

Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,  
and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,  
God will in turn glorify him in himself,  
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,  
I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another;

just as I have loved you,  
you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,  
everyone will know that you are my  
disciples.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

# THE SAVING WORD

18 MAY 2025

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

In John's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his death and departure from them. Today's Gospel offers his final testimony to them about his relationship to God and final words that sum up his teaching legacy. Jesus will be glorified by God, even despite the indignation and suffering that await. Jesus will also 'glorify' God. His life and death reveal God's presence. The way that John portrays this in the story of Jesus' passion, death and glorification, we have already heard in John's Gospel proclaimed on Good Friday.

The second part of today's proclamation characterises Jesus followers throughout history: They ('we') are to love one another as Jesus loved: with humility, commitment, and selflessly. This style of living, typical of authentic discipleship, is so needed today in a world in which the selfish and great power-mongers seem to have the upper hand. The style of humble loving discipleship is what will change the world.

The Gospel's final words ('By this love you have for one another....') affirm this. They also shape the style of discipleship that frames local faith communities and parishes: Genuine love of one another, reflective of the spirit and heart of the kind of love that Jesus emulated for his disciples, will have its influence on the world. It will especially affect those seeking a faith nourishing community.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

**R.** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (*or Alleluia!*)

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God, / to make known to men your mighty deeds / and the glorious splendour of your reign. **R.**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule lasts from age to age. **R.**

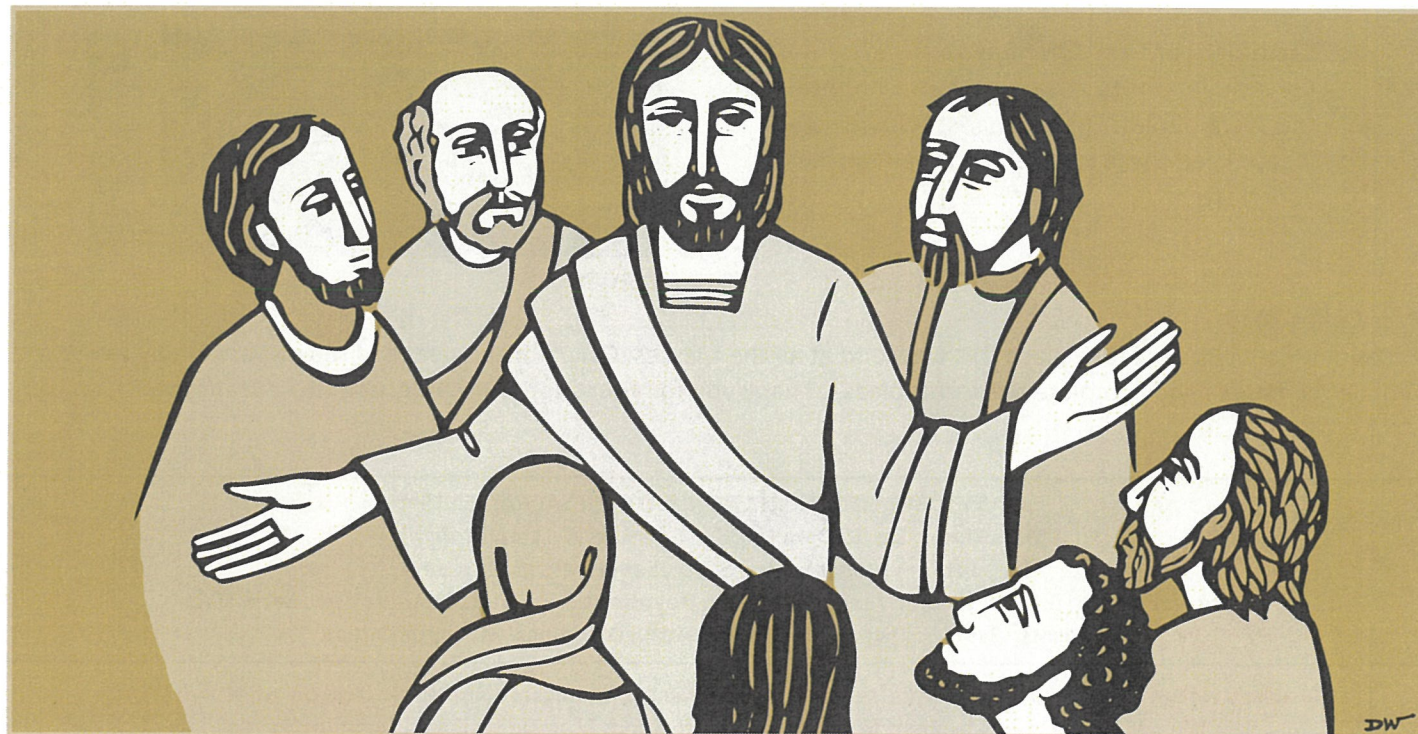
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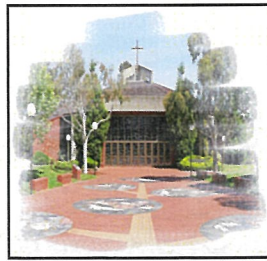
Apoc 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

*He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

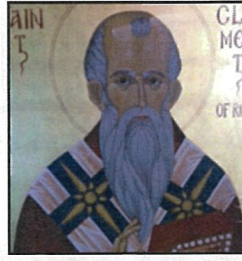
I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city?





