

be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16: 13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples. 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE HEART OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Feast celebrates the universality of our catholic world. We know from the *Book of Acts* and Paul's letters that Peter and Paul struggled to come to an agreement as to their respective missionary focus. For Peter it was to the Jews; for Paul, to the non-Jewish, Gentile world. While both retained their Jewish identity, they saw that God's commitment of love was to all and not restrictive to one cultural or religious grouping.

Matthew's Gospel affirms the role of Peter as the foundational disciple, the 'rock' (in Greek, 'Petros'), for the fledgling Jesus movement. But this is preceded by the most important and essential characteristic of discipleship and leadership within this movement: a firm witness of Jesus as God's anointed one, the 'Son of the living God.' Peter's affirmation of Jesus' identity comes from God. It is a statement of faith upon which the Jesus movement is built.

Faith lies at the heart of discipleship; witnessing to Jesus' relationship to God precedes any form of leadership. Peter is portrayed in Matthew's Gospel as a flawed, even failed disciple (and leader). We are only too aware today of the failings in ecclesial leadership. However, relationship with Jesus, the one from God, is what sustains and enables the 'rock', that firm foundation, to carry the Church through into a future that is uncertain.

Fr Michael Trainor



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29 JUNE 2025

FIRST READING

Acts 12: 1-11

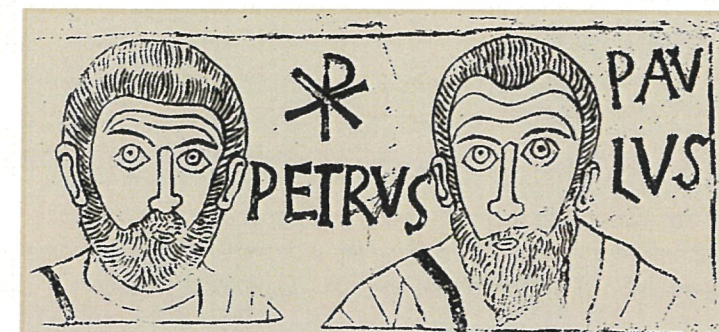
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33: 2-9. R. v. 5

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped / around those who revere him, to rescue them. / Taste and see that the Lord is good. / He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

SECOND READING

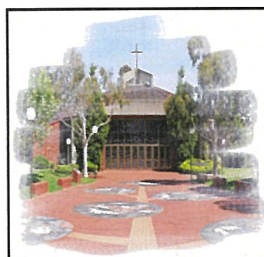
2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

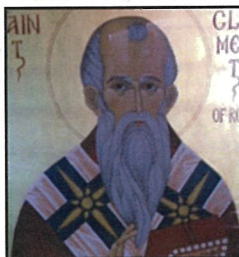
My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might



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JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Today's theme is : You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Sunday Reflection.....

Peter and Paul didn't always see eye to eye in this life. Paul tells us in Galatians how he stood up to Peter and even rebuked him for what he perceived as hypocrisy or double standards. Paul certainly fought many good fights during his years of mission and witnessing to the Good News of God's grace. We know a little about the later struggles of Peter but have hints through traditions about his martyrdom. Today we remember both for their unwavering devotion to their Lord and learn how each is an example to us of courage, conviction and absolute trust in the power of God to be with them in every circumstance. Jesus' question to his disciples, 'Who do you say I am?', confronts us always. The clear answer Peter gives, together with the letters of Paul and other writings attributed to him or to Peter, are important starting points for our answer to this ever-relevant question. As members of the church of Jesus, founded on the inspired faith of Peter and Paul, we are invited to support each other in that quest.

God's Word—Daily Reflections

Collection 2025

**PETER'S
PENCE**



Hope in the Lord! Hold firm,
take heart and hope in the Lord!

Ps 27:14



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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

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 29th June @ 9am—Mass
Sun 29th June @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 1st July @ 9.15am—no Italian Mass
Wed 2nd July @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 3rd July @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 4th July @ 9.15am—End of term school Mass
Sat 5th July @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Grace Kerney** and for the repose of the souls of **Salvatore Marchese** 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

Parish morning tea next Sunday after 9am Mass

Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.



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
28/29 June	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	<i>Livia Tunggal</i>
	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Jan Mc Queen
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Agnes Lu
	<i>Sacristan</i>	May Teh	Maria Papalia
		Martin Teh	Shirley Pyndiah

5 /6 July	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Jan Mc Queen
	Reader	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca
		Virginie Mindiel	Rita Gagliardi

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025

Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the Festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. For more information and updates, please visit the festival website www.acyf.org.au

