

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your
virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes
and Pharisees, you will never get into the
kingdom of heaven.

‘You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does
kill he must answer for it before the court. But
I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his
brother will answer for it before the court;

‘You have learnt how it was said: You must
not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a
man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already
committed adultery with her in his heart.

‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors: You must not break your oath, but
must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say
this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say
is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no;
anything more than this comes from the evil
one.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form 5:17-37

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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15 FEBRUARY 2026

HONOURING THE TORAH

As we continue to hear Jesus’ teaching in
Matthew’s ‘Sermon on the Mount’, we now
move into a very Jewish-oriented section.
Matthew’s audience were Jewish followers
of Jesus. They were very familiar with the
teachings of the Old Testament, from the
Torah (the ‘Law’) and the Prophets. Jesus now
reflects on these teachings stressing that he has
come, not to abolish them, but to ‘complete
them’. In other words, Matthew is not
rejecting the Jewish teaching heritage of the
audience but deepening it. This preservation
and honouring of the Torah is central in Jesus’
teaching.

In fact, the one who keeps and teaches others
the injunctions of the Torah will be regarded as
‘great’ in God’s Kingdom. Matthew moves to
explicate some of the key moral injunctions of
the Torah. Each begins with the same formula:
‘You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors...’ Then follows Jesus’ interpretation
of the Torah for Matthew’s Jewish listeners.
It is important to note how this teaching is
presented. The usual translation has ‘...But I
say to you...’ This is not what the Greek text
has. There is no contrast, no ‘but’, between
what the ancients said and what Jesus teaches.
There is no contrast between the old (the
Torah) and the new (Jesus’ teaching), and no
rejection of Judaism or its ancient wisdom
summed up on the Torah.

Jesus deepens the meaning behind these
different aspects of Jewish law concerning
murder, adultery and oath-breaking, getting
to the heart of each. Undergirding each is
the invitation to integrity of relationships.
This, too, is the invitation to us, to live with
a wholeness of being to others, God and the
world.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1

**R. Happy are they who follow the law of
the Lord!**

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, /
who follow God’s law! / They are happy those
who do his will, / seeking him with all their
hearts. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts / to be
obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm /
to obey your statutes. **R.**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and
obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may
consider / the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes /
and I will keep them to the end. / Train me
to observe your law, / to keep it with my
heart. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the
ages began.*

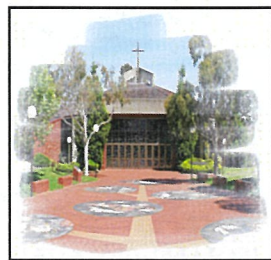
We have a wisdom to offer those who have
reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age,



it is true, still less of the masters of our age,
which are coming to their end. The hidden
wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries
is the wisdom that God predestined to be for
our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom
that none of the masters of this age have ever
known, or they would not have crucified the
Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls:
the things that no eye has seen and no ear has
heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that
God has prepared for those who love him.

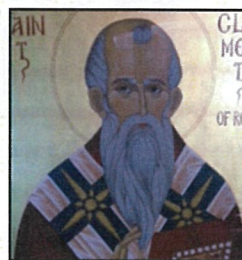
These are the very things that God has
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit
reaches the depths of everything, even the
depths of God.

■ The word of the Lord.



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.

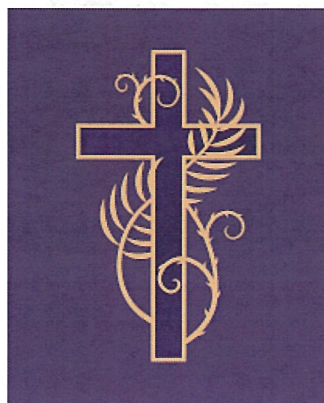
Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent—We invite you to deepen your Lenten journey by participating in the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 8.40am. We look forward to seeing you as we unite in prayer during this sacred season.



Lent 2026

Please note the following Mass Times for Ash Wednesday 18th February :

Whole School Mass at 9.15am

Parish Mass at 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Project Compassion : You can donate through donation boxes and envelopes available in the Foyer from next weekend.

Sunday Reflection....

The audience for Matthew's Gospel was a community of Jewish and Gentile people who had become Christians. Matthew is anxious to assure both groups that the Christian community is respectful of their traditions and that Jesus did not come to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to complete them.

The Gospel writer, Matthew, shows a respect for the old Law but he is also enthusiastic for the new vision that Jesus has brought to its interpretation. He shows Jesus as the true Messiah, the new Moses, who will fulfil God's promises to Israel. Today we hear Jesus confirming the old Law and adding a higher expectation about the way that Law is kept. This is about keeping the Law in thought as well as in action. It is not just about how we do this or that, it is more about why we are doing it. With the psalmist I pray : Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

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

PARISH DIARY

Sun 15th Feb @ 9am—Mass

Sun 15th Feb @ 11am—Italian Mass

Tue 17th Feb @ 9.15am—Italian Mass

Wed 18th Feb @ 9.15am—Whole School Mass & 7.00pm : Parish Mass

Thurs 19th Feb @ 9.15am—no Mass

Thurs 19th Feb 10.30am—Requiem Mass for Frank Sartor

Fri 20th Feb @ 9.15am—Grade 4 Class Mass

Sat 21st Feb @ 5pm—Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Frank Sartor** and for the repose of the souls of **Alfio Bonanno, Ottorino Pettenon, Simioni family, Felice & Leonilda Natoli, Maureen Keogh, Romualdo Sanidad Senior, Domenico & Maria Paolilli** 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 2026

We are currently working on the class dates for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. The full schedule will be uploaded on to our website as soon as it is finalised. Thank you for your patience.



World Day of Prayer

Friday March 6th at 10am

Venue : Doncaster Church of Christ

680 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Speaker : Rev Peter Young

Who spent many years in Nigeria

All welcome

Refreshments served

Contact : 0438 034 739

The Journey of Faith

A Lenten Retreat for the youth has been organized by the Little Sisters of the Poor in Northcote., to be held on Sat 14th March from 9.30am—6pm. The entrance is free and the lunch will be provided. Please RSVP before 10th March for catering purposes. Please contact Sr Maureen : 0416 609 878 or 9489 8444 srmaureenmokaya@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

14/15 February	Sacristan	Maria Papalia/ Virginie Mindiel	Shirley Pyndiah
	Commentator	May Teh	Mark Gregor
	Reader	Jacinta Zieba	Christine Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Shirley Pyndiah
		May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca

21/22 February	Sacristan	Maria Papalia/ Virginie Mindiel	Rita Gagliardi
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	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Rita Gagliardi
		Warwick Wright	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Virginie Mindiel	Carmen Gobbi

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Holy Week Roster for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

We are in the process of planning the Holy Week roster and we kindly ask that you let us know as soon as possible, if you will not be available during that period. Thank you for your continued support.

Important reminder for all Parish Ministry Volunteers

Please ensure that you are up to date with the safeguarding requirements, whether or not it involves direct or indirect contact with children and young people. We encourage you to visit our website for more details and to complete or finalise any necessary documentation. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

**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.**