

GOSPEL

Lk 17:5-10

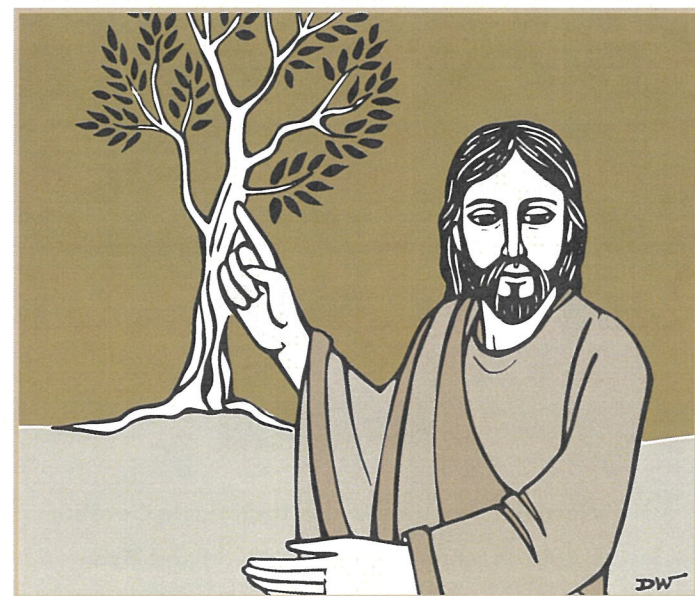
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

MERELY SERVANTS

There are two parts to today's Gospel. The first concerns faith. The apostles ask Jesus to 'increase their faith'. His response is not about making faith quantifiable but about allowing it to be active—no matter how limited one's faith seems to be. Faith makes what seems impossible (requesting a tree to be uprooted and planted in the ocean) possible. The imagery that Jesus uses accentuates the real nature of faith and assures Gospel listeners that faith helps disciples to act with confidence and see unimaginable possibilities for their lives with God.

This affirmation connects to the second part of today's proclamation. It is about acting with a spirit of humility, rather than from high status and arrogance. The final words of the Gospel – 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty'—invites Luke's audience, and ourselves, to see that our conduct in fidelity to God is what is important, not how we are promoted or regarded differentially by others. The saying that exemplifies Luke's portrait of Jesus, as 'one who came to serve and not be served' encourages his disciples, seduced by status, to live similarly, 'rather than be served'.

This reversal of social expectation and status seeking is difficult in a world which promotes a popularity founded on worldliness, status seeking and entitlement.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

5 OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

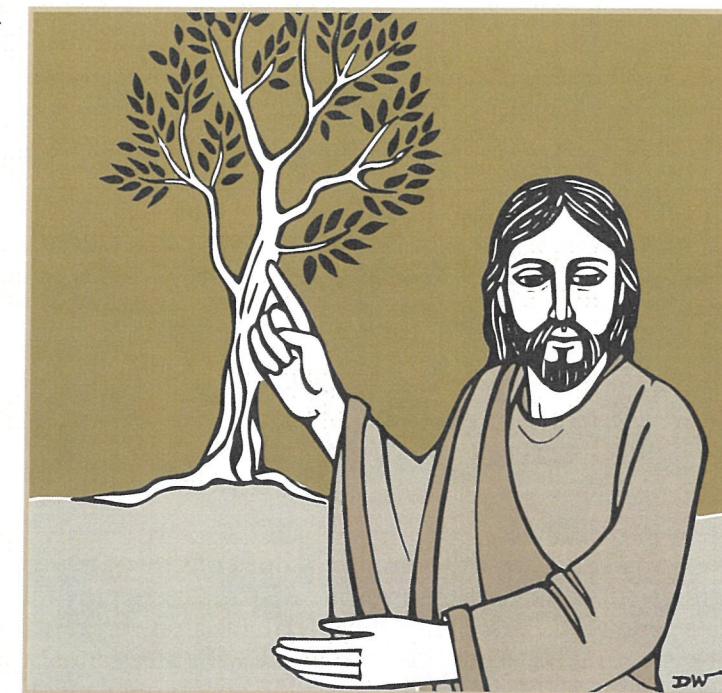
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 1:25

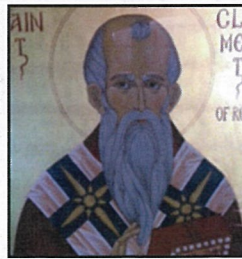
Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!



