

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Chron 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 2: 13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

SACRED SPACE

Frequently while celebrating Sunday Eucharist, the Sacrament of Marriage or a funeral, I am touched by those present. While some are perhaps not regular church goers, something happens among them within the setting of the church. Besides the liturgical rite and the readings of Scripture, the church building, its DNA, can touch them. It is a sacred space, blessed by people of faith over the decades.

The *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* is a celebration of the importance of place and the environment in which people of faith gather. Rather than St Peter's Basilica, this Basilica in Rome is the Pope's church, the 'mother' of all churches throughout the world. It symbolises holiness and communion. Today's commemoration also links to the Gospel. Jesus acts definitively against the traders and sellers to renew the Temple and its precincts in its sacredness. Rather than a marketplace, the Temple is the place of divine presence. In John, it further symbolises and anticipates what happens to the body of Jesus, the abode of God's holiness, in his passion, death and resurrection.

Our own parish churches and parishes need ongoing renewal and purification, in the spirit of Jesus' renewal of the Temple in John's Gospel story. They are places where we gather to celebrate the Eucharist each Sunday and our local sacred spaces where holiness and communion are experienced. We celebrate our communion with the Bishop of Rome and allow our local parish church to be the palpable expression of the universal Church—of outreach, openness and hospitality.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9 NOVEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

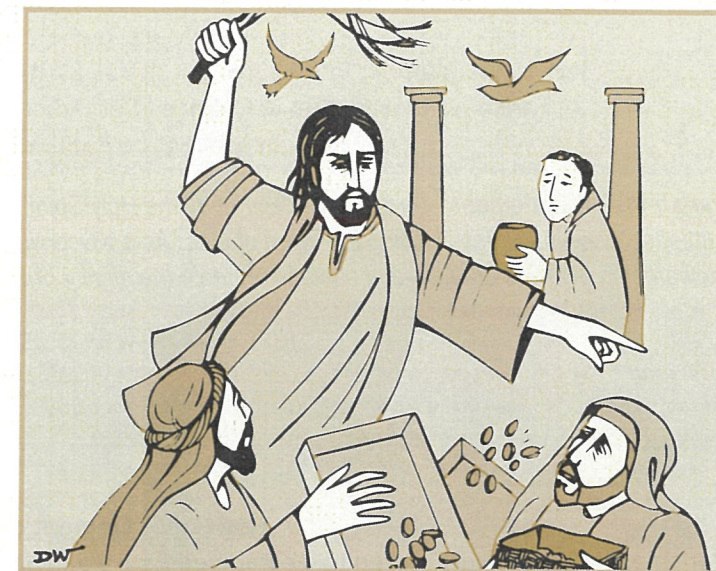
Ezek 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I saw water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails, they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.

■ The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 45: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v. 5

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, / a helper close at hand, in time of distress: / so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, / though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **R.**

2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, / the holy place where the Most High dwells. / God is within, it cannot be shaken; / God will help it at the dawning of the day. **R.**

3. The Lord of hosts is with us: / the God of Jacob is our stronghold. / Come, consider the works of the Lord / the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Cor 3: 9-11, 16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

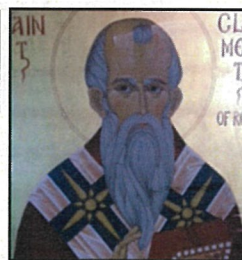
You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is, Jesus Christ.



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 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Today's theme is : He spoke about the temple of his own body
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 on Sunday, November 23, 2025. 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.

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 week 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.



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.

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.

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

**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 9th Nov @ 9am—Mass, followed by Refresher Training @ 10am
Sun 9th Nov @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 11th Nov @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 12th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
Wed 12th Nov @ 5pm—PPC Meeting in the p.office
Thurs 13th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 14th Nov @ 9.15am—no Mass
Sat 15th Nov @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass/Baptism @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, Marisa Mejak and for the repose of the souls of Nicola Lauletta, Carlo Papalia, Rocco Menchise, Carmela & Giuseppe Sammut 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.

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
8 /9 Nov	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	Carmen Gobbi
	<i>Commentator</i>	Jacinta Zieba	Jan McQueen
	<i>Reader</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Maria Papalia
		May Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Martin Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Enza Wilcocks	Ricardo La Mattina

15/16 Nov	<i>Sacristan</i>	Maria Papalia	Shirley Pyndiah
	<i>Commentator</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Maria Papalia
	<i>Reader</i>	Paul Sammut	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Warwick Wright	Agnes Lu
		Virginie Mindiel	Maria Papalia
		Zina Scalzo	Shirley Pyndiah

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
16/11	T CARAFA L DEL TONDO	FAM E CASTRIOTTA	L CIAMPA G BAGLIERI



On behalf of the Marcellin College Community, you are invited to the

Annual Memorial Mass 2025

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

We look forward to your presence on this solemn occasion.

Thursday, 27 November at 7:00pm

Marcellin College Champagnat Chapel
160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen 3105

