

GOSPEL

Lk 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

MEAL-TEACHINGS

Today's opening Gospel verse sets the scene for what will unfold. It is a Sabbath, a day of rest when Israelites emulate the action of God in the creation story in Genesis 1. A meal now provides this for Jesus. What follows is in two parts.

The first is an analysis of social structure and hierarchy in Luke's day. Jesus notices how some presume to sit in the places of honour. They presume entitlement. We are in a world where one of the most important social dynamics concerns the importance of 'honour' and 'shame.' Honour is a publicly recognised value by which people are confirmed or grow in their social standing; shame is its antithesis. Honour is a limited commodity which is either inherited or acquired. Those who 'shame' another grow in honour. Luke's Jesus uses this social dynamic to reflect on self-exaltation and humility: 'Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted'.

The second part of today's Gospel further explores what happens at meals. The common expectation would be to host a meal with one's friends and people of similar social standing. Jesus upends such meal etiquette. Rather than inviting social equals he encourages meal invitees to be the poor and those from the lower echelons. Payment for such graciousness will occur in the time of resurrection. These meal-teachings from Luke's day, of humility and welcoming of the poor, continue to speak to us today.

Fr Michael Trainor



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

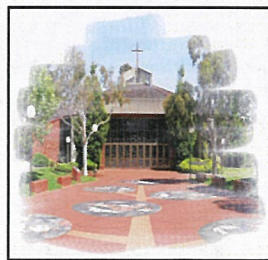
What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

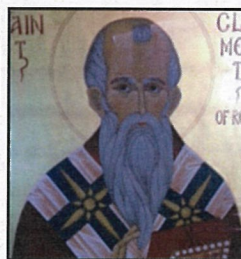
Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!



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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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign will continue this weekend.....

Go out and proclaim the Good News

In this Jubilee year, we are invited to live that call more deeply. Through this unified campaign, we share in that mission— supporting ministries that serve those in need and bring God's love into our communities. Your generous gift helps proclaim the Good News, not only in word, but in action.

Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate.

Sunday Reflection...

A wedding banquet is an ideal opportunity to strengthen bonds of friendship, family ties, and neighbourliness. Jesus is certainly not opposed to inviting friends and relatives on such occasions. What is to be avoided is selfishness which excludes less fortunate people and invites only those who can 'pay back' the invitation in some way.

Jesus urges his audience to extend their hospitality to new groups: the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind. These are the people who are on the fringes of or outside the village community. People must go beyond the bounds of kinship and close alliance.

The kingdom is not reserved to a select few. God prepares his banquet for everyone: the just and the sinners, the good and the bad, the learned and the uneducated, those on the margins and those rejected and scorned by society.

In the end, the kingdom of heaven is the only banquet that counts. To miss out on that banquet is the greatest tragedy that can happen to anyone. The people at the margins of society have a powerful patron: God. To include them in a table fellowship here on earth is to ensure oneself a place of honour in heaven.

National Child Protection Week : 7-13 September 2025

National Child Protection Week is fast approaching running from 7-13 September 2025, this year campaign continues to promote the message that **"every child, in every community, needs a fair go"**.

Let's work together to create safe, connected and supportive environment for all children.

Please visit www.napcan.org.au to explore.

God's Word—Daily Reflections

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 31st Aug @ 9am—Mass
Sun 31st Aug @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 2nd Sept @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 3rd Sept @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 4th Sept @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 5th Sept @ 9.15am—Father's Day School Mass
Sat 6th Sept @ 9am—Confirmation classes , followed by confession in preparation at 10am
Sat 6th Sept @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

*We pray for those who have died recently,
Dolfa Pegoraro, Elisabetta Cardamone, John Chang 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 Confirmation 2025

The classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation have commenced. The class dates are listed below.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

Father's Day Morning Tea—Next Sunday

All are warmly invited to join us for a special Morning Tea, after the 9am Mass to celebrate Father's Day. Please bring a plate to share as we gather in fellowship and give thanks for the fathers and father figures in our lives.

Come Away Day

Wednesday 10th September at Holy Cross Monastery, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe

The theme of our next 'Come Away' is 'Awakening to the New'. The day begins with a "cuppa" at 9.30am and the formal part of the day at 10.00am. The day's programme provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO Lunch, tea & coffee provided.

You are invited to contribute \$30, or a donation according to your means. The day will end with the Eucharist and departure at 2.30pm. It is helpful to know the expected numbers so that we can have handouts ready so please email Sr Brigid on bridget.m64@gmail.com

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
30/31 August	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	May Teh	Jan McQueen
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca
		Virginie Mindiel	Rita Gagliardi
		Martin Teh	Maria Papalia

6/7 September	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	May Teh	Jan McQueen
	Reader	Jacinta Zieba	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah
		Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli
		Virginie Mindiel	Anne Fusca

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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100 YEARS OF YCW
WOMEN IN ACTION
LUNCHEON



YCW (Holdings) Melbourne invites you to join us to celebrate the contributions women have made to Australian YCW as we celebrate the centenary of YCW. Hear stories from different generations of women who live out the YCW method in their everyday lives. Share your own memories and experiences of YCW with others during a delicious light lunch. Open to women AND men of YCW, their friends and interested networks.

Bookings essential: <https://events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action>



Sunday 31st August
Registrations at 10:30 for a 11am start
Catholic Theological College, Knox Room
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
All tickets: \$25 + \$2.17 Humanitix booking fee includes light lunch