St Clement of Rome Church

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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 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : If you had faith!

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Dear Parishioners,
Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over the next four weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.



Celebrating 50 years of Italian Mass at St Clement of Rome Parish



Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of the Italian Mass at St Clement of Rome Parish on Sunday 19th October at 11am. The Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Clifton Centre. We are delighted to share that Fr Anthony Fregolent, our long-time Italian Chaplain, will also be joining us for this special occasion.

Celebrazione dei 50 anni della Santa Messa in italiano a San Clemente il 19 ottobre alle 11am, seguita da un rinfresco in sala. Sara' presente anche P. Antonio Fregolent che con P. Vito e altri padri scalabriniani e' stato il nostro cappellano per molti anni.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to all the school & parish children, who will be confirmed next Friday 10th October. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Parish morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass

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



Children's Liturgy—this Sunday at 9am Mass



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 5th Oct @ 9am—Mass/Children's Liturgy,
Followed by morning tea in the Clifton centre
Sun 5th Oct @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 7th Oct @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 8th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 9th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 10th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 10th Oct @ 6pm—Sacrament of Confirmation
Sat 11th Oct @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Cristina Lorandi, and for the repose of the souls of
Alberta Papalia, **Bruno Bastasin** 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.

Important reminder for all Parish Ministry Volunteers

Please ensure that you are up to date with the safeguarding requirements, whether or not it involves direct or indirect contact with children and young people. We encourage you to visit our website for more details and to complete or finalise any necessary documentation. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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

4 /5 October	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	Jacinta Zieba	Tig Chobo
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Shirley Pyndiah
		Virginie Mindiel	Grace Cannatelli
		Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca

11/12 October	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Carmen Gobbi
	Commentator	Jacinta Zieba	Tig Chobo
	Readers	Rene De La Cruz	Mark Gregor
	Special Ministers	May Teh	Rita Gagliardi
		Martin Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Enza Wilcocks	Maria Papalia

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Word of Life – Weekly Reflections in October

Wednesdays – 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

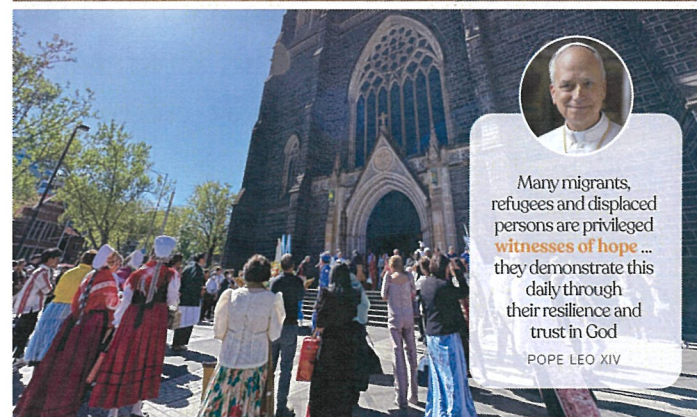
10.00AM to 11.00AM

The Clifton Centre, St. Clement of Rome,
Bulleen

You are warmly invited to come together after the 9.15AM Mass on Wednesdays in October to join us for a special weekly reflection on the readings of the day.

This session is for fellowship and deeper understanding of the Scripture. We hope you can join us for this enriching experience.

Please register your interest by writing your names on the clipboard at the church foyer for organising purposes.



Migrant Festive Gathering

Saturday 4 October 2025 • 9AM–4PM
Loyola College Hall, 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia

Mass for All Nations

Sunday 5 October 2025 • 11AM
St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne



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