

you want me to do for you?’ They said to him, ‘Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.’ ‘You do not know what you are asking’ Jesus said to them. ‘Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?’ They replied, ‘We can.’ Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.’

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form: 10:42-45

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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20 OCTOBER 2024

BEING SERVANT AND SLAVE

Our first reading is from the fourth ‘servant song’ or poem of Isaiah. The imagery of the suffering servant is juxtaposed with ‘the Son of Man [who] came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as ransom for many.’ Just prior to today’s Gospel reading, there was the third passion prediction. Jesus and the disciples are on the way to Jerusalem toward his passion and death. James and John, sons of Zebedee, open the scene. They were among the first called by Jesus and they are among the closest of his companions. What might we think would be on their minds? How taken aback will we be when they come to Jesus and say: ‘we want you to do for us whatever we ask.’ They are looking for their reward in places of esteem and honour. The brothers failure to understand angers the other ten.

Jesus makes clear that their orientation and that of anyone who wishes to be great is to be servant. This is their lesson and ours. Still today this is countercultural. In our Church we are invited to walk the way in synodality: praying together, listening deeply to one another, listening to the Spirit, walking together in the Spirit, asking what we are called to do, not only what Jesus will do for us. How will we be servant to one another, walking together in humility, this week?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Isa 53:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul’s anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord. is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

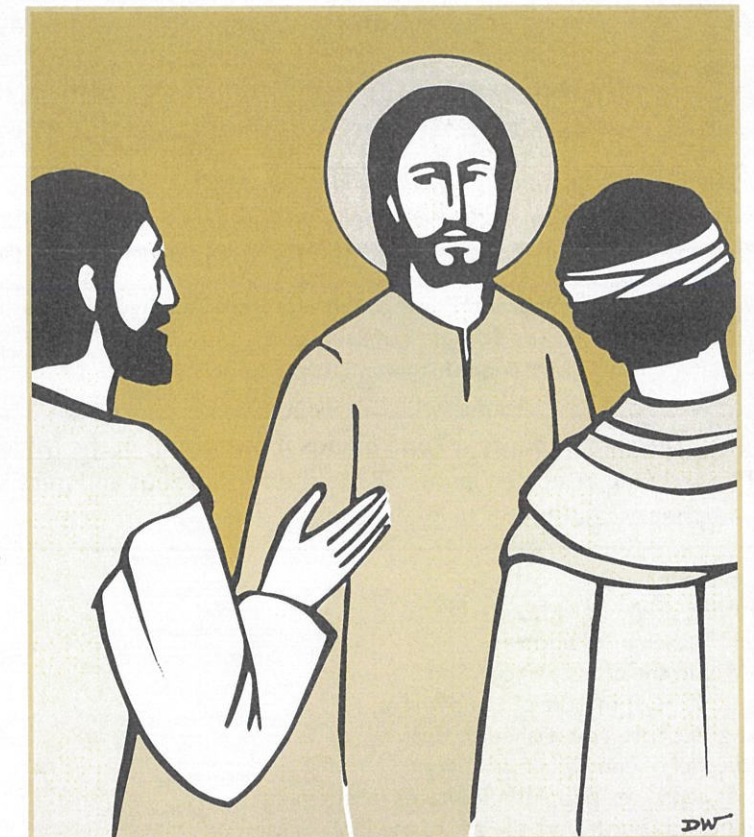
SECOND READING

Heb 4:14-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of



feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

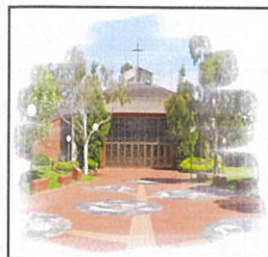
GOSPEL

Mk 10:35-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

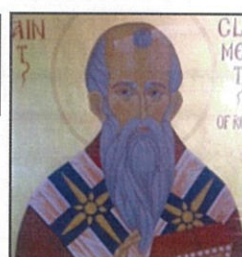
The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. ‘Master,’ they said to him, ‘we want you to do us a favour.’ He said to them, ‘What is it



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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 Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Today's theme is : The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

'Take the side of peace' : Pope pleads for restraint in the Middle East

The morning after Iran launched hundreds of drones and missiles at Israel, Pope Francis pleaded with nations to avoid a further escalation of the violence.

Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all peoples,
Who in the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His own life,
at great cost You wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:
Send into our hearts the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that He may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
The irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice, in love and freedom.
Almighty and eternal God,
in Your hands are the hopes of men and women
and the rights of every people:
Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us,
so that, with Your help,
they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote the common good and lasting peace in our
region and throughout the earth.
Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, obtain the gift of peace for the
Holy Land that gave birth to you and for the whole world.
Amen.

Ordinations to the Diaconate



Please pray for the four new ordinations to the diaconate.
Over four separate days, in different parishes, four
seminarians will be giving their 'life back to God' as they
are ordained to the transitional diaconate.

Tuong Nguyen : 5pm Sun 27th Oct at St Gregory the Great
Church, Doncaster

John Vespa : 5.30pm Sat 26th Oct at St Bede's
North Balwyn

Ian Vergel : 11am Sun 20th Oct at St Fidelis, Moreland

Joshua McDermid : 5pm Sat 16th Nov at St Mary
MacKillop, Keilor Downs

More information can be found on our website.

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 21st Oct @ 9.15am—no Mass
Tue 22nd Oct @ 9.15am—Mass in Italian
Wed 23rd Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 24th Oct @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 25th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
Sat 26th Oct @ 9am in the Clifton centre—ASRE
Confirmation classes

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Angela Smarrelli** 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.

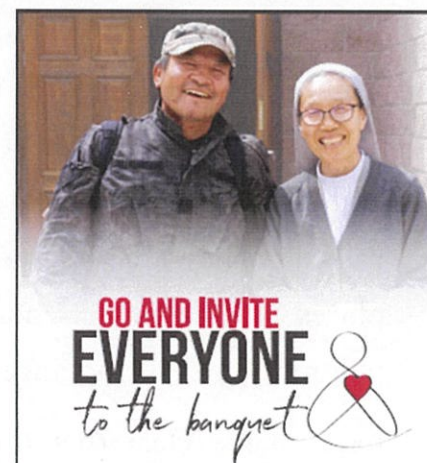


New to the Parish?

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.

World Mission Sunday

The collection will take place this weekend.
Envelopes available in the foyer.
Thank you for your generous gifts.



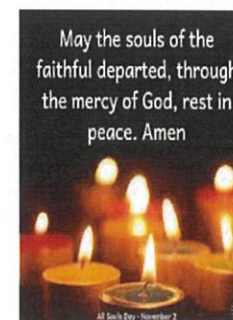
In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Remembering our deceased loved ones

The Catholic tradition offers us November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day as the Month of special remembrance for those who have died. All Saints Day, 1st November is a day of solemnity and All Souls Day commemorates all the faithful departed. To highlight the communion with those who have gone before us, a special **Remembrance Book** will be placed in the Foyer and you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones as you attend Mass throughout November. During the weekend Masses, the book will be taken up in procession and the Mass will be offered for all those remembered. Please place your offerings in the envelopes provided. Thank you.

All Saints, Parish/School Mass will be celebrated on Fri 1st Nov at 9.15am. All Souls Masses will be celebrated on Sat 2nd Nov at 9.15am & 5.30pm

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.

**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.**