

servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

“Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

“The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” ’

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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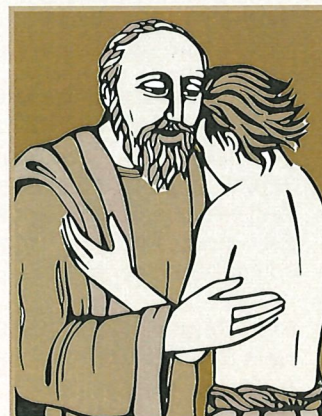
# Breaking Open the Word

## GOD’S LAVISH DELIGHT

This Sunday’s Gospel brings us to the very heart of Luke’s teaching—forgiveness and God’s delight in the return of the sinner. The Gospel’s introduction sets the scene: Jesus attracts and dines with moral reprobates. Is this mirroring what’s happening with Luke’s householders as they gather for the Lord’s Supper? Like Jesus, are they too being criticised by religious legislators?

Three parables follow. Our focus is on the third, the parable of two lost sons. Preachers often exclusively focus on the young son who demands his inheritance to leave the farm for a life of pleasure. The son is virtually treating his father as though dead when inheritances were usually bequeathed. He wants to completely cut family ties. We know what follows. The son’s need to address his chronic hunger and loneliness sitting with Earth’s most unclean creature, the pig, brings him to acknowledge his wrongdoing. He wants to return to his father’s farm not as a son but as a hired hand.

The father’s longing for his son’s return is palpable and completely upturns social expectation. It reflects God’s visceral response to the lost one who returns. The second older son is also lost. His adamant rejection of his younger brother’s behaviour and his unwillingness to join the celebration of the brother’s return flags an attitude circulating in Luke’s world. The father’s plea to this son for a change of heart is also a plea to the Gospel audience: Are we able to celebrate the joy of God’s lavish delight over those we would prefer to exclude?



Fr Michael Trainor



# THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

30 MARCH 2025

## FIRST READING

Josh 5: 9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.”

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33: 2-7. R. v. 9

**R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Cor 5: 17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we

are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

#### ■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 15: 18

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL

Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. “This man” they said “welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he spoke this parable to them:

“A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

“When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid





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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

**4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent YR C**  
**30 Sun:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
**31 Mon:** No Mass  
**01 Apr Tues:** 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
**02 Wed:** 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
**03 Thu:** 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
**04 Fri:** 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent  
**05 Sat:** 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent/ Vigil 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 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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6272 7100 | [www.nds.wa.edu.au](http://www.nds.wa.edu.au)

 **St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**  
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104  
6279 2000 | [www.smg.wa.edu.au](http://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.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

*THE JOY OF FORGIVENESS. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.*

#### 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
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 6.00pm</b>	Joy Intervencion		R Bennett M Carino	I Iwansantoso P Subrata	A McPherson F & B Kareng I Sharp
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 8.00am</b>	Joe Saldanha	S D'Castro	K Nguyen D Rodrigues	S D'Castro D P Sekulla	P Sekulla
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 10.00am</b>	Mikaele Piliae	A Semaan	T Gomes J Srdarev	R Ratnayake T Seputro	L Carson R Vadakkal
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 6.00pm</b>	Sunil Rodrigues		G Godfrey V Conier	J & R Fernandez	A P Leo J Mai

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#### Parish Events

##### Masses in the Parish

We are now in the autumn months 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. **29<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
Kim Nguyen 11 Connaughton St Kewdale & S Fernando 20 Bowkett St Redcliffe.

##### Parish Office Relocation

The parish office has now been relocated to the back rooms of the parish centre. Office hours will still remain the same. To gain access to the parish office, please use the door of the parish centre on the school side. A door bell has now been placed. If you need to contact the parish after office hours, please leave a phone message or email: [ndparish@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ndparish@bigpond.net.au)

##### Easter Raffle 2025

Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from this weekend. Tickets: \$3 for 1 or \$10 for 4. Donations of assorted chocolate items to help make prize baskets is sort after. Donations can be left in the Sacristy or brought to the Parish Office, now located in the Parish Centre.

##### Youth Camp 2025: 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April

Join the Adventure at our Youth Camp. Are you ready to make unforgettable memories and unleash your Faith? Join us for fun, friendship, faith and freedom for an action packed Youth Camp that will inspire, excite and empower you! **25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ Cahoots Adventure Camp**, 100 Kirby Rd, Bullsbrook. Cost: \$90, this covers 2 night's accommodation, food & materials. See poster for registration or contact Roge M: 0403 781 021.

##### Easter Timetable Flyers

Available from both sides of the Church. Hand it out to family and friends.

##### Easter Rosters

Blank Easter rosters will be placed next week for you to place your name for the Easter Triduum.

##### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent @ 6pm in the Church.

##### Funeral details of the late Mr Albert John York

A Requiem Mass will be conducted on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April @ 10.30am** in Notre Dame Church followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre. The York Family are long serving parishioners of our parish. John introduced the Footy Tipping Competition and served on many committees over the years. He will be greatly missed.

##### First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

Next Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Around the Archdiocese

##### Project Compassion 2025 –Fourth Sunday of Lent

*Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family. You can donate by taking a box or envelopes or calling 1800 024 413 or securely online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)*

##### 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

##### Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025

Thank you to all that have placed an entry or 3 in the footy Tipping AFL 2025. We have had a lot of entries this year. Sorry for any inconvenience, but there will be a delay in results been published. Thank you again for supporting the parish.

##### 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, Edward & Judith Saldanha, Ernest James Samuels, Zita Clara Xavier, Anne Redmond, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased Albert (John) York, Ronnie Felix and all souls in Purgatory.*

##### Parishioners who are unwell:

*Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), Rob Petty, Hannah Guilfoyle & Bob Sullivan.*

