

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

23 FEBRUARY 2025

LOVE THE ENEMY

We are now into the heart of Luke's Sermon on the Plain. We are also presented with the most important Gospel teaching that characterises Jesus' followers: Love and forgiveness of the enemy. But this is also dangerous teaching, for it is easy to misunderstand what Jesus is asking of his disciples. He is not addressing disciples individually, but together. The response to the 'enemy' comes from the total gathering of the Gospel household who support each other as they deal with the enemy. It is not the individual disciple who bears responsibility for enemy love. It is a collective response.

The response is also agential or active, never passive or submissive. Disciples disarm by their attitude of 'love'—a desire that the aggressor comes to know their own self-worth in their relationship to God and others. It is not about feeling affection or warmth towards the enemy, an impossible response in the face of suffering or hurt. 'Turning the other cheek' is a form of passive resistance to the aggressor, rather than responding with tit-for-tat assault, a response culturally expected. Luke's audience who are wealthy are encouraged to be generous. Jesus encourages disciples to act compassionately, like God.

Today's Gospel is challenging, especially in the context of the issues that today's believers are concerned about. Luke offers sage advice. A spirit of kindness and non-aggression towards the assailants of our world can help create a society shaped by peace rather than violence. Such a spirit ideally characterises our faith communities imbued with today's Gospel.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v. 8

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**



2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. The Lord is compassion and love, / slow to anger and rich in mercy. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. / As a father has compassion on his sons, / the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
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

7th Week Ordinary Time YR C

- 23 Sun:** 7th Sunday in O/T
- 24 Mon:** No Mass
- 25 Tues:** Weekday Mass
- 26 Wed:** Weekday Mass
- 27 Thu:** Weekday Mass
- 28 Fri:** Weekday Mass
- 01 Mar Sat:** Weekday Mass/ Vigil
- 8th 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**
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
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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES. The words of Jesus we hear in today's gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

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 1 st Mar 6.00pm	Joy Intervencion		I lwansantoso M Carino	I lwansantoso P Subrata	A McPherson D Patrick S Lopera
Sunday 2 nd Mar 8.00am	Mikaele Piliae	S D'Castro	K Nguyen C Parnham	M Smith S D'Castro	P Sekulla
Sunday 2 nd Mar 10.00am	Oliver Perez	A Semaan	T Gomes J Srdarev	R Ratnayake J Jong	A Megee L Carson
Sunday 2 nd Mar 6.00pm	Sunil Rodrigues		G Godfrey V Conier	J & R Fernandez	J Mai A P Leo

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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. **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).

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. **22nd February 2025** K & L Fernando 16 Treffone St, Redcliffe & A King 320 Sydenham 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 2 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 Pre-Primary 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.

Commitment Mass – Sacrament of Reconciliation

This 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.

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 Willetton"**. 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.

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.

Ash Wednesday – 5th March 2025

School Mass: 9am (Parishioners welcome)
Parish Mass: 6pm

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.

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March @ 10am

This year **'Perth Alliance Church'**, 325 Belmont Ave, Kewdale will be hosting this Ecumenical Prayer Event. The focus is on the **Cook Islands**. All denominations are invited to attend.

Notre Dame Community

Meetings for the week in the Parish Centre Social/Fundraising Committee: Thursday 27th February @ 7.15pm.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea

Next Sunday 2nd March in the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. Light snack served for morning tea. Variety of delicious food items for sale also. 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.



In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *Peter Butcher, Sharon Fletcher, Harry & Ivy Klass, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Alessandro Di Filippo, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased 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.

Baptisms

We welcome into our Catholic Faith Community: *Sienna May & Imogen Jean Tilbee and Joshua James & Charlotte Anne Gove.*

