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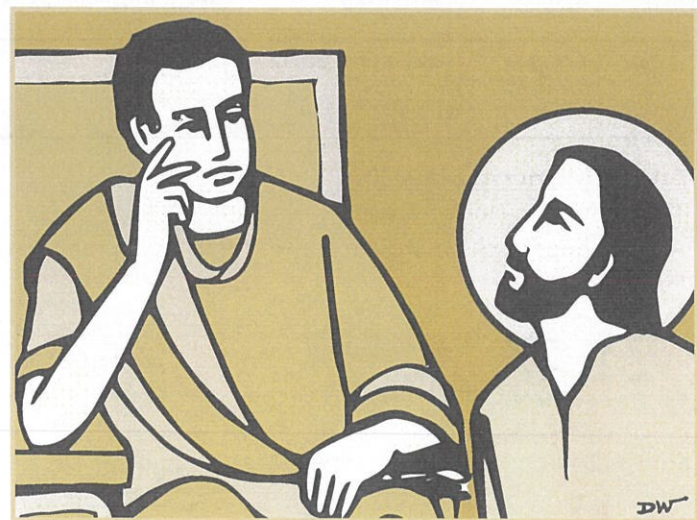
Jn 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

24 NOVEMBER 2024

'BORN FOR THIS'

The apocalyptic messages of the last weeks now arrive at the climax of our liturgical year: it is the end! In the first reading Daniel regales us with the vision of 'one like the son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven. Our psalm response chants, 'The Lord is 'King'.

We are taken to the passion narrative of John's Gospel: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' It is Pilate who asks. In this moment Jesus speaks with the clarity of the truth: 'My kingdom is not from this world'. Questioned further, he declares, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This short passage confirms what we already know that Jesus the Christ is 'the Word' who 'became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.' (1:14). The 'I Am' statements in John's Gospel proclaim Jesus as 'the bread that came down from heaven' (6:41), 'the bread of life' (6:48), 'the living bread' (6:51), 'the light of the world' (8:12), 'the gate for the sheep' (10:7), 'the good shepherd' who lays his life down for his sheep (10:11), 'the resurrection and the life' (11:25), 'the way, the truth and the life' (14:6), 'the true vine' (15:1), 'the vine, and you are the branches' (15:5). This litany reveals the One in whom we believe and to whose voice we listen. Today we celebrate the One who was born for this.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel

His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages
became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is king;
he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; /
the Lord has robed himself with might, / he
has girded himself with power. **R.**
2. The world you made firm, not to be
moved; / your throne has stood firm from of
old. / From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. /
Holiness is fitting to your house, / O Lord,
until the end of time. **R.**

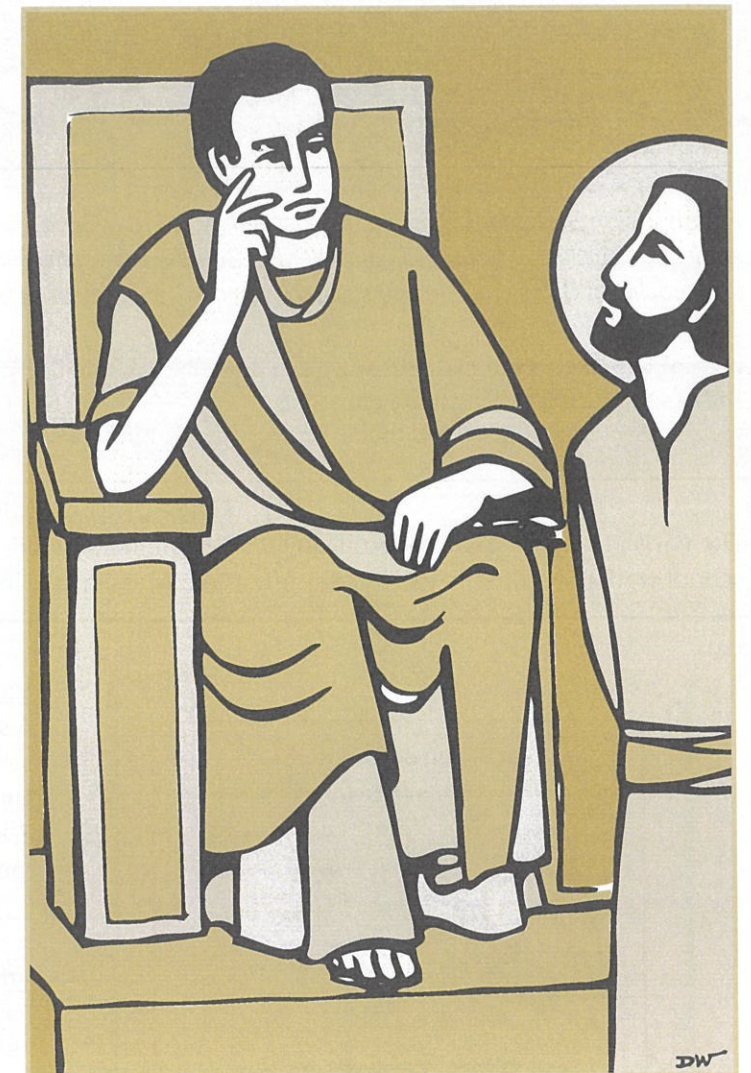
SECOND READING

Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse

*The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a
line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of



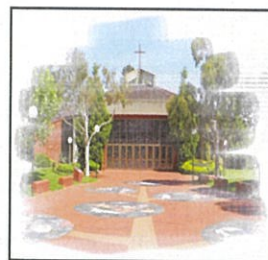
kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

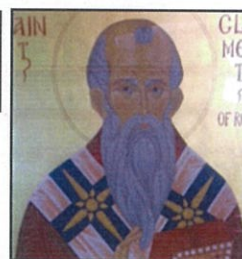
Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!



