

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of
humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make
themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
disciples made their way through Galilee; and
he did not want anyone to know, because he
was instructing his disciples; he was telling
them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into
the hands of men; they will put him to death;
and three days after he has been put to death
he will rise again.' But they did not understand
what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was
in the house he asked them, 'What were you
arguing about on the road?' They said nothing
because they had been arguing which of them
was the greatest. So he sat down, called the
Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to
be first, he must make himself last of all and
servant of all.' He then took a little child, set
him in front of them, put his arms round him,
and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one
of these little children in my name, welcomes
me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
not me but the one who sent me.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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22 SEPTEMBER 2024

'...LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL'

Our first reading from Wisdom alerts us to
'the righteous man' who is God's child. The
words here will echo in the Gospel with the
second of the predictions of Jesus' death. The
passage from James also has synergy with the
ambitions of the followers of Jesus addressed
in the Gospel.

Beginning with the second prediction of Jesus'
death – 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed
into human hands, and they will kill him,
and three days after being killed he will rise
again' – we find Jesus teaching his disciples
as he moves through Galilee. We hear that
they did not understand but were afraid to
ask. Arriving in Capernaum, inside the house,
we see Jesus ask them what they were arguing
about. The silence was of embarrassment
because their discussion was of who was the
greatest. The focus is now even smaller as
Jesus now sits down with the Twelve, his
closest companions, in the house. It is to these
that he says, 'Whoever wants to be first must
be last of all and servant of all.' Servant is here
diakonos, servant or deacon. His message to his
leadership team is clear as to how they need
to model and live their responsibility and
call. His further exemplar of placing a child
among them, broadens their understanding
of welcoming Jesus among them, challenging
their orientation to Jesus and to God, 'the one
who sent me.' Let us pause to reflect on our
orientation to Jesus and to God. Where do we
stand?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since
he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the law
and accuses us of playing false to our
upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he himself will
have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take
his part
and rescue him from the clutches of his
enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have his
word for it.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

R. The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your
power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my
prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

2. For proud men have risen against me, /
ruthless men seek my life. / They have no
regard for God. **R.**

3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord
upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with
willing heart / and praise your name for it is
good. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

James 3:16-4:3

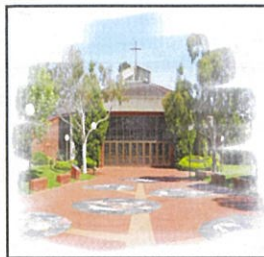
A reading from the letter of St James.

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown
in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you
find disharmony, and wicked things of every
kind being done; whereas the wisdom that
comes down from above is essentially something
pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and
considerate; it is full of compassion and shows
itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of
partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when
they work for peace, sow the seeds which will
bear fruit in holiness.

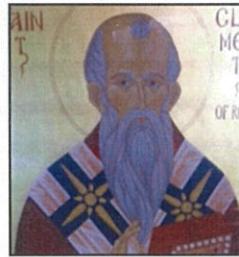
Where do these wars and battles between
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the
desires fighting inside your own selves? You
want something and you haven't got it; so you
are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that
you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way
by force. Why you don't have what you want
is because you don't pray for it; when you do
pray and don't get it, it is because you have not
prayed properly, you have prayed for something
to indulge your own desires.

■ **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.

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

Today's theme is : The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity.....All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

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

Sunday Reflection

Have you ever listened to someone speaking with great passion about the work they do with those who live on the fringes of society? Their eyes sparkle with compassion and deep emotion as they tell stories of individuals whose lives have been turned around because of simple gestures of caring. These people often speak of how their own lives have been changed for the better too. By serving those who cannot give anything in return they discover the powerful presence of God.

Jesus said, 'if anyone wishes to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' If my value as a person doesn't depend on the job I do, or the riches I have accumulated, how do I measure up to Jesus' standards with the service I give? It is all about an attitude of mind and heart, being fully present to God through the one in need. Of course, I don't only have to be working with those on the edge to know the pain and commitment of love. I may be a parent who keeps on giving to my child irrespective of my own needs or a carer for an ageing parent. I am certainly blessed if I can understand what greatness is in the eyes of the Gospel and of God.

God's Word—Daily Reflections

'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 on Sunday 29 September at St Patrick's Cathedral.

- 2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages
- 3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese
All most welcome!

St Peter Claver
Mission Fair
2024
Saturday 12th October
9.00am - 2.30 pm
Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver
154 Cotham Road, Kew
For further information telephone: 9817 3715

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

Wed 25th, Thurs 26th & Fri 27th Sept @ 9.15am—no morning Mass
Wed 25th Sept @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office
Sun 6th Oct @ 9am—Mass/Baptisms followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Tessie LaFerla** and for the repose of the souls of **Giustino Mariani, Giuseppina Cappola** 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!

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/?>

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

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.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
21/22 Sept	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Sammut	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Reader</i>	May Teh	Daniel Abdallah
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Rita Gaglardi
		May Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Martin Teh	Agnes Lu

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

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Healing Mass
With Fr Eusebius, CSE and Sisters of Daughters of Carmel
Come and join us for Mass and Adoration with intention of healing follows with healing prayer ministry
SATURDAY, 12 OCT 2024 6.00 PM
(Mass at 6PM followed by Adoration and Healing Prayers)
There will be individual prayers offered after the service
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