both entrances of the Church. Good articles from Archbishop Timothy and Bishop Don. New Cardinal - designate Mykola Bychok and lovely Nativity picture to colour in for the children. Magazine free to all good homes.

2025 Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope

The Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica was opened on 24 December 2024 by His Holiness Pope Francis to constitute the official beginning of the Holy Year. On Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every Cathedral and Co-Cathedral, Diocesan Bishops will celebrate Holy Mass as the Solemn Opening of the Jubilee Year. Let us all enter the Year of Jubilee with a spirit of hope and a renewed that understanding that "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into the hearts through the Holy Spirit." (Romans 5:5)



Around the Archdiocese

Perth Racing Mass – Monday 30th December

Ascot Racecourse, Directors Lounge Level 2 of the Grandstand. Parking is available Members Carpark off Grandstand Rd. Arrive 6.30pm for 7.00pm start of Mass. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

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.

Employment Opportunities Archdiocese of Perth

Episcopal Services: Admin Assistant - Full Time
Safeguarding Office: Admin Officer - Full time
Personal Advocacy Service: Coordinator - Part Time
Visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm for more information and job descriptions.

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: *Peter Butcher, Rosalina Sequeira, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Alfred Herbert Dornford and all souls in Purgatory.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty, Andrew Kinnimonth & John O'Rourke.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community;
Xavier Andrew Richmond