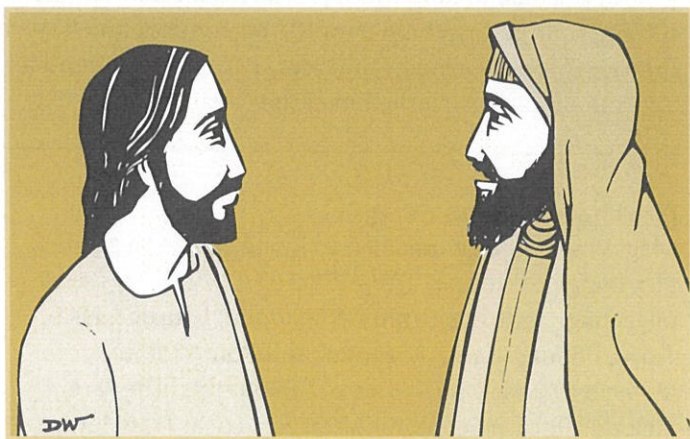


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD'

Have you seen a touch plate, a *mezuzah*, on the door frame of a Jewish house or business, and at the entrance to interior rooms? Maybe you have seen the ritual of touching this when entering any of the rooms. Inside the *mezuzah* is a tiny scroll of parchment inscribed with verses from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21. These verses contain the words of the *Shema* prayer and the command to 'inscribe them on the doorposts of your house'. In this ritual act of touching, the words of the prayer are brought to mind and heart.

Our first reading today contains these verses from the *Shema* prayer: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.' It is a reminder of the covenant with God. In today's Gospel we hear these words again when Jesus is asked what is the greatest of the commandments: 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Then Jesus adds a second 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' All of the commandments are summarised in these two. These words were received well by the questioner and Jesus responds, 'you are not far from the kingdom of God'. As we take the words of these two commandments to heart, recalling them and living them, we too can hear Jesus say to us, 'you are not far from the kingdom of God'.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PS

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / he has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

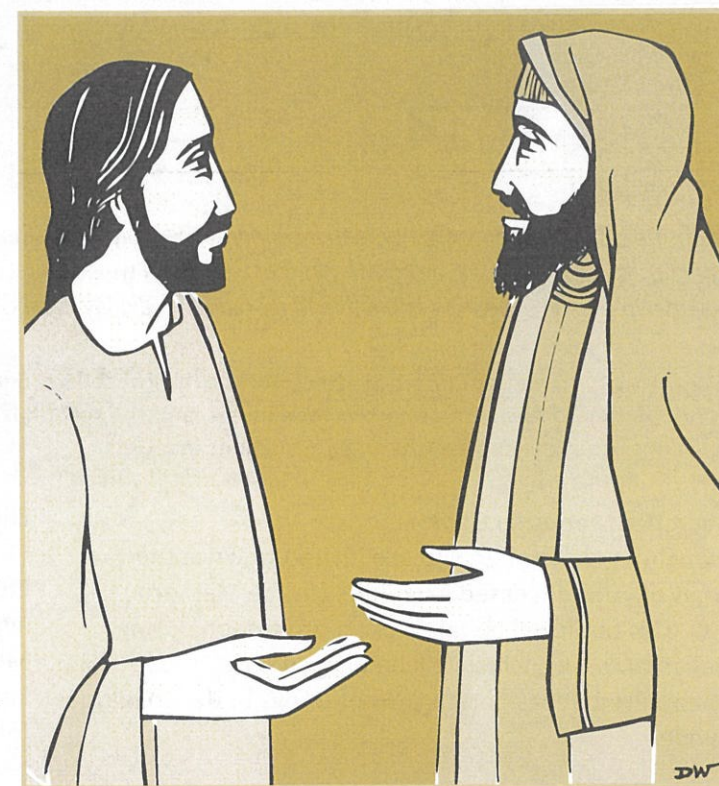
SECOND READING

7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to



save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

■ The word of the Lord.

