

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

BAPTISMAL COMMITMENT

Over these Sundays we continue to steep ourselves in Luke's journey teaching. Over Chapters 9 to 19, Luke offers readers teaching about discipleship and fidelity amid the struggles that they experience in their Greco-Roman world. One of them is the struggle to live out authentic discipleship as Jesus' followers when the temptation is otherwise.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers this late first century audience a sobering reminder. Faithful discipleship is not easy. It will come at a cost and struggle. It will touch the very heart of life. Jesus looks towards his passion. This is the 'baptism' that he will undergo. But the very mention of 'baptism' in the Gospel's opening words reminds listeners that their baptism connects them to Jesus. They, too, will suffer – not because this is God's intent or 'will' (which some even today think) – but because of the very nature of the life of discipleship lived within the particular social and cultural context of their world.

Baptismal commitment does not, then, equal tranquillity and a life of ease. These matters have already been reflected upon over the last few Sundays. For some, the struggle to remain true to one's baptismal commitment will affect even core relationships. This is seen in the divisions experienced in Luke's day within households. The shocking nature of Jesus' words would be felt by Gospel listeners. The family household and its internal relationship were the building blocks for a secure society with the Greek (and Jewish) world. Baptismal fidelity to Jesus will at times be a struggle and may even cause family division and conflict.

Fr Michael Trainor



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

17 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. **R.**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, / from the miry clay. / He set my feet upon a rock / and made my footsteps firm. **R.**
3. He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. / Many shall see and fear / and shall trust in the Lord. **R.**
4. As for me, wretched and poor, / the Lord thinks of me. / You are my rescuer, my help, / O God, do not delay. **R.**



SECOND READING

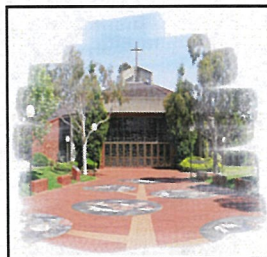
Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

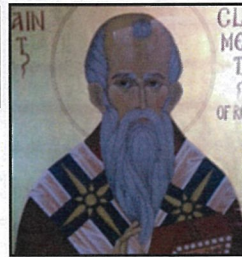
With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

■ 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.

JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today's theme is : I have come not to give peace, but discord
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



The **2025 Archbishop's Campaign** is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

Your generous gift supports
ministries across the Archdiocese
—bringing the Good News to life
not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



Parish Census Card Collection

Please remember to bring your completed census cards and place them in the collection box located in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support and participation!

Children's Liturgy update

From now on, Children's Liturgy will take place only on the first Sunday of each month during the 9.15am Mass. All children will receive an activity sheet to help them learn and understand God's love in a fun and engaging way.



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 17th Aug @ 9am—Mass
Sun 17th Aug @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 19th Aug @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 20th Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Thurs 21st Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 22nd Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Sat 23rd Aug @ 9am—Confirmation classes
Sat 23rd Aug @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Rossana Spaziani, Giuseppe Biondo and for the repose of the souls of **Dario Soci, Mario Scalzo, John Ruggieri, Irene Lecordier** 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

The classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation have commenced. The class dates are listed below.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 23 rd August	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 4
Saturday 30 th August	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 5
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

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.

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

		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
16/17 August	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	Jacinta Zieba	Mark Gregor
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Christine Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Pina La Mattina
		Warwick Wright	Ricardo La Mattina
		Virginie Mindiel	Agnes Lu
23/24 August	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Christine Landsberg
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Tim Landsberg
	Special Ministers	May Teh	Maria Papalia
		Martin Teh	Shirley Pyndiah
		Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
24/08	G BAGLIERI G VARASSO	FAM SOR RATTI	L VETTORETTO G VETTORETTO

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