

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
with death,

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Mark.

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said, 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him, 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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## 'LET ME SEE AGAIN'

This week's Gospel is the story of Bartimaeus, a 'blind beggar'. Earlier in the Gospel (8:22-26) there is another healing story of a blind man in Bethsaida. These two stories bookend the journey of the disciples with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the three passion predictions. Last week we heard of the sons of Zebedee who, like the other disciples, fail to see who Jesus is. In today's story, Bartimaeus is named and connected to a family, which is unusual for healing miracles.

Bartimaeus is sitting alongside the road, the way. Jesus, the crowd and disciples are leaving Jericho on the way to Jerusalem. Bartimaeus shouts out asking for mercy, addressing Jesus as 'Son of David'. He recognises him as Messiah. Many order him to be silent. He shouts the same phrase more loudly. Jesus stops in his tracks and invites the crowd to call Bartimaeus to come to him. They say 'Take heart, get up, he is calling you'. Jesus' reconciles the many to their mission.

Bartimaeus throws off his cloak, his means of income from begging. He springs up, coming to Jesus guided by the sound of his voice. Jesus asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' This is the question Jesus had asked the sons of Zebedee. Bartimaeus answers: 'Let me see again.' Jesus' words have immediate impact. Bartimaeus regains his sight and follows Jesus on the way: he becomes a disciple of Jesus. How clearly do we see our mission to bring others to Jesus, to spread the good news, to invite others on the way.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

## FIRST READING

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!

Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout:

'The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears,

I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not  
stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my first-born son.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v. 3

**R.** The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from  
bondage, / it seemed like a dream. / Then was  
our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips  
there were songs. **R.**

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What  
marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What  
marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we  
were glad. **R.**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as  
streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in  
tears / will sing when they reap. **R.**



4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, /  
carrying seed for the sowing; / they come back,  
they come back, full of song, / carrying their  
sheaves. **R.**

## SECOND READING

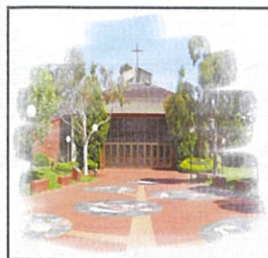
Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

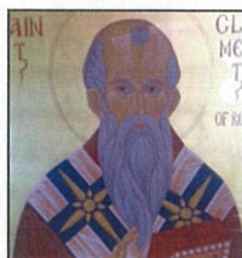
Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

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# 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.

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

Today's theme is : Master, grant that I may see...

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

## Ordinations to the Diaconate



Please pray for the four new ordinations to the diaconate. Over four separate days, in different parishes, four seminarians will be giving their 'life back to God' as they are ordained to the transitional diaconate.

**Tuong Nguyen :** 5pm Sun 27th Oct at St Gregory the Great Church, Doncaster

**John Vespa :** 5.30pm Sat 26th Oct at St Bede's North Balwyn

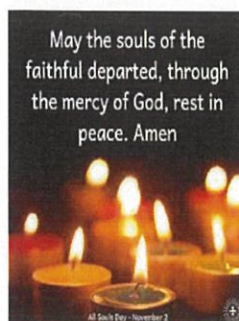
**Ian Vergel :** 11am Sun 20th Oct at St Fidelis, Moreland

**Joshua McDermid :** 5pm Sat 16th Nov at St Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs

More information can be found on our website.

All Saints, Parish/School Mass will be celebrated on Fri 1st Nov at 9.15am.

All Souls Masses will be celebrated on Sat 2nd Nov at 9.15am & 5.30pm



## Remembering our deceased loved ones .....

The Catholic tradition offers us November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day as the Month of special remembrance for those who have died. All Saints Day, 1st November is a day of solemnity and All Souls Day commemorates all the faithful departed. To highlight the communion with those who have gone before us, a special **Remembrance Book** will be placed in the Foyer and you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones as you attend Mass throughout November. During the weekend Masses, the book will be taken up in procession and the Mass will be offered for all those remembered.

Please place your offerings in the envelopes provided. Thank you.

## 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

Mon 28th Oct @ 9.15am—no Mass  
Tue 29th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass in Italian  
Wed 30th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass  
Thurs 31st Oct @ 9.15am—no Mass  
Fri 1st Nov @ 9.15am—Parish/School Mass  
Sat 2nd Nov @ 9am in the Clifton centre—ASRE Confirmation classes

## Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Idelma Cenci** and for the repose of the souls of **Montano Equibal**, **Anton Mejak** 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 on 12th Oct. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sat 23rd Nov at 5.30pm.



## 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.

## Parish morning tea next Sunday after 9am Mass

Please join us in the Clifton Centre. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.



| LITURGY ROSTER |                          | SAT 5.30PM         | SUN 9.00AM          |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 26/27 Oct      | <i>Sacristan</i>         | Sue De Bortoli     | Francis & Gloria Ng |
|                | <i>Commentator</i>       | Jacinta De La Cruz | Christine Landsberg |
|                | <i>Reader</i>            | Rene De La Cruz    | Tim Landsberg       |
|                | <i>Special Ministers</i> | Enza Wilcocks      | Agnes Lu            |
|                |                          | Warwick Wright     | Gloria Ng           |
|                |                          | John Bruce         | Maria Papalia       |
| 2 /3 Nov       | <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> | Zina Scalzo        | Shirley Pyndiah     |
|                |                          | May Teh            | Grace Cannatelli    |
|                |                          | Martin Teh         | Anne Fusca          |

## ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

| DATE  | LETTORI                    | OFFERTORIO    | MINISTRI DELL' EUCARISTIA    |
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## Early Notice—preparation for Christmas

Rosters are currently being prepared for December, Christmas, January and February Masses. If you are not available to read, commentate or be in attendance as a Minister of Holy Communion, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. This information is important for us to prepare the roster effectively. Once the roster has been sent out, any changes will be your responsibility. If you need to make a change, please arrange for another member on the roster to cover your duties. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

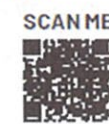
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**Covid 19 update :** Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated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