

will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.’ And they put to him this question: ‘Master’, they said ‘when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?’

‘Take care not to be deceived’, he said ‘because many will come using my name and saying, “I am he”, and, “The time is near at hand.” Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.’

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

## GOD'S PROTECTIVE PROMISE

Last Sunday we commemorated the *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*. The Gospel then was from John with Jesus cleansing the Temple and its precincts, restoring it as the rightful abode of God's presence and holiness. Today's Gospel, continuing our liturgical journey with Luke, touches again on the theme of the Temple. But this time, Jesus anticipates its destruction and then springboards Gospel listeners into a sermon on the end-time. The Gospel theme prepares us for the final Sundays of the year before the new liturgical year, Year A and Matthew's Gospel, commences in two weeks' time with the beginning of Advent.

Today's Gospel is complex and often misunderstood. It requires careful explanation. Our selection comes from Luke's 'apocalyptic' chapter. Here the evangelist draws on Mk 13 but reshapes it in the light of the audience's experience and memory of Jerusalem's destruction by Rome in 70 CE. This experience is retrojected on to Jesus' teaching seeming to prophesy its destruction. In Jesus' day the Temple was still standing; by the time Luke writes, Jerusalem and its Temple are already destroyed.

Luke's apocalyptic teaching acknowledges the struggle of Jesus' faithful followers living generations after Jesus' public ministry, assuring them of God's comforting presence, warning them not to be carried away by messianic pretenders, and encouraging their patient endurance in all that unfolds. The last words of the Gospel contain the essence of God's protective promise: '...not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' We, too, lean into these words amid our struggles today.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

*The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

**R.** The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.



We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;  
your redemption is near at hand.  
Alleluia!

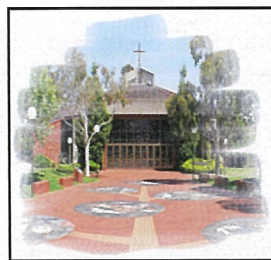
## GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

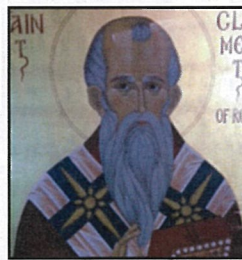
*Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time



# 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

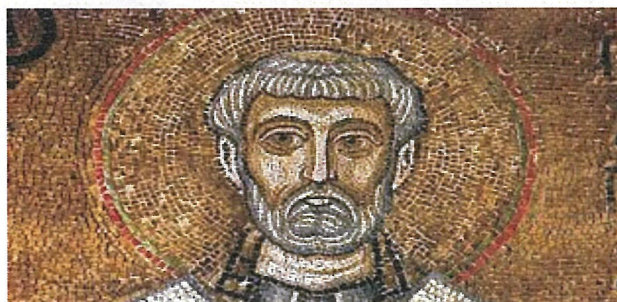
Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : Your endurance will win you your life

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



### Feast of St Clement of Rome Celebration



Parishioners are warmly invited to a combined Parish and School celebration for the feast of our church. It will be held at the conclusion of the 9am Mass next Sunday. The school community will be putting on a sausage sizzle and our parish will set up for morning tea in the Clifton Centre. Please bring a plate to share. We thank you for your contribution and look forward to seeing you.

Congratulations & welcome  
to God's family  
at St Clement's Parish  
Alessia D'Angelo  
Alyssia, Louis & Ayla Gad  
baptised this weekend



### Early Notice in preparation for Christmas

The rosters are being prepared for the coming months, including Christmas, if you are not able to read, commentate or be in attendance as a Minister of Holy Communion, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

### Parish Offertory Giving Program

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who have participated in our Parish Offertory Program and returned their pledge cards. Your commitment and generosity are deeply appreciated and will help support the ongoing ministries and mission of our parish. We are now in the follow up weeks where we will be seeking any pledges which haven't been returned. If you haven't already done so, I encourage you to carefully consider your offering and return your pledge cards during Mass. You may also submit your pledge by placing it in the offertory collection, dropping it off at the parish office, or sending it by mail. Thank you once again for your continued support and dedication to our parish.



### 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

### PARISH DIARY

Sun 16th Nov @ 9am—Mass/Baptism  
 Sun 16th Nov @ 11am—Italian Mass  
 Tue 18th Nov @ 9.15am—Italian Mass  
 Wed 19th Nov@ 9.15am—no Mass  
 Thurs 20th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass  
 Fri 21st Nov @ 9.15am—Mass  
 Sat 22nd Nov @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

### Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,  
**Ivo Moscatelli** and for the repose of the souls of  
**Bernadus Hartanto, Luigi Colaci, Socorro Dela Cruz** 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.

### St Vinnies Christmas Hampers—Volunteers needed

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the distribution of Christmas hampers this year. Your help can make a big difference to families in need during the festive season. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office.

### Important reminder for all Parish Ministry Volunteers

Please ensure that you are up to date with the safeguarding requirements, whether or not it involves direct or indirect contact with children and young people. We encourage you to visit our website for more details and to complete or finalise any necessary documentation. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

### Come Away Day

The last **Come Away Day** for 2025 will be held at Holy Cross 207 Serpells Road, Templestowe on **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19th**. The theme of the day is **'ONE CANDLE LIGHTS THE WAY ...'**. This is an opportunity to rest and reflect and to focus on the deeper meaning of our life journey as we approach the time of Advent. The day's program provides opportunities for prayer, silent reflection and group interaction. All are welcome. BYO lunch. **Registration is from 9.30am**. The program concludes with a celebration of the Eucharist with a departure time of around 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](mailto:bridget.m64@gmail.com).

### Annual Memorial Mass—Marcellin College Community

Will be held on Thursday, 27th Nov at 7pm.

A light supper will be provided after the Mass in the Functions Room.

### 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        |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 15/16 Nov       | <b>Sacristan</b>         | Maria Papalia    | Shirley Pyndiah   |
|                 | <b>Commentator</b>       | Rene De La Cruz  | Maria Papalia     |
|                 | <b>Reader</b>            | Paul Sammut      | Yamna Taouk       |
|                 | <b>Special Ministers</b> | Warwick Wright   | Agnes Lu          |
|                 |                          | Virginie Mindiel | Maria Papalia     |
|                 |                          | Zina Scalzo      | Shirley Pyndiah   |
| 22/23 November  | <b>Sacristan</b>         | Sue De Bortoli   | Carmen Gobbi      |
|                 | <b>Commentator</b>       | Paul Sammut      | Yamna Taouk       |
| Christ the King | <b>Reader</b>            | May Teh          | Daniel Abdallah   |
|                 | <b>Special Ministers</b> | May Teh          | Grace Cannatelli  |
|                 |                          | Martin Teh       | Anne Fusca        |
|                 |                          | Enza Wilcocks    | Fulvia Gerasolimo |

### ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support.

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$3,115.00 contributed by St Clement Of Rome Parish, Bulleen. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

### November Memorial Book

Throughout November, you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book. Please place your offerings in the envelopes provided.

**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.**