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 Feast of Christ the King
Today's theme is : You say that I am a king
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

FEAST OF ST CLEMENT OF ROME

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites Parishioners to join the Art Exhibition and morning tea organised by the school staff and students this Sunday after 9am Mass in the Clifton Centre.

ST CLEMENT OF ROME PARISH
Join us for a meaningful evening of prayer and fellowship

Parish Advent Reconciliation
Personal Absolution
with
Fr Mark, Fr Vito & Fr Franco
6.30pm Wednesday, December 18
in the church

Volunteer Appreciation Gathering
Following the service, we invite all parish volunteers to a gathering in the Clifton Centre as a token of gratitude for your dedication
lite supper and drinks will be served
Please RSVP by December 8th to confirm your attendance for catering purpose

we would love to have you all there!

THANK YOU
Volunteers

Virtual Advent Series 2024 by Garratt Publishing

A series of four virtual advent talks by 3 Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Tuesdays from 26th Nov—17th Dec 7-8pm via zoom. Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded upon registration.

Advent Series at St Clement's

Parishioners are invited to the Clifton Centre on Friday 29th November at 10 am to watch the video of *Garratt Publishing* Advent Week 1 session. This was originally broadcast via Zoom on Tuesday 26th November at 7 pm. The Friday Parish session will be an opportunity for the St Clement of Rome community to discuss and share the season of Advent as well as enjoy some morning tea.

Liturgy Roster for Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

New roster from December (including Christmas) until February 2025 has been emailed to everyone. Please let the parish office know if you haven't received it.

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

Sun 24th Nov @ 9am—Parish & School Mass followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre
Mon 25th Nov @ 9.15am—no Mass
Tue 26th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass in Italian
Wed 27th Nov @ 9.15am—no Mass
Wed 27th Nov @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office
Thurs 28th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 29th Nov @ 9.15am—School Mass (Gr 2,3 & 4)
Fri 29th Nov @ 10am—Advent Series in the Clifton Centre
Sat 30th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass & Reconciliation

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Peter Attard, Jan McWilliams, Luigi Colaci, Socorro Dela Cruz** 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.

Stewardship Envelopes from Dec 2024

Your envelopes have been re-numbered. Please collect them and use them only from the first weekend in December. Your giving records have been linked to your new envelope number. Please do not use your old envelopes from December onwards. Please let the parish office know if your circumstances have changed and the envelopes are no longer required. Thank you for your support of the Parish.

Items available for disposal

There are some items available for disposal in the Clifton Centre. If you are interested in viewing them, Please contact the parish office to arrange a suitable time.



Parish morning tea next weekend

Please bring a plate to share.

BOOK LAUNCH

An invitation to the launch of Kevin Andrews' **A MISSION TO EVANGELISE**

The Heidelberg Mission and St John the Evangelist
By *Australia's most eminent historian,*

PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BLAINEY AC

Author of 40 books including the acclaimed *The tyranny of distance, The rush that never ended, The triumph of the nomads* and *A short history of the world*. He was named an 'Australian Treasure' in 2017.



Tuesday, December 3, 2024 6.30 pm St John's Hall
BOOKINGS: heidelberg@cam.org.au **RSVP:** Fri 29th November

New Ways of Giving



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LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
23/24 November	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
Christ The King	<i>Commentator</i>	John Bruce	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Reader</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Daniel Abdallah
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca
		John Bruce	Rita Gaglardi
30 Nov/1Dec	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
1 Advent	<i>Commentator</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Daniel Abdallah
	<i>Reader</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Grace Cannatelli
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		May Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Annual Memorial Mass 2024

Thursday 28th Nov at 7.30pm—Marcellin College.
A light supper will be provided after the Mass in the Functions Room.

Dec 2024
Mon 9 Dec - Wed 11 Dec 2024
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert Street
East Melbourne
03 9926 9300
\$480 with Accom.
\$400 without Accom.
Meals included for Day 2 - 3
Facilitator: Rita Malavisi

Waiting in Joyful hope
In the chaotic lead up to Christmas, this Advent retreat will provide rest in reflection and contemplation. Held in the heart of Melbourne where Mary MacKillop lived, worked and prayed.

Rita has been a Sister of St Joseph for over thirty years. She trained as a primary school teacher, working in city and country schools. Rita is involved in adult faith formation and is a trained Spiritual Director. She is the current National Chair of one of the Spiritual Direction Networks.

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