

GOSPEL

Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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DO NOT PUT US TO THE TEST

With the ending from last Sunday's Gospel still reverberating in our ears ('Mary has chosen the good part which should not be taken away from her'), Luke moves next to see how Mary's focus on Jesus and his word finds its expression. In today's Gospel which follows immediately on from last week's, disciples come to Jesus requesting that he teach them to pray. This is an important moment, instructive for Luke's audience and us.

What follows is the Lord's Prayer. We note it is slightly shorter (and perhaps more original) than the 'Our Father' we pray each Sunday. This comes from Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount. Luke's version offers the essence of Jesus' prayer: It is an affirmation of God's holiness, a request that God's Kingdom come, for daily bread and forgiveness, especially of others who transgress, and not to be put to the test. This 'testing' about discipleship and fidelity to God is what Luke's listeners (and us) experience. Later, in Gethsemane, Jesus reminds his disciples to pray not to be 'tested' (Luke 22:40, 46).

A parable about persistence follows next. It unpacks further the meaning of Jesus' prayer: God, like parents who respond to requests made of them by their children, will always offer that which is good to those who ask, especially the gift of the Holy Spirit—a divine agent present in Jesus from the beginning of the Gospel story. God's gift to Jesus is now God's gift to us, confirmed through prayer.



Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

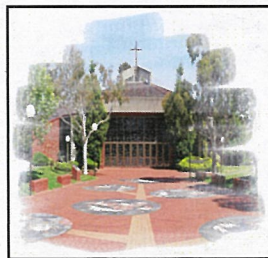
■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rom 8:15

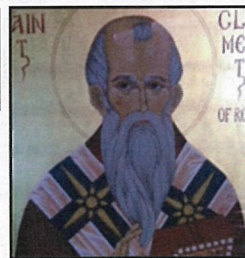
Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!



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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.

JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : Ask, and it will be given to you

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Parish Census Rollout—This Weekend!

We are updating our parish records and need your help!

Your updated information is important to the parish.

This weekend, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. The census forms will be available at all the Masses, on the pews and time will be given during Mass to complete it.

Please use only one card per family.

If you prefer, you are welcome to take your time and fill out the cards at home. You can return them at Mass over the next couple of weeks and drop them into a collection box.

If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to approach one of our volunteers.

Thank you to everyone, who offered their time to help with this process.

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd Safeguarding Audit

We have been informed of an upcoming safeguarding audit of the Archdiocese. This audit will involve a comprehensive review of our safeguarding practices, policies, culture and documentation across all parish ministries.

It is essential that all volunteers involved in parish ministries are fully compliant with current safeguarding requirements in order to continue in their roles.

The safeguarding requirements include :

1. A valid working with children check
2. A signed code of conduct
3. Completion of the Safeguarding Training Module

If you are unsure about your current status or need assistance completing any part of the process, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. We are here to help guide you through each step.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keep our parish a safe and welcoming place for all.

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 27th July @ 9am—Mass & Baptism
Sun 27th July @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 29th July @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 30th July @ 9.15am—Mass
Wed 30th July @ 5.00pm—Baptism preparation
Thurs 31st July @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 1st Aug @ 9.15am—Mass
Sat 2nd Aug @ 9am—Confirmation classes
Sat 2nd Aug @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by beginning of term School & Parish Community Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Giuseppe Polosi, Anton Grbac and for the repose of the souls of **Armida Proietto** 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.

Congratulations & welcome
to God's family
at St Clement's Parish
Romeo Mosca
baptised @ 9am
this Sunday



ASRE—Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

The classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will commence next Saturday. If you are interested in enrolling your child, and haven't done yet, please do so as soon as possible. The class dates are listed below. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 2 nd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 1
Saturday 9 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 2
Saturday 16 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 3
Saturday 23 rd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 4
Saturday 30 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 5
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation



Memorial Wall Plaques

If you are considering honouring a deceased loved one, within our faith community, we invite you to add their name to our parish Memorial Wall. Please contact the parish office for more information about having a plaque made.

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
26/27 July	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	Rene Dela Cruz	Daniel Abdallah
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Grace Cannatelli
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca
		May Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina

2 /3 August	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	May Teh	Rocco Gagliardi
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Agnes Lu
		Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
		Virginie Mindiel	Shirley Pyndiah

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Community Mass & Supper

St Clement School and parish warmly invite you to join us for our Beginning of Term 3 Mass where we will be presenting our Term 3 leaders with their badges.

When: Saturday 2 August

Time: 5:30pm followed by supper

Location: St Clement of Rome Church and Clifton Centre



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.