

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 FEBRUARY 2025

‘BLESSED’ ARE YOU ...

Like Matthew’s Sermon on the Mount, Luke has Jesus teach his disciples. It occurs on a plain with the teacher surrounded by a great crowd of his disciples and others. We learn that his audience comes from around Judea, even from ancient Syria (Tyre and Sidon, in present-day Lebanon). In Luke, Jesus teaches about the primary qualities of discipleship and warns of the subtle attractions or seductions that compromise that discipleship.

Wealthy and poorer Greco-Romans make up Luke’s late first-century Gospel audience, and Luke directs Jesus’ words deliberately at them. The first half of his teaching is to those who are economically poor, hungry and grieving. Those are the members of Luke’s world who do not have the power or status to respond to their social, economic or personal situation. They are utterly powerless and live, perhaps, on the margins of Luke’s Gospel household. God will reverse their status. Luke reminds them that they are ‘blessed’ by God.

The translation, ‘happy are you...’ doesn’t capture the powerful sense of Jesus’ teaching. To be happy is a personal emotive response to good fortune. To be ‘blessed’ comes from above. This is God’s act, God’s gift, independent of one’s emotional state. Blessedness places one in the realm of the holy. The second half of Jesus’ teaching is addressed to those in the Lukan household who are wealthy, have all they need and are dismissively laughing, perhaps at others’ misfortune. Their situation will also be reversed. Jesus’ words are insightful and sobering. They invite us, contemporary disciples, to identify what we struggle with and what seduces us.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

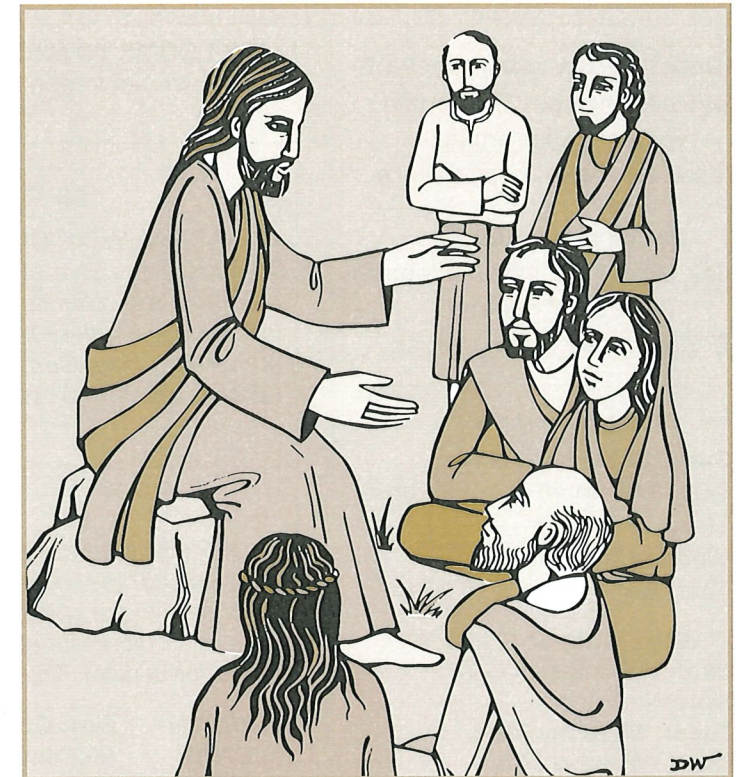
Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in the way of sinners / nor sits in the company of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of the Lord / and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**

2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside the flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in due season / and whose leaves shall never fade; / and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away by the wind. / For the Lord guards the way of the just / but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!



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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

6th Week Ordinary Time YR C
16 Sun: 6th Sunday in O/T
17 Mon: No Mass
18 Tues: Weekday Mass
19 Wed: Weekday Mass
20 Thu: Weekday Mass
21 Fri: Weekday Mass
22 Sat: Chair of St Peter/ Vigil 7th Sunday in O/T 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
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

TRUST IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT. It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's Scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

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 22 nd Feb 6.00pm	Jerome Can Truong		T Khoo M Carino	C Lopera C Bonavia	I Rajakaruna F & B Kareng
Sunday 23 rd Feb 8.00am	Ashley Rebeiro	S Robinson	M Smith D Rodrigues	D Rodrigues K Nguyen	N King
Sunday 23 rd Feb 10.00am	Michael Piliae	A Semaan	B Parasuraman T Gomes	R Ratnayake T Seputro	A Megee Z Chong
Sunday 23 rd Feb 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		L Blake Reader Req	V Borja J Manning	J Mai M Lanarolle

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

We are now in the summer months and there are summer colds about 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. **15th February 2025:** M Sann 282 Daly St Belmont & F Punzalan 410 Daly St, Cloverdale.

Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025

Yes, it is back for 2025, forms are available from Either side of the Church. All details on how to enter are on the form. Opening round is March 6th. Give entry forms to family and friends. The more entrants the bigger the prize money. The countdown is on, only 3 weeks to Bouncedown. Get those entry forms in.

After School Liturgy Classes 2025

Have commenced in the Parish Centre on **Thursday's @ 4.30pm** during the school terms. Children from 7 years onwards that do not attend Catholic schools are invited to the classes to help prepare them for the sacraments and their Christian journey. Please bring copy of Baptismal Certificate on the day. Contact Muriel – bijouxmuriel@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Youth Gathering - Friday 28th February

Get your game on! Get ready to dodge, shoot, hide and run. We'll have a blast with a lot of fun at **"Lazer Blaze Willeton"**. Entry is \$23.00 per person. Please wear sneakers or appropriate footwear. Expression of Interest sheet is on the schoolside entrance of the Church. If you are attending please take a Parent/Carer Consent Form and fill it in and return it on the night.

Commitment Mass – Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next weekend 22nd/23rd February 2025 at the 6pm Saturday Vigil & Sunday 10am Mass the children from our schools & afterschool classes will make their commitment for the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please keep the children, parents & teachers in your prayers.

Meetings for the week in the Parish Centre

Parish Pastoral Council: Thursday 20th February @ 7pm

Social/Fundraising Committee: Thursday 27th

February @ 7.15pm.

Catholic Youth Assembly – Friday 7th March 2025

Calling all Catholic Youth, join us for the launch of the Catholic Youth Assembly in the Archdiocese of Perth, on **Friday 7th March, 6.45pm for a 7pm start @ St Mary's Cathedral Perth.** This exciting new initiative is designed to lay the foundation for the formation of a Catholic Youth Council (CYC). This Synodal process is an opportunity for young people to have a voice in shaping the future of our Church. See notice boards for full details.

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.

Mass for you at Home

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and the Diocese of Wollongong have signed an agreement to continue producing and broadcasting the program, which first aired on Australian television in 1971. **Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

Archdioceses of Perth – Employment Opportunity

Support Officer, Episcopal Services (Office of the Archbishop) The Support Officer is party of a small team coordinated by the Team Leader, Episcopal Services. For full job description details contact our parish office or E: seek.com.au/job/81805556 by no later than Thursday 27th February 2025.

Notre Dame Community

Diary Date

Friday 7th March: World Day of Prayer Perth Alliance Church Belmont. More details next week.

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, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, John Sequeira, Deceased members of the Saldanha Family, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased Rex Frugniet, Teresa & Helen Fleury, Viji Veerman and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:

Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Pam Lawson, Rob Petty & Andrew Kinnimont.

