

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

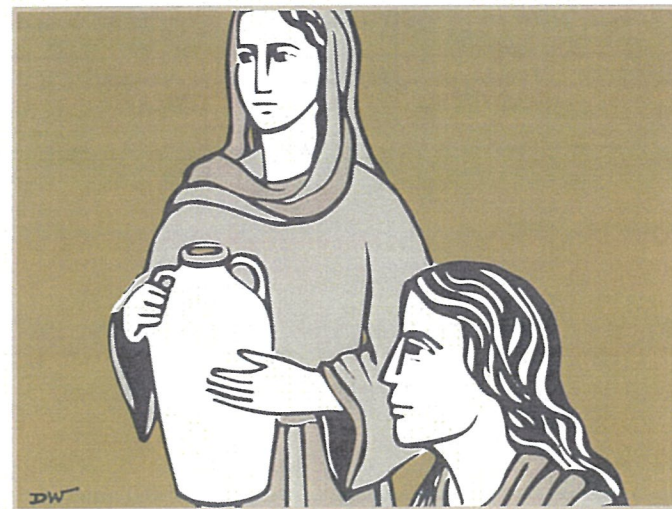
Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

A GOOD PART

Today's story seems to affirm the contemplative life (symbolised by Mary sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him) over the active life (represented by a preoccupied Martha). This classic interpretation sets the two women at odds with each other. However, placed in the context of Luke's missionary and ministry-concerned world, something else is going on. The scene is set in *Martha's* house. She is the leader of the house and, conceivably, the representative in Luke's household Jesus-gatherings.

The issue that concerns Mary, and Luke's audience, is not helped by our English translation. Three translation corrections are necessary. (1) Martha being 'distracted with all the serving...' is better translated as Martha being 'taken up with much *ministry* (Greek, *diakonia*)' (2) Martha's question to Jesus, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself?' is better translated, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me alone to minister (Greek, *diakonein*)?' (3) Rather than Jesus saying to Martha that Mary 'has chosen the better part...' the Greek has Jesus saying that Mary 'has chosen a *good* part'. Interpretations (1) and (2) suggest that a real concern surfacing in Luke's world is about *ministry*. Interpretation (3) indicates that there is no competition between Mary and Martha.

Both actions, Martha's *diakonial* concerns and Mary's focus on Jesus' word, are important, the second not to be devalued. It is 'a good part'. These same issues preoccupy us: a concern about future ministry while focussing on Jesus' word.

Fr Michael Trainor



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE SAVING WORD

20 JULY 2025

FIRST READING

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**



3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today's theme is : Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Parish Census Rollout—Next Weekend!

We are updating our parish records and need your help!
Your updated information is important to the parish.

Over the next three weeks, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. The census form will be available for you to complete. Data from this census will also enable the parish to plan for our future needs and events. Your privacy is essential and all information will be treated with confidentiality.

The process is simple—here's how it will happen :
On each pew, you will find census cards and pencils. We kindly ask you to take a moment to fill out these cards.
Only one card per family is necessary.

If you prefer, you are welcome to take your time and fill out the cards at home. You can return them at Mass over the next couple of weeks and drop them into a collection box. Volunteers will be available to assist.

Volunteers needed :

To help this run smoothly, we need assistance with distributing and collecting the cards. If you are willing to help, please contact the parish office during the week. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

FREE ENTRY
DINNER INCLUDED
Donations Welcome

AN EVENING WITH BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

AN EVANGELIST FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM
OUR FIRST SAINT IN T-SHIRT AND JEANS

GROWING IN FAITH AND SHARING GOD'S WORD IN TODAY'S WORLD
Join us for an inspiring evening as we reflect on our call to Evangelisation in 2025 and the example of Blessed Carlo Acutis who used his passion for the Eucharist and his internet skills to bring people to Jesus in a powerful way!

Guest Speaker
Mr Damian Howard | Founding Principal
Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School | Wollert

Blessed Carlo Acutis

MON. 21. JUL
6.30pm-8.30pm | St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish
71 Williamsons Road | Doncaster

To register, please scan QR code, use TryBooking link at <https://www.trybooking.com/DCQFL>, or use sign-up sheets located at church narthex.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
For more information, please contact
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MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)

Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed-Fri 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm (and on request)

Baptisms: 1st & 3rd weekend every month. **Weddings:** By Appointment

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

PARISH DIARY

Sun 20th July @ 9am—Mass
Sun 20th July @ 11am—Italian Mass & Baptism
Tue 22nd July @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Tue 22nd July @ 7pm—Memorial Mass for Bartolo Reitano
Wed 23rd July @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 24th July @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 25th July @ 9.15am—Mass
Sat 26th July @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Bartolo Reitano, Kevin Smith, John Szabo, Clarita Payawal, Leonardo Payawal** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ASRE—Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

We are pleased to announce that the class dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been scheduled. Please see the dates listed below. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website. We encourage you to complete and email your forms as soon as possible to secure your place in the program.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 2 nd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 1
Saturday 9 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 2
Saturday 16 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 3
Saturday 23 rd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 4
Saturday 30 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 5
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation



Memorial Wall Plaques

If you are considering honouring a deceased loved one, within our faith community, we invite you to add their name to our parish Memorial Wall. Please contact the parish office for more information about having a plaque made.

New Ways of Giving

To Support our Church with ease, we've introduced a new EFTPOS terminal. This is an easy and secure way to donate, but please note that it is not an alternative to your regular stewardship envelopes.

You can also donate by scanning this QR code with your phone camera.
Thank you for your generosity!



LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
19/20 July	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Jacinta Zieba	Yamna Taouk
	Reader	Rene Dela Cruz	Daniel Abdallah
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
		Virginie Mindiel	Shirley Pyndiah
26/27 July	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	Rene Dela Cruz	Daniel Abdallah
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Grace Cannatelli
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca
		May Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
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A MELODIC MINGLE

Come along for an afternoon delight showcasing some of the best regional and national a cappella groups !

Each group will take you on a journey through harmonies and melodies of your favourite jazz and poignant ballads.

Finishing the event, with an amazing and decadent afternoon tea, you will have a chance to mingle with those who have also enjoyed and the performers themselves.

When : Saturday 9 August @ 2pm

Venue : Manningham Uniting Church & Community Centre, 109 Wood Street, Templestowe.

Book your tickets

[Manninghamuc.org/melodicmingle](https://manninghamuc.org/melodicmingle)
9846 2012; info@manninghamuc.org
\$35 adult, \$10 children
Afternoon tea included