

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

3 AUGUST 2025

WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes happen within families on the death of a family member. These often revolve around property, ownership and how the Will is divided. Family disputes are not unknown. The same occurred in Luke's day.

Today's Gospel begins with the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate. But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level of encounter. He names it as greed. The wisdom that emerges is that human security is never guaranteed by property ownership or possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke's Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke addresses. Reading behind the lines of today's Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger barns to store his harvest. But what he has forgotten is that he is not the one responsible for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In his avariciousness he has lost his ecological connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision and sensitivity to God's earth. The farmer seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The evangelist reminds the Gospel's audience to keep things in perspective. The disciple's real focus is on one's soul and relationship with God. Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder of what is truly important.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

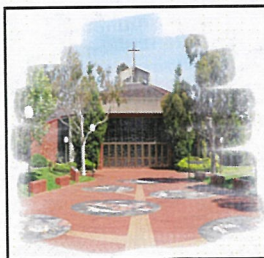
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that



are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

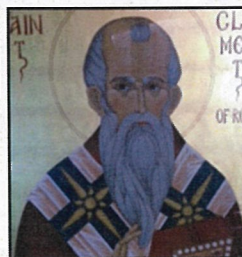
That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today's theme is : To whom will all this wealth of yours go?
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Congratulations & welcome
to God's family
at St Clement's Parish
Sophia McKendry
baptised @ 9am
this Sunday



Parish morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass in the Clifton Centre. All welcome.

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.

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 3rd Aug @ 9am—Mass & Baptism, followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre
Sun 3rd Aug @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 5th Aug @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 6th Aug @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 7th Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 8th Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Sat 9th Aug @ 9am—Confirmation classes
Sat 9th Aug @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Elena Travaglini, Attilio Fazzolari and for the repose of the souls of **Catena Battista, Leody Payawal, Michele Curcii, Mariathas Nathan** 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 9 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 2
Saturday 16 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 3
Saturday 23 rd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 4
Saturday 30 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 5
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

National Vocations Awareness Week

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



Memorial Wall Plaques

If you are considering honouring a deceased loved one, within our faith community, we invite you to add their name to our parish Memorial Wall. Please contact the parish office for more information about having a plaque made.

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

2 /3 August	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	May Teh	Rocco Gagliardi
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Agnes Lu
		Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
		Virginie Mindiel	Shirley Pyndiah

09/10 August	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	May Teh	Rocco Gagliardi
	Readers	Jacinta Zieba	Mark Gregor
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Grace Cannatelli
		May Teh	Anne Fusca
		Martin Teh	Pina La Mattina

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
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No Children's Liturgy this Sunday

Please note that there will be no Children's Liturgy this Sunday due to the Community Mass being held last Saturday. Thank you.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note that on Friday, 15th August, a combined School and Parish Mass will be celebrated at 12.45pm. There will be no 9.15am Mass on that day. All are warmly invited to attend this special celebration.

'Thank You' from Catholic Mission

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Clement of Rome for your generous and compassionate support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your contribution of \$700.00 has been gratefully received and will help provide vital care for mothers in Zambia, and empower local Church workers across more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world. Through your partnership, countless families will find not only practical help, but also spiritual accompaniment, hope, and dignity. Your gift is more than charity - it is a concrete act of solidarity, and a sign of God's love reaching out to those on the margins. Thank you for being a living witness of Christ's mission to the world.

**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.**