

made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form Lk 12:32-48

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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BE ALERT

Luke's audience consists of people who are wealthy and those who are poorer, from the lower rung of the social ladder. The evangelist's focus is frequently on those of comfortable and wealthy status. This is presumed in today's reading. This Gospel passage follows immediately from last Sunday's. Luke continues to reflect on the themes of wealth and the disciple's attentiveness to God. Jesus reminds Luke's audience that God wants to offer the Kingdom to all. It is not restrictive. But there is one barrier for its reception: wealth and greed—a theme noted last Sunday. Disciples are encouraged to be generous and respond tangibly to the needs of the poor, encouragement that is at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

A second theme emerges: besides generosity, disciples must also remember Jesus' *Parousia*, his coming at the end of time. This perspective is not to be forgotten, though perhaps some in the Lukan household had done so. The example are householders being alert to the master's eventual arrival after a wedding or to a burglar who might smash through the house's mud brick walls. Alertness is thus key. It will surface again later in the Gospel when the disciples are told in Gethsemane to 'keep awake!' Luke promises that such existential alertness will be substantially rewarded.

For ourselves, too, today's Gospel is a spiritually healthy reminder. As we gather around the Lord's Table, we are encouraged to an alertness for the Lord's coming at the end of time. The acclamation after the words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer echoes this.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. **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 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance

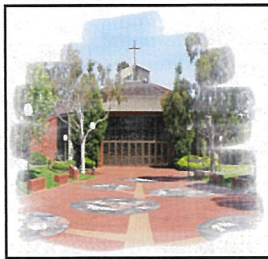


given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

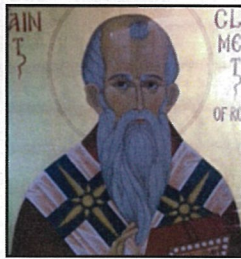
All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been



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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 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Today's theme is : See that you are prepared
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Parish Census Reminder

If you haven't completed your census card yet, this is your final weekend to do so. The cards are available in the foyer in both English and Italian. Please complete the cards and drop them in the collection box. **Please use only one card per family.** Thank you for your cooperation and support. If you prefer, you are welcome to take your time and fill out the cards at home. You can return them at Mass over the next couple of weeks. If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to approach one of our volunteers.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please note that on Friday 15th Aug, there will be no morning Mass at 9.15am. Instead, a Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 14th Aug at 7pm. Additionally, there will be a school mass on Thursday, 15th Aug at 12.45pm. All are warmly invited to attend this special celebration.



Children's Liturgy update

From now on, Children's Liturgy will take place only on the first Sunday of each month during the 9.15am Mass. All children will receive an activity sheet to help them learn and understand God's love in a fun and engaging way.

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

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd Safeguarding Audit

We have been informed of an upcoming safeguarding audit of the Archdiocese. This audit will involve a comprehensive review of our safeguarding practices, policies, culture and documentation across all parish ministries.

It is essential that all volunteers involved in parish ministries are fully compliant with current safeguarding requirements in order to continue in their roles.

The safeguarding requirements include :

1. **A valid working with children check**
2. **A signed code of conduct**
3. **Completion of the Safeguarding Training Module**

If you are unsure about your current status or need assistance completing any part of the process, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. We are here to help guide you through each step.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keep our parish a safe and welcoming place for all.

PARISH DIARY

Sun 10th Aug @ 9am—Mass
Sun 10th Aug @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 12th Aug @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 13th Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Thurs 14th Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Thurs 14th Aug @ 5pm—PPC meeting
Thursday 14th Aug @ 7pm—Feast of the Assumption Vigil Mass
Fri 15th Aug @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 15th Aug @ 12.45pm—School Mass
Sat 16th Aug @ 9am—Confirmation classes
Sat 16th Aug @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass & Baptism @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
and for the repose of the souls of **Venancio Mendoza, Udan Perera** 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 classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation have commenced. The class dates are listed below.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 16 th August	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 3
Saturday 23 rd August	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 4
Saturday 30 th August	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 5
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.00am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.



Memorial Wall Plaques

If you are considering honouring a deceased loved one, within our faith community, we invite you to add their name to our parish Memorial Wall. Please contact the parish office for more information about having a plaque made.

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
09/10 August	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	<i>Commentator</i>	May Teh	Rocco Gagliardi
	<i>Readers</i>	Jacinta Zieba	Mark Gregor
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Zina Scalzo	Grace Cannatelli
		May Teh	Anne Fusca
		Martin Teh	Pina La Mattina
16/17 August	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	Rita Gagliardi
	<i>Commentator</i>	Jacinta Zieba	Mark Gregor
	<i>Reader</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Enza Wilcocks	Pina La Mattina
		Warwick Wright	Ricardo La Mattina
		Virginie Mindiel	Agnes Lu

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Sunday Reflection.....

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples to seek security not in the realities of this world but in the treasures of God's kingdom. He exhorts them to be steadfast in their faith, staying ready and prepared even when the fulfilment of that faith is a long time coming. Jesus then gives an illustration of servants who are entrusted with the management of the household. No one knows exactly when the master will return. A wise servant, therefore, will always be vigilant since the master may return at any moment and will expect to find everything in order. This Gospel illustrates for us the importance of being ready and prepared for the many ways our God visits us in our lives. We are often beset with hardships and failures, pain and anguish, tragedy and disappointment; our dreams, hopes, and plans are frequently thwarted. How do we prepare for such circumstances? What are we to do in dark moments when God seems to be far away, and we grope for some evidence of God's presence?

Let us continue hoping in God's love even though we may not feel it, and keep on waiting in patient trust. Life on earth is a journey in faith and a pilgrimage of hope. For this journey we are given enough light to take the next step. As St John Henry Cardinal Newman prayed, 'Lead, kindly light.....Lead thou me on! Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene—one step enough for me'.

God's Word—Daily Reflections

**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.**