

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

29 SEPTEMBER 2024

'THE LITTLE ONES'

You may recall from last week's passage from the Gospel of Mark that Jesus placed a child among them. The child exemplifies others who believe in Jesus and are open and receptive to learning more. In today's passage, among a series of instructions, we hear of 'these little ones who believe in me.' The instruction is a continuation of the teaching to the failing disciples about how to receive Jesus.

John, who is one of the leadership group of the Twelve, addresses Jesus as 'teacher' and asks a question that reveals his own misunderstanding. Having seen someone casting out demons in Jesus' name, he says 'we tried to stop him, because *he was not following us.*' Jesus responds to refocus them to him. Their proclamation of the good news is not about gaining followers of the Twelve but inviting followers of Jesus. In this context the further instruction of not putting stumbling blocks in front of 'the little ones who believe' makes more sense.

The language that follows seems strange to us, yet the negatives are graphically pointing to the real goal of entering the fullness of life in the kingdom of God. This is the reward for all who might offer even a cup of water to one in need. As we reflect on the readings today, take time to think who 'the little ones who believe' are among us. How do we see our role in encouraging others to join us as disciples and servants of Jesus, and acting in his name?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Num 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

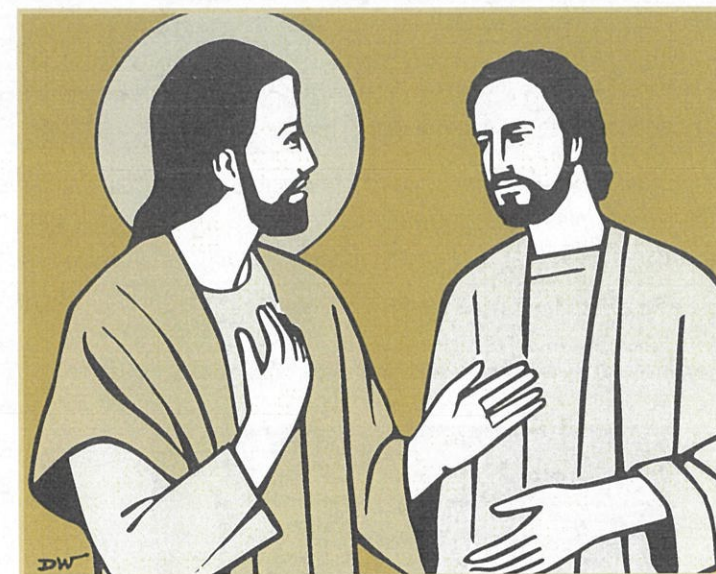
■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**
3. So in them your servant finds instruction; / great reward is in their keeping. / But who can detect all his errors? / From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**
4. From presumption restrain your servant / and let it not rule me. / Then shall I be blameless, / clean from grave sin. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James.

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

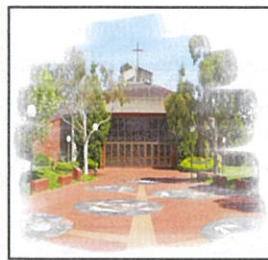
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 17:17

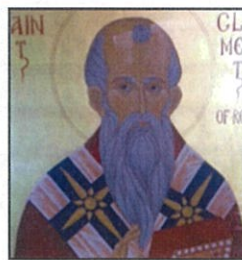
Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
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.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's theme is : Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

**Congratulations & welcome
to God's family
at St Clement's Parish
Lucas Addamo
baptised this Sunday at
9am Mass**



Congratulations on your marriage

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to **Jacinta Dela Cruz & Andrzej Zieba** on their marriage to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on 5th Oct 2024. May God bless you both with a lifetime of love, joy and grace as you embark on this beautiful journey together.

Fr Mark & St Clement's Parish



Spiritual Retreats at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will begin a series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day focussing on the central theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025 : **Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope** facilitated by Mark Walsh. The day will include times of contemplation using scripture and times of prayer. www.mmhc.org.au/spiritual-retreat/

Day : Monday, 28th October, 2024

Time: 9.30am to 3.15pm.

Venue : Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert street, East Melbourne

Price \$120 (Morning tea provided, BYO Lunch)

Enquiries : 9926 9300 admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au

Columban Art Calendars are now available for sale in the Church foyer. Your donation of \$10 is greatly appreciated.

'God walks with His people'

Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at the annual Mass for All Nations, this Sunday 29th Sept at St Patrick's Cathedral. Rosary at 2pm and Mass at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese.

Parish Mission 2024 :

Facilitated by Fr Richard Leonard SJ, at St John's Parish hall, 55 Cape Street, Heidelberg.

Friday, October 18th, 7pm—8.15pm and Saturday , October 19th beginning with retreat Mass at 9.15am and concluding at 3.30pm. For bookings please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CUUVC> or scan barcode to get to the trybooking page. Or return the completed booking form from the Mission brochure available in the church foyer.

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

Sun 29th Sept @ 9am—Mass & Baptism
Sun 6th Oct @ 9am—Mass & Baptism followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Maria Romeo, Noemi Tullio** and for the repose of the souls of **Yvonne Avellino** 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. Classes commence on the Sat 12th Oct. 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!

Parish Morning Tea next Sunday after 9am Mass

Please join us for a delightful morning tea after Mass in the Clifton Centre. You are welcome to bring a plate to share.



LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
28/29 Sept	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	May Teh	Daniel Abdallah
	<i>Reader</i>	John Bruce	Grace Cannatelli
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Enza Wilcocks	Gloria Ng
		Warwick Wright	Shirley Pyndiah
		John Bruce	Anne Fusca
5/6 October	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	John Bruce	Grace Cannatelli
	<i>Reader</i>	Paul Sammut	Rocco Gagliardi
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Rita Gagliardi
		May Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
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ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Walking the Land in Spring Saturday, 19 October 2024, 10 am – 3 pm (in person)

This day involves a walk along the Williamstown beach foreshore, inviting you to contemplate the deep wisdom and spirit of this natural bayside environment. Engage in the stories and the creative edge of two adjoining ecosystems. Journaling and art material. Cost \$60. BYO Lunch.

Register and pay at <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/walking-the-land-in-spring/>

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.