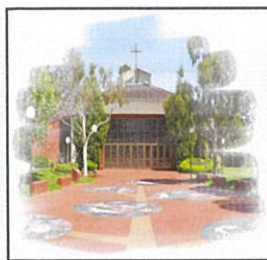
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

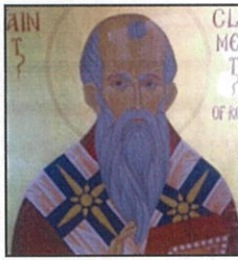
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Today's theme is : This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

November Memorial Book

Throughout November, you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book. This book will be taken up in procession during weekend Masses, which will be offered for all those remembered. Please place your offerings in the envelopes provided.

Early Notice in preparation for Christmas

Rosters are currently being prepared for December, Christmas, January and February Masses. If you are not available to read, commentate or be in attendance as a Minister of Holy Communion, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. This information is important for us to prepare the roster effectively. Once the roster has been sent out, any changes will be your responsibility. If you need to make a change, please arrange for another member on the roster to cover your duties. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

St Clement of Rome Feast Day

Come and join us to celebrate our patron saint
 The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites Parishioners to morning tea in the Clifton Centre after the 9am Mass on Sunday 24th November, to celebrate the **Feast of St Clement of Rome**. We look forward to seeing you then.

Parish morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass
 Please join us for a delightful morning tea after Mass in the Clifton Centre. All welcome.



A PRAYER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER



God of Compassion,
 We remember with gratitude and love
 all the people we have known and
 who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls
 we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses
 who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
 We pray especially for our deceased family members,
 knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you
 the millions who are dying because of war, famine,
 disease and climate change.
 We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world
 where every life is treated with equal dignity.

Living and dead, we are all your family.
 May your perpetual light shine on us all.
 Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

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

PARISH DIARY

Mon 4th Nov @ 9.15am—no Mass
 Tue 5th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass in Italian
 Wed 6th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
 Wed 6th Nov @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office
 Thurs 7th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
 Fri 8th Nov @ 9.15am—no Mass
 Sat 9th Nov @ 9am —ASRE Confirmation classes in the Clifton Centre

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Vincenzo D'Alessio** and for the repose of the souls of **Francesco Fusca, Alberta & Carlo Papalia, Giuseppe & Anna Marinelli, Tony & Grace Panozzo, Luigi Reseneti, Domenica Reseneti, Joe Tucci, Nicola Lauletta, Giovanni Garretto** 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—Confirmation

The classes commenced on 12th Oct. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sat 23rd Nov at 5.30pm.



New to the Parish?

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Fr Mark or our greeters at Mass. They can assist you in accessing our online welcome form, if you would like to get involved in parish life. We look forward to meeting you in the near future.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
2 /3 Nov	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i>	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Shirley Pyndiah
		May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
		Martin Teh	Anne Fusca

9/10 Nov	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	<i>Reader</i>	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Enza Wilcocks	Rita Gaglardi
		Warwick Wright	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		John Bruce	Agnes Lu

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
10/11	J FAGGION P LOMBARDO	FAM L VETTORETTO	C TRAVAGLINI T RECINELLA

Pastoral care appeal—CatholicCare

Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral care appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year, a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. You can donate using the envelopes available or online.

Pilgrimage of Hope

Magi Pilgrimages would like to invite you for a 16-day Pilgrimage of Hope (22/04/25 to 07/05/25). This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Turin, Padua, Assisi, Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive early bird price of \$8990+tips. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.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.

Thursday 21 November 2024

5:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert Street
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03 9926 9300

\$40 per person

Refreshments at 5:30pm

Facilitator: Peter Hay

Mary MacKillop HERITAGE CENTRE

Awakening to the Divine in Nature

This interactive seminar will enable you to deepen your spirituality through interconnection with all of life. Includes input, sharing of ideas and a reflective experience in Fitzroy Gardens.

Peter Hay is a passionate explorer of ecological spirituality as a way of bringing us into a more authentic way of living in these critical times. He is a spiritual director, professional supervisor and a lecturer at Heart of Life.

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**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.**