

and have believed it:
and you too have been stamped with the seal
of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
the pledge of our inheritance
which brings freedom for those whom God has
taken for his own,
to make his glory praised.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1: 17-18
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our
heart that we might see how great is the
hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 6: 7-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Mark.

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send
them out in pairs giving them authority over
the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to
take nothing for the journey except a staff –
no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their
purses. They were to wear sandals but, he
added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said
to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay
there until you leave the district. And if any
place does not welcome you and people refuse
to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the
dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’
So they set off to preach repentance: and they
cast out many devils, and anointed many sick
people with oil and cured them.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JULY 2024

ONGOING MISSION

In the verse preceding today's Gospel, we
learn that Jesus 'went about among the
villages teaching' (Mark 6:6b). In the context
of this activity, Jesus sends out the Twelve,
and we are given a glimpse of the experience
of the early missionaries, something we also
find in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke.
Importantly Mark records that Jesus gives
them authority over unclean spirits. They are
now able to heal as he did.

Going out two by two, they emulate the Old
Testament law of witness (Deuteronomy 17:6;
19:15) as well as replicating the way they were
called – in pairs. The details of their garb might
seem strange to us. Taking a staff is not only
helpful for walking but also adds protection.
The specifics of 'no bread, no bag, no money'
distinguishes them from Cynic preachers, as
does having only one tunic and will allow them
to be recognisable as participants in Jesus'
mission. Wearing sandals distinguishes them
from barefoot slaves or from those who could
wear boots. They are to stay with people who
welcome them and so as travellers they may
be offered hospitality.

The results of their mission are made evident,
and their activity comes to the ears of Herod,
yet their identity as Jesus' disciples is still
unclear. They are thought to belong to John
the Baptist. The context of mission in the days
of Jesus is a far cry from today. How are we
called and sent out today? What is our sense
of proclaiming the Good News in the world?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Am 7: 12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go
away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn
your bread there, do your prophesying there.
We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this
is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I
was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of
the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to
Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after
sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me
from herding the flock, and the Lord who said,
"Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8

**R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, /
a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his
people. / His help is near for those who fear
him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice
and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall
spring from the earth / and justice look down
from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our
earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march
before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

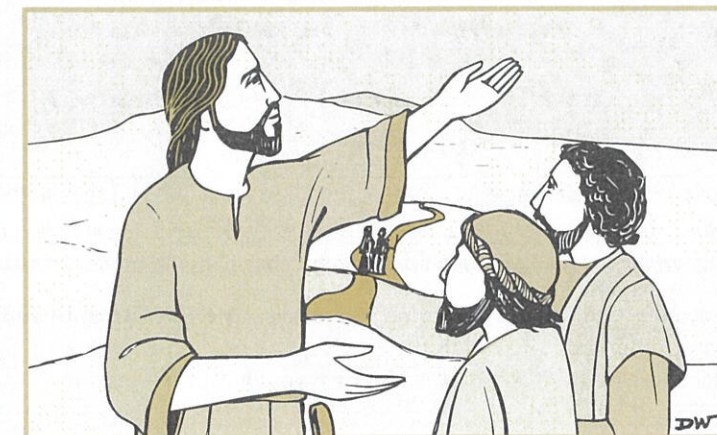
SECOND READING

Eph 1: 3-14

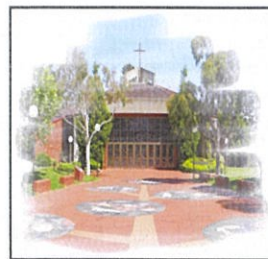
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians.

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual
blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose
us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through
love in his presence,

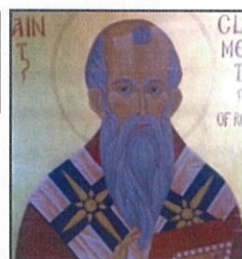


determining that we should become his
adopted sons, through Jesus Christ,
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved,
in whom, through his blood, we gain our
freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace
which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ
from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their
course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under
Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on
earth.
And it is in him that we were claimed as God's
own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who
guides all things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in
Christ before he came.
Now you too, in him,
have heard the message of the truth and the
good news of your salvation,



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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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**
Today's theme is : He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Sunday Reflection

God chooses human beings to communicate the divine message and we can sometimes be amazed at the people God chooses. Amos, the shepherd, had no qualifications to speak in God's name yet he was the one God chose. The Twelve sent out by Jesus were similarly unremarkable. Most amazingly, perhaps, God has chosen us also, chosen us in Christ, to be spiritually blessed and to praise the glory of his grace. Of course, not everyone will accept the wonderful message we bring. Indeed some will react negatively to both the message and the messenger. This was the experience of Amos and the Twelve. Jesus urges us not to dwell on such rejections. We should let them go—shake the dust from our feet and continue to be a voice that speaks of peace.

- God's Word—Daily Reflections



NAIDOC MASS



Join the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) and Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) in a Mass to mark the end of NAIDOC Week (7–14 July) and to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

Sunday 14 July - 11am—12pm St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

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

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

Fri 19th July @ 12.45pm—Whole School Eucharist/
Presentation of Yr 6 Students/Leaders
Sun 21st July @ 9am—Mass & Baptisms
Wed 31st July @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Nicola Blanco** and for the repose of the souls of **Milena Fabris, Clarita Mendoza** 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.



LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
13/14 July	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Livia Tunggal
	<i>Commentator</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Maria Papalia
		May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
		Martin Teh	Anne Fusca
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

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.

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