

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Joel 2: 12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

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GOSPEL

Jn 8: 1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT / C

6 APRIL 2025

JESUS' LIBERATING GAZE

Today's Gospel from John might seem out of place in a year where the liturgical focus is on Luke. However, some scholars suggest that the story of a woman caught in an adulterous act belongs more in Luke's Gospel and became misplaced in time. Whatever of the story's history, it is the teaching that unfolds that is so important as we come to our final week in our Lenten journey.

In the story, the woman becomes a pawn in a dispute over Torah teaching and as an object to trap Jesus in his apparent moral liberality and rejection of Mosaic teaching. Never addressed is the way the knowledge of the woman's adulterous act is derived. How would her accusers know of her conduct if they had not set themselves in a position to spy upon her? They, too, are incriminated by their very witness. Jesus does not buy into their legal dispute nor their accusation of the woman.

As her accusers depart from the scene without condemning the woman, Jesus gazes upon her without judgement. His gaze frees her. The story leaves contemporary listeners with at least two insights. It affirms Jesus' forgiveness and his desire for our spiritual release. It also provides an opportunity to reflect on the way women are treated today in many contexts as objects of sexual desire, domestic violence, male abuse and pornographic depiction.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Isa 43: 16-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Phil 3: 8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

■ 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

5th Week of Lent YR C

06 Sun: 4th Sunday of Lent
07 Mon: No Mass
08 Tues: 5th Week of Lent
09 Wed: 5th Week of Lent
10 Thu: 5th Week of Lent
11 Fri: 5th Week of Lent
12 Sat: 5th Week of Lent/ Vigil Palm Sunday 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR C

STRAINING AHEAD. The Israelites in exile, St Paul the apostle and the woman caught in adultery all had shameful pasts. They acknowledged their sins but were not weighed down by them because they experienced the forgiveness of God. Freed of the burden of their sin they were able to continue on their way. We also are sinners but with God's forgiveness we too can put the past behind us and strain ahead for the prize to which God is calling us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

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 12th Apr 6.00pm	Joe Saldanha	N: C Joyce O/C: M Carino	M Jackson T Hanson	C Lopera L Nguyen	D & C Oee I Rajakaruma D Patrick
Sunday 13th Apr 8.00am	Mikaele Piliae	L Blake & O/C	P Palmez C Parnham N: M Smith	L Millington K Nguyen	P Sekulla N King
Sunday 13th Apr 10.00am	Greg Kempton	Joy Intervention & O/C	I Intervencion V Conier N: T Gomes	K Whittaker M Bijoux	Z Chong A Megee
Sunday 13th Apr 6.00pm	Jerome Can Truong	N: S Irene C/O: S Garcia	T Fernandez J Fernandez	J & R Fernandez	M Lanarolle 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. **5th April 2025**
Kim Nguyen 11 Connaughton St Kewdale & C Hocking 104 Gardiner St, Belmont.

Easter Raffle 2025

Tickets are on sale after all Masses. 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.

Easter Timetable Flyers

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

Easter Rosters

Blank Easter rosters have been placed at the school side entrance of the church for you to place your name for where you are able to volunteer for the Easter Tridiums.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 6pm in the church during Lent.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday 10th April @ 7pm in the Parish Centre.

First Sunday of the Month Morning Tea & Food Stall

This Sunday April 6th 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.

Youth Camp 2025: 25th – 27th 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! **25th – 27th 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.

Funeral Details of the late Mr Patrick (Pat) Atkinson

Pat's Funeral will be held in the Church on Saturday 12th April @ 10am. Pat was a long serving parishioner of Cloverdale Parish, he was a Reader & Collector. Pat is the brother of Deacon Albert Atkinson.



Around the Archdiocese

Project Compassion 2025 –Fifth Sunday of Lent

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground. Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

You can donate by taking a box or envelopes or calling 1800 024 413 or securely online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

A tub has been placed Wright St side of the church for your boxes to be placed in.

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.

Notre Dame Community

Footy Tipping – AFL Season 2025

Again, thanks to all that have entered the competition for this year. We have had a few technical issues with data entry. Bear with those that are doing this, we should have results in the next week. Thanks again for your understanding.

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, Ivy & Harry Klass, Sharon Fletcher, deceased members of the Jokvich & Miroseovich Families, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's, Nguyen Thi Tu, Reginald & Rosy Crasta, Prakash Smetty, Blaga & Vince Juras, Teresa Lee Hiang Choo, Anthony Chia Teck Hwee, Denzil Devisser, recently deceased Patrick (Pat) Atkinson, Huu Dung Nguyen 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.

