

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought.

This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened.

The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

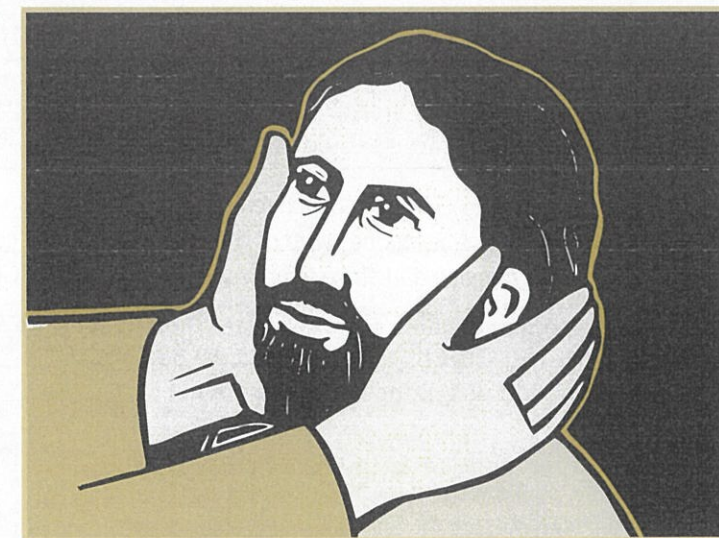
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

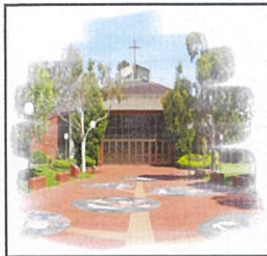
A reading from the letter of St James.

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

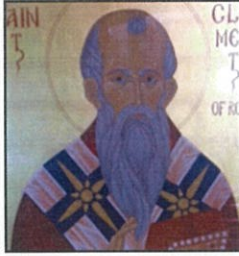
Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

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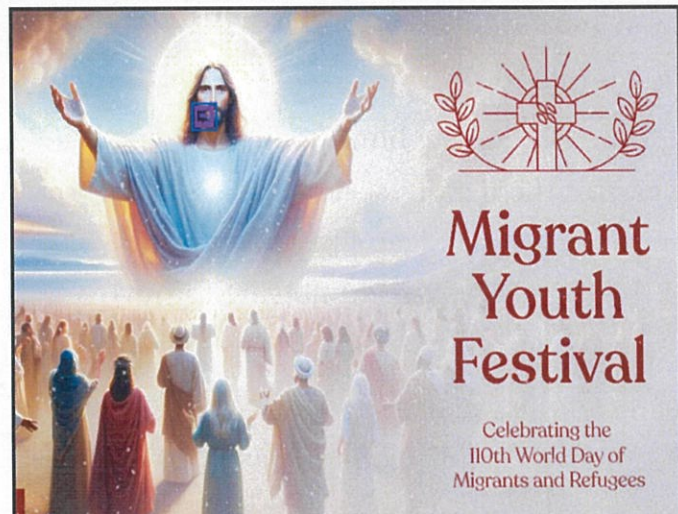
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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our 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 Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Today's theme is : He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>



Migrant Youth Festival
 Celebrating the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees

"God walks with His people"
29 September 2024 · Cathedral Hall, ACU Melbourne

- 9:00 am Registration, Keynote Address, A Conversation with Archbishop Peter, Group Activities, Lunch and Concert at Cathedral Hall, ACU
- 1:30 pm Pilgrim Walk from ACU to St Patrick's Cathedral
- 2:00 pm Rosary Procession around the Cathedral
- 3:00 pm Migrant and Refugee Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Scan the QR code to register or visit trybooking.com/CSAYK
 Registrations close **EXTENDED UNTIL 15 SEPTEMBER!** Tickets **\$30**

The Migrant Youth Festival is supported by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

Wed 11th Sept @ 9.15am—No Mass
 Fri 13th Sept @ 9.15am—Grade 2,3 & 4 Mass
 Wed 25th Sept @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Jack Gregory** and for the repose of the souls of **Antonio Stagliano** 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.

After School Sacramental Program

Enrolments now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please visit our website to see the class dates. Thank you.



St Clement of Rome Parish—new website

Please check out our new website for all the latest news and updates <https://www.melbcatholic.org/bulleen>
 To help us reduce printing costs and stay environmentally friendly, we encourage you to **subscribe** to our digital newsletter via the website. Thank you for your support and for helping us make a positive impact!

Marriage Encounter weekend

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend, Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

Our next weekend is : 4-6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South
 Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4.30pm.
 Information/Bookings : Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au
 Website : wwme.org.au

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
7/8 Sept	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
	<i>Reader</i>	John Bruce	Jan McQueen
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Agnes Lu
		May Teh	Gloria Ng
		Martin Teh	Maria Papalia
14/15 Sept	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	John Bruce	Jan McQueen
	<i>Reader</i>	Paul Sammut	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah
		Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli
		John Bruce	Anne Fusca

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites you to the annual Melbourne Ordination Breakfast.

DATE: Saturday 21 September 2024
TIME: 7.45am for 8am start
VENUE: Park Hyatt, The Library

This is an opportunity for you to personally invite a young man from your parish to join you at the breakfast and afterwards at the **Ordination Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral**.
 We envisage the young man to be 18+ and actively involved in the life of the parish, perhaps through liturgical or youth ministry or other activities.

From 9am all guests will walk across to the Cathedral to witness the priestly Ordination.
 Each ticket includes breakfast for you and your guest at a cost of **\$25 each**.

RSVP required by Friday 13 September.

Click here to register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CTMSY>

Please note, bookings are essential, and we will be unable to accommodate anyone turning up on the morning.
 For all enquiries, please contact vocations@cam.org.au

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.