

they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

'LISTEN TO ME'

Returning to the Gospel of Mark this week, we have an edited version of a dispute raised by the Pharisees and some of the scribes from Jerusalem about some of Jesus' disciples eating loaves with unwashed hands. Particularly in light of our recent pandemic experiences, we may have some sympathy with them. Yet as the narrative unfolds, we are given further background, that this is but one of the observations of their tradition. The prescriptions about washing do not stem for the Torah, the Law, but are local interpretations by specific groups.

Importantly we can join the extended crowd to hear Jesus say, 'Listen to me.' The same words are used by the prophets to call the people of Israel to listen to the word of God. Here it is a call to pay attention to Jesus' words that 'nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile.' It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions can grow.

Today let us pick up on Jesus' call to 'listen to me' as we read and pray with the scriptures. Let us also hear Pope Francis reminding us, 'The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.'

(Pope Francis audience, 27 Jan. 2021)

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James.

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

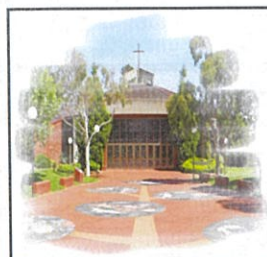
GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

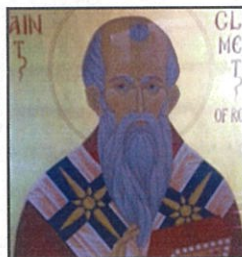
You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and



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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 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Today's theme is : You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.



Today we give thanks for our earthly fathers and pray for them. Lets also give thanks for our spiritual fathers who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well.

Parish morning tea to celebrate Father's Day

Please join us this Sunday after the 9am Mass for a special morning tea to celebrate Father's Day. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and show our appreciation for all the fathers and father figures in our parish.

Roster for Readers, Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans

Please note that the rosters for the period of September through to November have been prepared and emailed to everyone. If you need to make any changes, please arrange with another member on the roster. Thank you for your co-operation.

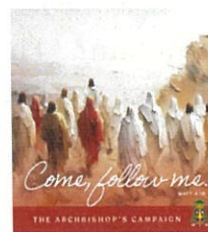
Child protection week (1-7 September)

The Parish of St Clement of Rome and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>



The Archbishop's Campaign

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the Church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign.



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

Sun 1st Sept @ 10am—Morning tea in the Clifton Centre
Thurs 5th Sept @ 5pm— PPC meeting in the parish office
Fri 6th Sept @ 9.15am—Grade 1 & 5 Mass
Fri 13th Sept @ 9.15am—Grade 2,3 & 4 Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Lynette Tagliabue** and for the repose of the souls of **Lino De Gregorio, Rosa Frasca, Paola Bortolin** 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

Enrolments now open for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please visit our website to see the class dates. Thank you.



St Clement of Rome Parish—new website

Please check out our new website for all the latest news and updates <https://www.melbocatholic.org/bulleen>
To help us reduce printing costs and stay environmentally friendly, we encourage you to subscribe to our digital newsletter via the website. Thank you for your support and for helping us make a positive impact!

Being Hope

Sharing in indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing...

Venue: Masudo Room Box Hill Town Hall 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill VIC 3128, Australia

When: Saturday 21st September. 9.00 a.m. registration for 9.30am start and 3.00pm finish.

The Forum is free, but people are asked to provide their own lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits

Booking essential:

Website: <https://events.humanitix.com/being-hope>

Flyer on the notice board

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
31 Aug/1 Sep	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Tim Landsberg
	Reader	May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Warwick Wright	Pina La Mattina
		John Bruce	Ricardo La Mattina
7/8 Sept	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	May Teh	Grace Cannatelli
	Reader	John Bruce	Jan McQueen
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Agnes Lu
		May Teh	Gloria Ng
		Martin Teh	Maria Papalia

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Upcoming CTC Events

CTC is running the following events in Semester 2 2024

September Events

- Online Information Session for Educators on Thursday 5 September at 7pm (AEST)
- Online Information Session for Prospective Students on Monday 28 October at 7pm (AEST)

For more information visit: ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/information-sessions/

October Events

- Engaging Your Faith** A series of short online presentations on a range of topics in scripture, church and theology, pastoral ministry and spiritual life. For more information visit: ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/
- Knox Public Lecture** This free annual public lecture commemorates the life and ministry of the College founder, James Robert Knox, Fifth Archbishop of Melbourne. For more information visit: ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/knox-public-lecture/
- CTC Seminar** Saints Cyril and Methodius: The Encounter of Faith and Culture – History and Paradigm. Presented by Dr Birute Arendaricikas RSM. Free online and face-to-face seminar on Friday 11 October at 11am

Enrol for 2025

- Enrolments open 01 November 2024
- Our units are offered onsite, online, or blended mode.

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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.**

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.