

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

*The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and
remind you of all I have said to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my
words. And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you
while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you,

my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift
to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

ULTIMATE UNION

In today's Gospel we become privileged
listeners to Jesus' prayer to God. The prayer
sums up John's theology of ultimate union
and Jesus ongoing promise to be with the
Gospel's audience, with us. Today's selection
also reaches beyond the present and into the
future.

This is a powerfully rich Gospel for the Easter
Season. As we reflect on the implications of
Jesus' resurrection, Jesus prays that we will
come to experience the heart of ultimate union
that exists between Jesus and the Father. In
later Trinitarian theology, this prayer will be
considered the highpoint of the believers'
experience of God and the foundation for a
later theology of the Trinity. In a sense, we
become part of the divine 'dance' (the word
is 'perichoresis') within the persons of the
Trinity.

Today's Gospel invites us to celebrate our
union with God, through Jesus' resurrection,
with each other, our natural world and the
whole of the Cosmos. It is for this reason
that a second theme in the Gospel concerns
mission. Jesus' followers are sent on mission to
the world to reflect and enact this experience
of divine communion.

Finally, we are reminded that the love which
the Father has for Jesus becomes the kind of
love which Jesus has for us. And how powerful
is that! What a wonderful Easter day this
Gospel invites us into.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

25 MAY 2025

FIRST READING

Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves
not to burden you beyond what is essential.*

Some men came down from Judaea and taught
the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves
circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot
be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after
Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument
with these men it was arranged that Paul and
Barnabas and others of the church should go up
to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the
apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose
delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and
Barnabas; the whole church concurred with
this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and
Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood,
and gave them this letter to take with them:

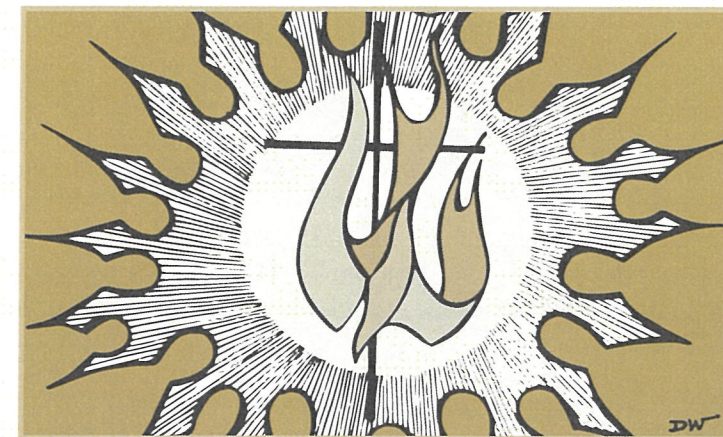
'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in
Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that
some of our members have disturbed you
with their demands and have unsettled your
minds. They acted without any authority from
us, and so we have decided unanimously to
elect delegates and to send them to you with
Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who
have dedicated their lives to the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending
you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word
of mouth what we have written in this letter.
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by
ourselves not to saddle you with any burden
beyond these essentials: you are to abstain
from food sacrificed to idols, from blood,
from the meat of strangled animals and from
fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what
is right. Farewell.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!
(or Alleluia!)

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let
your face shed its light upon us. / So will your
ways be known upon earth / and all nations
learn your saving help. **R.**



2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you
rule the world with justice. / With fairness you
rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on
earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all
the peoples praise you. / May God still give us
his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere
him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

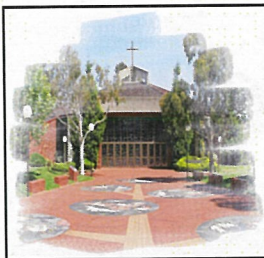
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of
an enormous high mountain and showed me
Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from
God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory
of God and glittered like some precious jewel of
crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a
great height, and had twelve gates; at each of
the twelve gates there was an angel, and over
the gates were written the names of the twelve
tribes of Israel; on the east there were three
gates, on the north three gates, on the south
three gates, and on the west three gates. The
city walls stood on twelve foundation stones,
each one of which bore the name of one of the
twelve apostles of the Lamb.

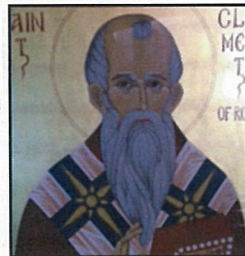
I saw that there was no temple in the city since
the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were
themselves the temple, and the city did not
need the sun or the moon for light, since it was
lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb
was a lighted torch for it.

■ The word of the Lord.



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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Today's theme is : The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Sacrament of First Communion

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Important notice for all Parish Ministry Volunteers

For Parishioners who wish to become volunteers or continue as volunteers, it is necessary that all Safeguarding Requirements are current. The necessary requirements include :

1. A valid Working with Children Check
2. A signed Code of Conduct
3. Completion of the safeguarding training module

Over the coming weeks, to help our volunteers, the Parish will be contacting people who currently do not meet all the requirements. We understand that meeting the requirements may seem daunting but we are keen to help, so that you are able to continue the very valuable work that you do for our Parish.

The Safeguarding Requirements for Parish volunteers have been determined by the Archdiocese of Melbourne in response to Victorian Government Legislation, Australian Government Legislation and critical incidents. To ensure that our Parishes continue to be safe spaces for children, young people and vulnerable adults, the Archdiocese of Melbourne and its Parishes will this year, be audited, by *Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited*.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety and well-being of all in our parish community.

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: 1st & 3rd weekend every month. **Weddings:** By Appointment

PARISH DIARY

Sun 25th May @ 9am—Mass/Sacrament of First Communion
Sun 25th May @ 11am—Italian Mass
Mon 26th May @ 9.15am—no Mass
Tue 27th May @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 28th May @ 9.15am—Mass
Wed 28th May @ 6pm—Baptism preparation
Thurs 29th May @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 30th May @ 9.15am—Mass
Sat 31st May @ 9.15am—Mass/Reconciliation
Sat 31st May @ 5.30pm—Mass/Sacrament of First Communion

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

*We pray for those who have died recently, **Giobatta Pegoraro, Carmelina Palermo**, and for the repose of the soul of **Maria Grazia De Losa** 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.*

ASRE—Sacrament of Confirmation 2025

We are pleased to announce that the class dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been scheduled. Please see the dates listed below. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website. We encourage you to complete and email your forms as soon as possible to secure your place in the program.

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

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
24/25 May	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Rene Dela Cruz	Daniel Abdallah
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Grace Cannatelli
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Rita Gagliardi
	Sacristan	Warwick Wright	Pina La Mattina
		Sue De Bortoli	Ricardo La Mattina
31 May/1 June	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	May Teh	Rocco Gagliardi
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Agnes Lu
		May Teh	Gloria Ng
		Martin Teh	Maria Papalia

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Mass for Marriage Anniversaries

Sunday 1 June 2025, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the jubilee of families.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations close Sunday 25th May.

Come Away Day

The next **Come Away Day** for 2025 will be held at Holy Cross, 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe, on **WEDNESDAY MAY 28th**. The theme of the day is '**WAITING IN HOPE**'. This is an opportunity to focus on the deeper meaning of our faith journey as we move through seasons of change in our church and all around us. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction in the beautiful grounds and facilities of Holy Cross. All are welcome. Just come as you are. BYO lunch. **Registration is from 9.30am**. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around **2.30pm - 3pm**. The suggested cost is \$30.00 or a donation according to your means. Registration is helpful for planning purposes. For any further details contact Sr Brigid cp on bridget.m64@gmail.com .

**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.**