

must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form: 10:17-27

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Breaking Open the Word

'FOR GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE'

Many of us find it impossible to see the eye of a needle and the previously discarded needle threader is once again an essential tool. Indeed, many no longer bother with sewing or darning. So, the idea of a camel squeezing its gangly legs and neck and robust body through a tiny aperture is just absurd, never mind impossible. But wait, could that 'eye of the needle' be an opening enabling passage among rock formations, offering a possibility akin to an Indiana Jones adventure in the desert? No, it's not.

If we begin with the wisdom of the first reading, 'I prayed, and understanding was given to me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me' we have some perspective on today's Gospel. If we team this with the words of Hebrews 'the word of God is living and active' we take another step on the journey. The Gospel begins with Jesus proceeding on a journey and we might contemplate elements of synodality with prayer, calling on God and travelling with the spirit of wisdom on a journey. Any of us could be that person who seeks the answer to the question of eternal life. We all lead good lives. This person fails the discipleship request to sell everything and give the proceeds to the poor. Is entering the kingdom of God so impossible? No, 'for God all things are possible'. Our journey with God, in prayer and with the spirit of wisdom in the company of others on the mission to which we are called, is the way of life that leads to eternal life. Let's go!

Dr Rosemary Canavan



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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FIRST READING

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;

compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,

and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,
preferred her to the light,

since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me,
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R. v. 14

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life /
that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord,
relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to
your servants. **R.**

2. In the morning, fill us with your love; /
we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Give
us joy to balance our affliction / for the years
when we knew misfortune. **R.**

3. Show forth your work to your servants; /
let your glory shine on their children. / Let the
favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success
to the work of our hands. **R.**

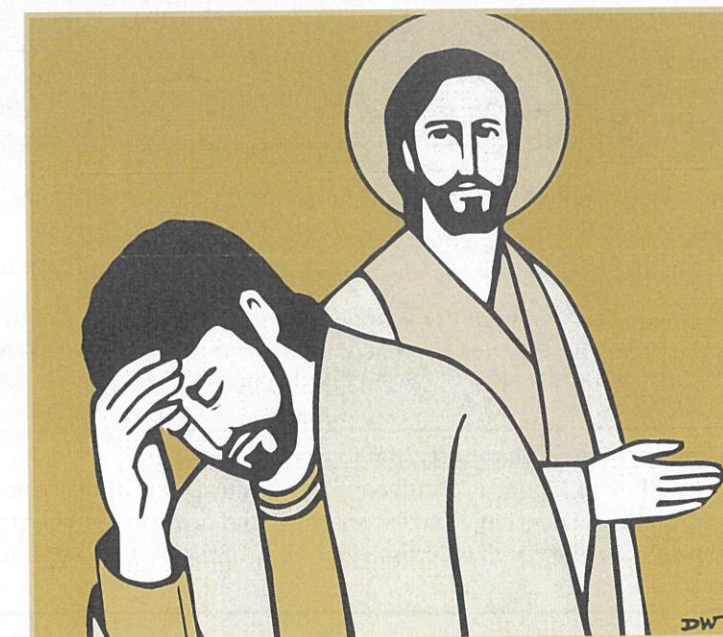
SECOND READING

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active:
it cuts like any double-edged sword but more



finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

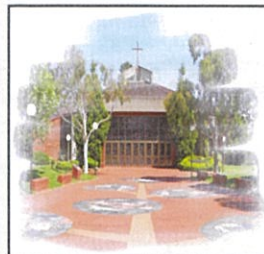
GOSPEL

Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

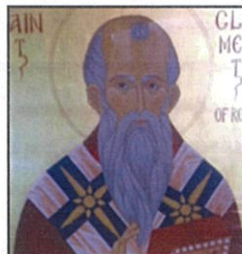
Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You



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

Today's theme is : Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

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

Archbishop Comensoli calls faithful to pray for peace

In the lead-up to Monday 7 October, the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks on Israel, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has sent a pastoral letter to the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, along with a Prayer for Peace written by Cardinal Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem. A copy of the pastoral letter is available on our website and on the notice board in the foyer.

Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all peoples,
Who in the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His own life,
at great cost You wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:
Send into our hearts the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that He may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
The irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice, in love and freedom.
Almighty and eternal God,
in Your hands are the hopes of men and women
and the rights of every people:
Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us,
so that, with Your help,
they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote the common good and lasting peace in our
region and throughout the earth.
Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, obtain the gift of peace for the
Holy Land that gave birth to you and for the whole world.
Amen.

Australian Catholics play key role in the Synod of Bishops' Second Assembly

As the Synod of Bishops' second assembly continues in Rome, 14 Australian participants are making important contributions to shaping the future of the Church, particularly in the context of synodality—a process of listening, discernment and communal journeying. The month-long second assembly of the Synod of Bishops aims to deepen the Church's understanding of how to live synodality in every aspect of Church life.

The synod process began in October 2021, when Catholics worldwide were invited to reflect on what it means to be a synodal Church and provide their views on priority issues. This extensive consultation process informed discussions during the first session of the synod in 2023, culminating in a 'synthesis report'.

The second session, currently underway, is tasked with continuing this discernment and offering a final document to Pope Francis for implementation. Discussions at the second session are being guided by a document known as the *Instrumentum laboris*, which summarises the 'fruit' of the consultation so far.

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

Sat 19th Oct @ 9am in the Clifton centre—ASRE confirmation classes
Thurs 24th Oct @ 9.15am—No Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, *Joan O'meara, Ivy Stocco* and for the repose of the souls of *Lina & Josip Sverko* 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—Confirmation

The classes commenced last Saturday 12th Oct.



St Clement of Rome Parish—new website

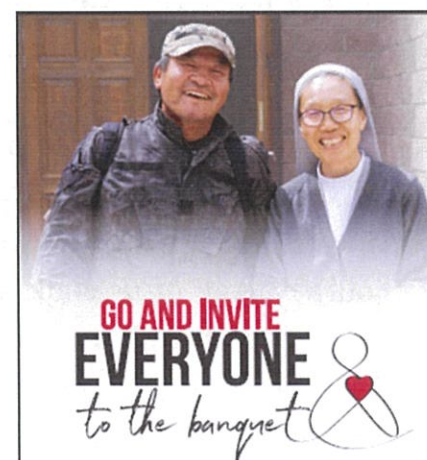
Please check out our new website for all the latest news and updates <https://www.melbcatholic.org/bulleen>
To help us reduce printing costs and stay environmentally friendly, we encourage you to **subscribe** to our digital newsletter via the website. Thank you for your support and for helping us make a positive impact!

Spring Song Concert

Sun 20th Oct at 2pm, Seniors tickets \$30
St David's Anglican Church, Doncaster East
Tel 9842 2995

World Mission Sunday

The collection will take place on the 19/20 October weekend.
Thank you for your generous gifts.



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.



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New to the Parish?

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Fr Mark or our greeters at Mass. They can assist you in accessing our online welcome form, if you would like to get involved in parish life. We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Walking the Land in Spring Saturday, 19 October 2024, 10 am – 3 pm (in person)

This day involves a walk along the Williamstown beach foreshore, inviting you to contemplate the deep wisdom and spirit of this natural bayside environment. Engage in the stories and the creative edge of two adjoining ecosystems. Journaling and art material. Cost \$60. BYO Lunch.

Register and pay at <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/walking-the-land-in-spring/>

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.