# 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 Fifth Sunday of Easter  
**Today's theme is : I give you a new commandment : love one another**  
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



## Sunday Reflection

Today's three scripture readings show us different faces of Christian faith. The Acts of the Apostles tells of Paul and Barnabas returning home to Antioch after completing their first missionary journey around south east Asia Minor (present-day Turkey). The Christians in Antioch rejoice, hearing about all the wonderful things God has done through this missionary work.

In the Book of Apocalypse we see a symbolic vision of what Christian life hopes for : union with God, in peace, where there will be no more tears and pain, and death will have vanished.

The Gospel reading shows us a crucial moment when this vision of salvation was being worked out in the life of Jesus. The passage opens with the words, 'When he had gone out'. Who is this 'he'? It is Judas Iscariot. Just before this, the Gospel has shown us that Jesus knows Judas is going out to betray him and that it is night, the time when darkness triumphs. Against this wretchedness, Jesus speaks in an extraordinary way. First, he declares that in this very betrayal, God is glorifying him. Second, he chooses this moment to command his disciples to love one another in the way Jesus has loved them.

## God's Word—Daily Reflections



## Sacrament of First Communion

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist this weekend. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations & welcome  
to God's family  
at St Clement's Parish  
Isaac Lachimea  
baptised this weekend



## Mass Count 2025

The third Mass count will take place this weekend at all the Masses. Collectors at weekend Masses are kindly asked to compile the figures and complete the forms please. Thank you for your support in collecting these statistics.

## 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:** 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 18th May @ 9am—Mass/Baptism/C Liturgy/First Communion  
Mon 19th May @ 9.15am—no Mass  
Tue 20th May @ 9.15am—Italian Mass  
Tue 20th May @ 6pm—Gr 4 Eucharist Faith Night  
Wed 21st May @ 9.15am—Mass  
Wed 21st May @ 5pm—PPC Meeting  
Thurs 22nd May @ 9.15am—no Mass  
Fri 23rd May @ 9.15am—Mass  
Sat 24th May @ 9.00am—ASRE 1st Com in the PO  
Sat 24th May @ 9.15am—Mass/Reconciliation  
Sat 24th May @ 5.30pm—Sacrament of First Communion /School & ASRE

## Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the soul of **Elsie Bolzonello** 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 Eucharist 2025

Please see the dates below for the Sacrament of Eucharist classes.



| DATE                          | TIME          | EVENT                                                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> May | 9.00 -10.15am | ASRE Eucharist 5 followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation. |
|                               | 5.30pm        | Sacrament of First Eucharist                              |

## Important notice for all Parish Ministry Volunteers

For Parishioners who wish to become volunteers or continue as volunteers, it is necessary that all Safeguarding Requirements are current. The necessary requirements include :

1. A valid Working with Children Check
2. A signed Code of Conduct
3. Completion of the safeguarding training module

Over the coming weeks, to help our volunteers, the Parish will be contacting people who currently do not meet all the requirements. We understand that meeting the requirements may seem daunting but we are keen to help, so that you are able to continue the very valuable work that you do for our Parish.

The Safeguarding Requirements for Parish volunteers have been determined by the Archdiocese of Melbourne in response to Victorian Government Legislation, Australian Government Legislation and critical incidents. To ensure that our Parishes continue to be safe spaces for children, young people and vulnerable adults, the Archdiocese of Melbourne and its Parishes will this year, be audited, by *Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited*.

Thank you for your co-operation in ensuring the safety and well-being of all in our parish community.

## 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          |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 17/18 May      | <b>Sacristan</b>         | Sue De Bortoli | Francis & Gloria Ng |
|                | <b>Commentator</b>       | Jacinta Zieba  | Yamna Taouk         |
|                | <b>Reader</b>            | Rene Dela Cruz | Daniel Abdallah     |
|                | <b>Special Ministers</b> | Zina Scalzo    | Shirley Pyndiah     |
|                |                          | May Teh        | Grace Cannatelli    |
|                |                          | Martin Teh     | Anne Fusca          |
| 24/25 May      | <b>Sacristan</b>         | Sue De Bortoli | Francis & Gloria Ng |
|                | <b>Commentator</b>       | Rene Dela Cruz | Daniel Abdallah     |
|                | <b>Reader</b>            | Paul Sammut    | Grace Cannatelli    |
|                | <b>Special Ministers</b> | Enza Wilcocks  | Rita Gagliardi      |
|                | <b>Sacristan</b>         | Warwick Wright | Pina La Mattina     |
|                |                          | Sue De Bortoli | Ricardo La Mattina  |

## ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

| DATE  | LETTORI                 | OFFERTORIO       | MINISTRI DELL' EUCARISTIA |
|-------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| 25/05 | T CARAFA<br>L DEL TONDO | FAM E CASTRIOTTA | L CIAMPA<br>G BAGLIERI    |

## Mass for Marriage Anniversaries

Sunday 1 June 2025, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the jubilee of families.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations close Sunday 25th May.

## Children's Liturgy—this Sunday at 9am Mass

