

Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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21 JULY 2024

LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Our readings for this Sunday call to mind our need for God across the ages. The daily news often depicts a world out of control, wracked by war, aggression, violence, sadness and fear. Yet we know God reaches out in every age with love.

In Jeremiah we hear that the Lord gathers up the remnant of the flock bringing them into the fold where they will be safe. God will not abandon them but will raise up David as king who will bring Judah and Israel to safety. Our psalm response is a mantra for all ages: 'the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.' The Letter to the Ephesians speaks of Christ as 'the peace between us' and offers us the comfort that he 'came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.'

As we focus on the Gospel of Mark, we find Jesus calling his disciples together and inviting them to 'come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' Recognising their need for rest after being on mission, Jesus still has his eye to the crowds who are like 'sheep without a shepherd.' Today we can see the constancy of God's care for us in the midst of all that might overwhelm us. There is invitation both to find time for rest and reflection on the gift of the Lord as shepherd and Christ who is peace, as well as for sharing this gift with all in need.

FIRST READING

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

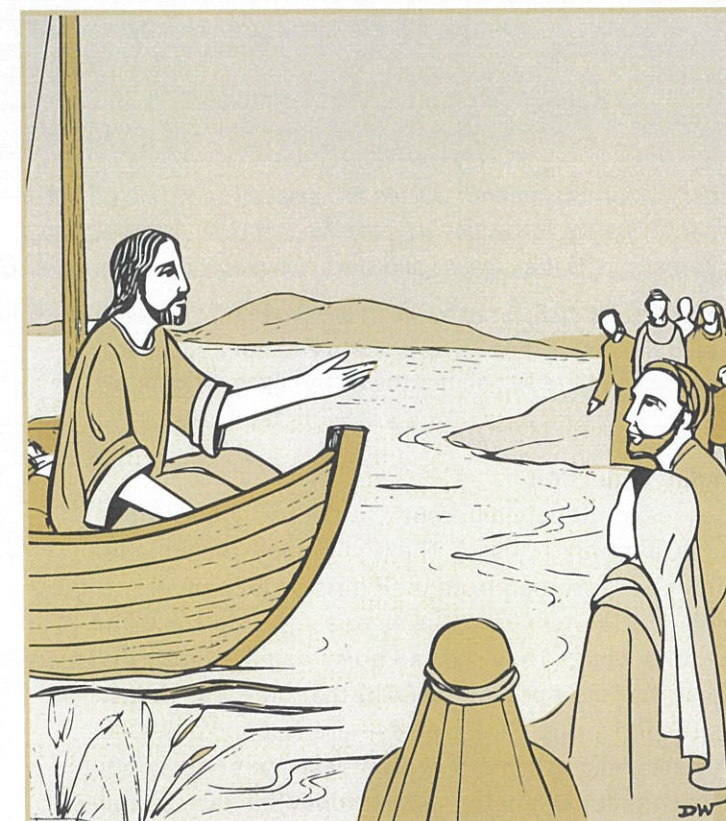
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**



2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

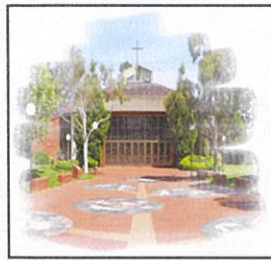
Eph 2: 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

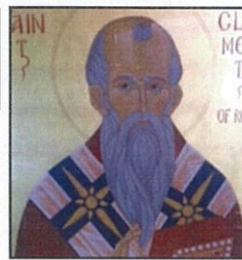
In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the

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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.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's theme is : They were as sheep without a shepherd.

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Sunday Reflection

Jesus responds very differently to the two groups of people in today's Gospel. The first group—the apostles—have just returned from their mission and are very tired, so he says to them 'come away to a deserted place and rest for a while'. They still had much to learn but Jesus knows that their primary need at that time was to rest. The second group—the crowds—are lost and dejected. They are seeking something from Jesus so he sets about to teach them at length. A priest today can face a similar situation as he looks out at his congregation on a Sunday morning. Present are people who may be tired and simply need to rest in the Lord. They don't need many words. Then there are others who are lost and dejected, who are hungry for God's word, who desire some input, some teaching. In some way the needs of both groups have to be honoured.

- God's Word—Daily Reflections

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation.'
MARK 16:15

FOR CLERGY AND RCIA TEAM MEMBERS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Workshop Day

Saturday 10 August 2024
10am–3.30pm
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE
576 VICTORIA PARADE, EAST MELBOURNE

A life-giving RCIA journey is the fruit of a vibrant, missionary parish.

Clergy and RCIA team members (experienced and emerging) are warmly invited to day of networking and formation as we seek to grow RCIA candidates into a deep friendship with Jesus Christ and a growing relationship with their local community.

- Cost: \$25 per person; max. of \$100 per parish for 5 people
- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Registrations close Tuesday 6 August for catering purposes.

Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB
Rev. Dr Elio Capra is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco and lectures in liturgy and sacramental theology at Catholic Theological College. He has published books to support RCIA including: *Called Gifted*, *Sent, Come and See* and *Walk with Me*.

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Safeguarding Children and Young People

We would like to thank everyone who has signed the Safeguarding Code of Conduct and emailed the office the proof of completion of the training module. Your efforts are helping us remain compliant.

If you have not yet completed these steps, please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience to receive further information regarding the procedure.

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: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. **Weddings:** By Appointment

PARISH DIARY

Wed 31st July @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office
Sun 4th August @ 10am—Morning tea in the Clifton Centre

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Maria Bordonaro, Giuseppe Condello, Stamatis Grivas and for the repose of the souls of **Ermanno Cappola, Giusepina Marotta** 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.

After School Sacramental Program

Enrolments now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please visit our website to see the class dates. Thank you.



Shrines of Our Lady Pilgrimage - Information Session

Fr Ananda Maddineni invites you for an information session at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 20th July, in St Mary's Parish, 204 Grimshaw St, Greensborough. This information session is for the upcoming pilgrimage, departing on 28th October, and features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Rocamadour, Nevers, Paris, Medjugorje, and Zagreb for an all-inclusive price of \$8390. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English-speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage

15th—26th October 2024

Join the official pilgrimage created and led by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart for the last 28 years. An all inclusive 12 day organised pilgrimage to sacred sites in VIC, SA & NSW

Find out more : (02) 8912 4818

Email : national.Pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Or www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
20/21 July	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i>	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Enza Wilcocks	Rita Gagliardi
		Warwick Wright	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		John Bruce	Agnes Lu
27/28 July	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	<i>Reader</i>	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina
		Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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The Theology of visibility

Sat 27th July from 9.30am—12.30pm
Venue : Manningham Uniting Church & Community Centre, 109 Wood Street, Templestowe.
Tickets : \$20 per person (incl morning tea)
Register before 24th July.
Info@ manninghamuc.org/9846 2012

Meditation & Mindfulness in the Christian Tradition - 10x Thursday, 12 Sept – 14 Nov 2024, 11am–12pm

(in-person event) Roland Ashby
This series offers a beautiful space to stop for an hour to explore the ancient way of contemplation and tap into a deep spring of love, joy, peace and compassion at the centre of being.

Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/meditation-mindfulness-in-the-christian-tradition-sem2/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne. Cost \$100 for the series.

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.