

GOSPEL

Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours'.

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands' hands?' 'The one, who took pity on him', he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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13 JULY 2025

EXPECTATIONS UPENDED

The parable of the *Good Samaritan* from today's Gospel is one of our favourites. We know it so well, or we think we do, and has been with us from our earliest days. Today invites us to take a second look. Jesus tells the story to illustrate who is neighbour, affirming the two most important commandments from the Torah—one's total commitment to God (from Deuteronomy) and to love one's neighbour (from Leviticus).

Jesus tells the story to a religious interpreter of the Torah who would never think about Samaritans, other than in negative terms. So, for Jesus to make the Samaritan as the example of care for one who fell in with robbers is shocking to Jesus' questioner. The two religious leaders in the story, the priest and Levite, who 'pass by on the other side' would have been obliged under the Torah to assist anyone in the condition in which they find the abandoned and dying traveller. They fail in their religious duties. It is the unexpected one, the Samaritan, who is moved with 'compassion'—a visceral response that, in the Greek text, is linked to 'womb'.

The story Jesus tells upends expectations, even the expected cultural and social script of the day. I suspect Luke is dealing with something similar in the world of the Gospel audience. The late Pope Francis reminded us in his meditation on this same story of the importance of 'noticing'—of looking and observing so that we can respond. He invites us to see those in our world that we tend not to notice.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Deut 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**
2. As for me in my poverty and pain / let your help, O God, lift me up. / I will praise God's name with a song; / I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**
4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**



SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

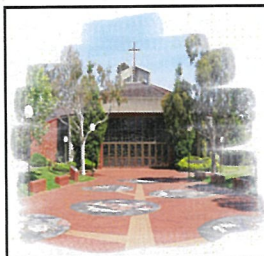
As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

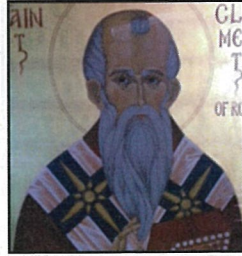
cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!



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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 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : Who is my neighbour?

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Sunday Reflection....

God's mandate seems straightforward: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' But what does this mean practically, in our everyday lives? Jesus provides the example of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate what loving our neighbour looks like. In our own lives, on any given day, we could be walking down the street and come across a person on the sidewalk, lying on a piece of cardboard, with a notice in front requesting money or assistance. What do we do? What can we do? What would Jesus do? In that moment, we can stop and bend down and ask the person 'how can I help? We can concretely demonstrate that 'we see you' and know you are worthy of care and attention. Such acts demonstrate concretely, God's love and concern toward others. We see you. We love you. We're here for you. Just as God is always here for us.

God's Word—Daily Reflections

NAIDOC Week Mass

Sunday 13 July 2025, 11.00am

St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

This year's NAIDOC Week theme of 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy' this directs us to celebrating not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors. Further information on NAIDOC Week can be found at: <https://www.naidoc.org.au>



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 13th July @ 9am—Mass
Sun 13th July @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 15th July @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 16th July @ 9.15am—Mass
Thurs 17th July @ 9.15am—Mass
Fri 18th July @ 9.15am—Mass
Sat 19th July @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Michele Recinella, Antonio Pelusi and for the repose of the souls of **Pietro Alfredo Savio, Milena Fabris, Giuseppe Condello** 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

We are pleased to announce that the class dates for the Sacrament of Confirmation have been scheduled. Please see the dates listed below. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our website. We encourage you to complete and email your forms as soon as possible to secure your place in the program.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 2 nd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 1
Saturday 9 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 2
Saturday 16 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 3
Saturday 23 rd August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 4
Saturday 30 th August	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 5
Saturday 6 th September	9.00-10.15am	ASRE Confirmation 6 including Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) 10am
Friday 10 th October	6.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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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

12/13 July	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	Reader	Jacinta Zieba	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Agnes Lu
		May Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina
19/20 July	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	Jacinta Zieba	Yamna Taouk
	Reader	Rene Dela Cruz	Daniel Abdallah
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
		Virginie Mindiel	Shirley Pyndiah

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AN EVENING WITH BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

AN EVANGELIST FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM
OUR FIRST SAINT IN T-SHIRT AND JEANS

GROWING IN FAITH AND SHARING GOD'S WORD IN TODAY'S WORLD

Join us for an inspiring evening as we reflect on our call to Evangelisation in 2025 and the example of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** who used his passion for the Eucharist and his internet skills to bring people to Jesus in a powerful way!

Guest Speaker

Mr Damian Howard | Founding Principal
Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School | Wollert



Blessed Carlo Acutis

MON. 21. JUL

6.30pm-8.30pm | St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish
71 Williamsons Road | Doncaster



To register, please scan QR code, use TryBooking link at <https://www.trybooking.com/DCQFL>, or use sign-up sheets located at church narthex.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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