

like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

4 MAY 2025

'IT IS THE LORD!'

Jesus joins his disciples in Galilee at the Sea of Tiberias. It is an Easter scene that is essentially symbolic. The disciples have reconvened under Peter's initiative to go fishing, but their adventure ends in frustration. It is a reminder in John's world of missionary attempts that have also ended in fruitlessness. Jesus appears on the shore and directs them to continue fishing, albeit in a different or new direction—a pastoral strategy that is central. The focus of any pastoral or missionary endeavour must be under the behest of the Risen One. Their response to Jesus' direction proves overwhelmingly successful.

Not knowing at first the identity of the Risen Jesus, it is the Beloved Disciple, the one that holds a special place in John's Gospel, who points him out to Peter, the leader of the discipleship band: 'It is the Lord!'. On this, Peter clothes himself and jumps into the water heading towards Jesus. The act of Peter clothing himself is John's way of imaging Peter coming to a new identity. Now, Peter knows his identity in relationship to the Jesus who directs him in what he must do.

He also brings with him 153 fish to supply the breakfast that Jesus has prepared. Is this number symbolic of universality or completeness in the missionary endeavour of the developing Christian community? Today's Gospel is laced with subtle hints of an audience looking for new paths for missionary growth, in a new time, but always under the direction of the Risen Jesus.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

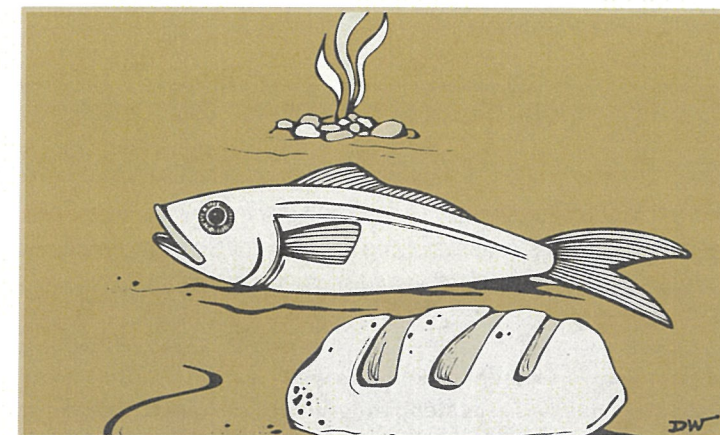
Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13.R.v.2

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (or Alleluia!)

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, / restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. / His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. / At night there are tears, / but joy comes with dawn. **R.**

3. The Lord listened and had pity. / The Lord came to my help. / For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; / O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

Apoc 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory, and blessing.

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

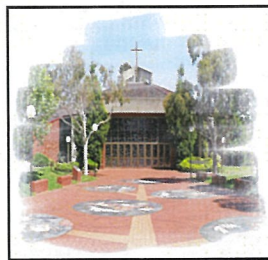
GOSPEL

Jn 21:1-14 (Longer form: Jn 21:1-19)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

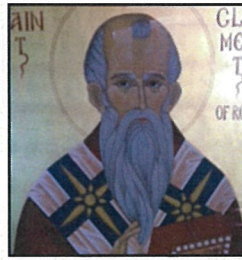
Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened



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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 Third Sunday of Easter

Today's theme is : Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



A Letter from Archbishop Comensoli regarding this week's announcements around St Patrick's Cathedral, is now available on the notice board. Further information can be found on this link : <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bipartisan-pledge-of-60-million-to-restore-melbournes-st-patricks-cathedral>

Mass Count 2025

The first Mass count will take place this weekend at all the Masses. Collectors at weekend Masses are kindly asked to compile the figures and complete the forms please. Thank you for your support in collecting these statistics.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. **Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

TURN DEBT INTO Hope

Join us as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and the launch of the Turn Debt into Hope advocacy campaign.

Speakers:

- Kirsten Sayers
CEO Caritas Australia
- Archbishop Coleridge
Archdiocese of Brisbane
- Dr Luke Fletcher
Executive Director
Jubilee Australia
Research Centre
- Leba Tamari
Advocacy Coordinator
Caritas Fiji

Date: Friday 16 May 2025
Time: 12-1 pm AEST
Register: caritas.org.au/debt

Caritas AUSTRALIA End poverty Promote justice Uphold dignity

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

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

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

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). **Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration :** Sat 8.40am

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

PARISH DIARY

Sun 4th May @ 9am—Mass followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre
Mon 5th May @ 9.15am—no Mass
Tue 6th May @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Tue 6th May @ 6pm—Gr 4 Eucharist Faith Night
Wed 7th May @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 8th May @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 9th May @ 9.15am—Mother's Day Mass
Sat 10th May @ 9.00am—ASRE 1st Com in the PO
Sat 10th May @ 9.15am—Mass/Reconciliation

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Paolina Timperio and for the repose of the souls of 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 Eucharist 2025

Please see the dates below for the Sacrament of Eucharist classes. Enrolments closed. Classes commenced last Saturday.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 10 th May	9.00 -10.15am	ASRE Eucharist 3
Saturday 17 th May	9.00 -10.15am	ASRE Eucharist 4
Saturday 24 th May	9.00 -10.15am	ASRE Eucharist 5 followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation.
	5.30pm	Sacrament of First Eucharist

Important notice for all Parish Ministry Volunteers

For Parishioners who wish to become volunteers or continue as volunteers, it is necessary that all Safeguarding Requirements are current. The necessary requirements include :

1. A valid Working with Children Check
2. A signed Code of Conduct
3. Completion of the safeguarding training module

Over the coming weeks, to help our volunteers, the Parish will be contacting people who currently do not meet all the requirements. We understand that meeting the requirements may seem daunting but we are keen to help, so that you are able to continue the very valuable work that you do for our Parish.

The Safeguarding Requirements for Parish volunteers have been determined by the Archdiocese of Melbourne in response to Victorian Government Legislation, Australian Government Legislation and critical incidents. To ensure that our Parishes continue to be safe spaces for children, young people and vulnerable adults, the Archdiocese of Melbourne and its Parishes will this year, be audited, by *Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited*.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety and well-being of all in our parish community.

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
3 /4 May	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	May Teh	Jan McQueen
	Readers	Pal Sammut	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Rita Gagliardi
		May Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina

10/11 May	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Maria Papalia
	Reader	Jacinta Zieba	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Agnes Lu
		Warwick Wright	Gloria Ng
		Sue De Bortoli	Fulvia Gerasolimo

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Children Liturgy

Due to the Community Mass on Sat 5.30pm, where all children are expected to attend, there will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday at the 9am Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass

Please join us for a delightful morning tea after Mass in the Clifton Centre. All welcome.



Good Shepherd Sunday

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

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.