

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.” “My son,” Abraham replied “remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop any crossing from your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father’s house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.” “They have Moses and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,” said the rich man “but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Then Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.”’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

We live in relative wealth and comfort, although we are aware of many who suffer from impoverishment and homelessness. We know that the wealthy get wealthier as the gap between the rich and poor grows. This is a global issue.

Today’s Gospel reflects on this same issue characterised in a person of great wealth and another who is impoverished, hungry and sore-covered. He is called ‘Lazarus’. The evangelist wants our sympathy to be with him. He is named and even attended to by God’s creature, the dog, who seeks to heal Lazarus’ sores. In contrast, Luke paints a picture of a nameless wealthy householder. He feasts daily, dressed in the garb of imperialism with a table overloaded with food, inaccessible to the famished Lazarus barred by a gate. Both die and the roles become reversed in the afterlife vividly portrayed. Lazarus is comforted by God; the other separated by a huge gulf in the flames of punishment. Even in this scene of the hereafter the man of wealth continues to look down on Lazarus and suggest he even be his servant, bringing water to quench his intolerable thirst.

The promise of comfort for those who suffer and the reversal of fortune for those of wealth echoes throughout the Gospel. This is the future that awaits everyone and is in God’s hands. To those of high status and wealth in the Lukan household, the story would be heard as a sobering reminder of how to live generously, caring for those in need. Today’s Gospel might also nudge us into action.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers’ revelry is over.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. He upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion’s God, from age to age. **R.**

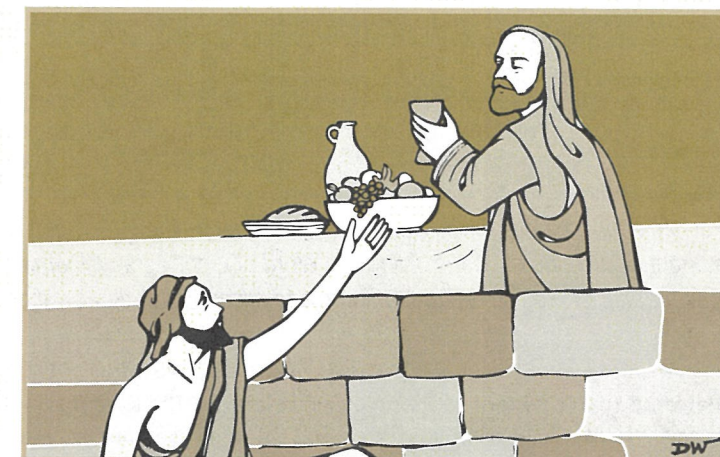
SECOND READING

1 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and



love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

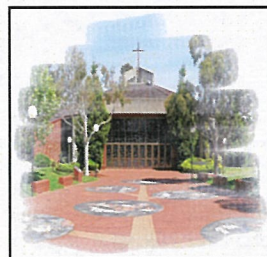
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:19-31

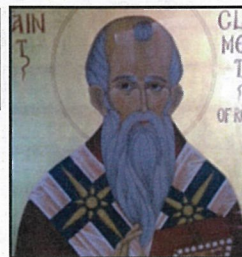
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.



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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 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.

Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Celebrating 50 years of Italian Mass at St Clement of Rome Parish



Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of the Italian Mass at St Clement of Rome Parish on Sunday 19th October at 11am. The Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Clifton Centre. We are delighted to share that Fr Anthony Fregolent, our long-time Italian Chaplain, will also be joining us for this special occasion.

Celebrazione dei 50 anni della Santa Messa in italiano a San Clemente il 19 ottobre alle 11am, seguita da un rinfresco in sala. Sara' presente anche P. Antonio Fregolent che con P. Vito e altri padri scalabriniani e' stato il nostro cappellano per molti anni.

Offertory Giving Program

Dear Parishioners,
In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over a four-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.



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 28th Sept @ 9am—Mass
Sun 28th Sept @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 30th Sept @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 1st Oct @ 9.15am—no Mass
Thurs 2nd Oct @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 3rd Oct @ 9.15am—no Mass
Sat 4th Oct @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Sabio Paciocco** and for the repose of the souls of **Yvonne Avellino**, **Rocco Dimasi**, **Giustino Mariani** 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 Confirmation classes have been completed. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Fri 10th Oct at 6pm.



Word of Life – Weekly Reflections in October

Wednesdays – 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

10.00AM to 11.00AM

The Clifton Centre, St. Clement of Rome,
Bulleen

You are warmly invited to come together after the 9.15AM Mass on Wednesdays in October to join us for a special weekly reflection on the readings of the day.

This session is for fellowship and deeper understanding of the Scripture. We hope you can join us for this enriching experience.

Please register your interest by writing your names on the clipboard at the church foyer for organising purposes.

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

27/28 September	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Daniel Abdallah
	Reader	May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
	Special Ministers	May Teh	Shirley Pyndiah
		Martin Teh	Grace Cannatelli
		Enza Wilcocks	Maria Papalia

4 /5 October	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	Jacinta Zieba	Tig Chobo
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Shirley Pyndiah
		Virginie Mindiel	Grace Cannatelli
		Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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St Carlo Acutis & St Pier Giorgio

On Sunday, 7 Sept, Pope Leo XIV canonized 2 young saints. Know more about the lives of these 2 saints in the videos below.

'I Am With You' – A Documentary on the Life of St. Carlo Acutis <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUpqQneSOFM>

St. Carlo Acutis - "The Eucharist is the Highway to Heaven".

'To The Top' – A Full Movie & Commentary on the Life of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASkdgHEd6a4>

St. Pier Giorgio Frassati - "If you have God at the center of all your actions, then you will reach the end."