

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 17: 5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice
is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

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GOSPEL

Lk 9: 28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed,
and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.*

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Breaking Open the Word

PRAYER IS KEY

On this Sunday we accompany Jesus up a mountain with three of his first-called disciples, Peter, John and James. The intention of Jesus' mountain-ascent, as Luke notes, is 'to pray'.

Luke locates this event at the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, where suffering and death await. This journey will occupy almost half the Gospel. The journey is one of instruction. Jesus instructs his disciples, Luke's audience and us on how to be authentic in a culture where status and materialism seduce. Prayer is key. Like the prophets of the First Testament, Jesus, the prophet, speaks truth and confronts compromised leadership. This will come at a high cost. Luke's Jesus knows this. The mountain is sacred, perceived as closer to the Heavens and God's abode. Jesus prays to God seeking discernment in what will unfold.

This prayer, in which the disciples are also caught up, brings him into communion with two First Testament figures, Moses and Elijah, representatives of the Torah (Moses, whom Israelites believed inspired the first five books of the Bible) and the Prophets (Elijah). Their presence is Luke's reminder that God's loving accompaniment of and revelation to the Israelites continued through Jesus into Luke's day. This scene is helpful for our Lenten journey. Prayer, especially in times of struggle and the search for discernment, is key.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / C

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FIRST READING

Gen 15: 5-12, 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

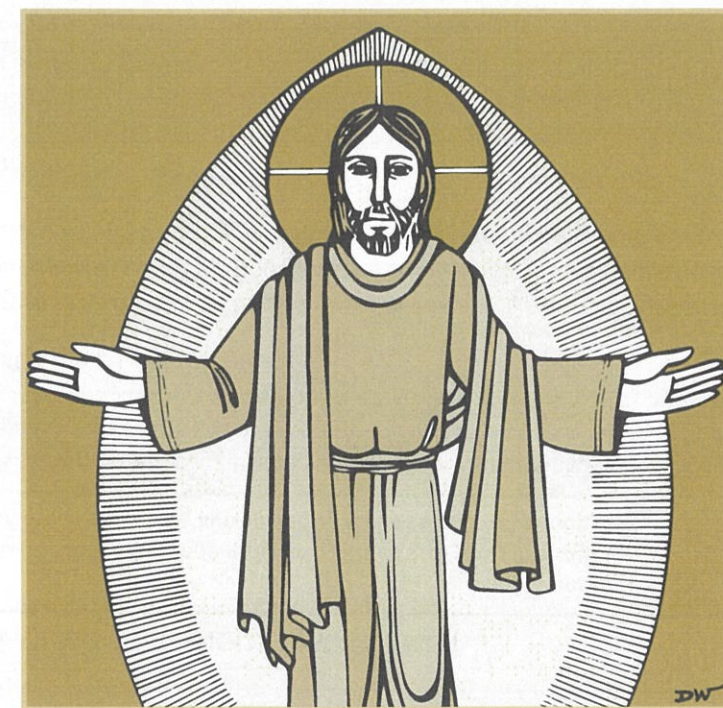
■ **The word of the Lord.****RESP PSALM**

Ps 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**



3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in anger; / you have been my help. **R.**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 3: 20-4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

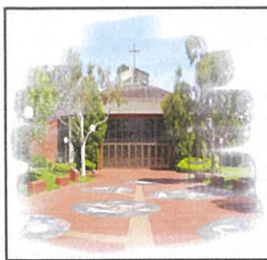
*Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into
copies of his glorious body.*

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

Longer form, Phil 3:17-4:1.



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 Second Sunday of Lent.

Today's theme is : As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.



Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent—We invite you to deepen your Lenten journey by participating in the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 8.40am. We look forward to seeing you as we unite in prayer during this sacred season.

LENTEN REGULATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE NOTICE BOARD



Second Sunday of Lent
 15th and 16th of March 2025

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.
 Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion
 Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Virtual Lent Series by Garratt Publishing

A series of 6 Virtual Lent Talks by 3 Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Tuesdays 4,11,18,25 Mar and 1,8 Apr from 7-8pm via zoom. Online registration is essential and the link is :

<https://garrattpublishing.com.au/event/lent-series-4-march-8-april-2025>

Participants then need to click on the Green **'REGISTER HERE'** button to go to the registration page where you will be asked for your name and email address. That email address will receive the link to the zoom webinar, which you need to click on at the appropriate time (just before each Tuesday, 7pm). If you join early (before the host has logged on) you will see a screen with the message "Waiting for the host to start the webinar." While you are waiting, you could click on the message "Test speaker and microphone" to check that the sound level is suitable. Otherwise, you just need to wait. A video file may be available afterwards, for the missed sessions.

Notice from St Vincent de Paul

Please note, donations to the St Vincent de Paul collection box will no longer be collected at St Clement of Rome. Please visit your nearest Vinnies Stores, located at 735 High Street East Kew : 9359 8685 or 40-44 The Mall Heidelberg West : 9458 3428, for your future donations. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

PARISH DIARY

Sun 16th Mar @ 9.00am—Mass
 Sun 16th Mar @ 9.00am—Children's Liturgy
 Mon 17th Mar @ 9.15am—no Mass
 Tue 18th Mar @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
 Tue 18th Mar @ 5.00pm—Liturgy meeting in the PO
 Wed 19th Mar @ 9.15am—Mass
 Thurs 20th Mar @ 9.15am—Mass
 Fri 21st Mar @ 8.40am—Stations of the Cross
 Fri 21st @ 9.15am—no Mass
 Sat 22nd Mar @ 9am—ASRE Reconciliation classes
 Sat 22nd Mar @ 9.15am—Mass & Reconciliation

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of Eustachio 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.

ASRE—Sacrament of Reconciliation 2025

While we work on the class dates for the Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation, Please see below class dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation being held in the parish office.



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 22 nd Mar	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Reconciliation 5
Saturday 29 th Mar	9.00 -10.00am 9.45am	ASRE Reconciliation 6 Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

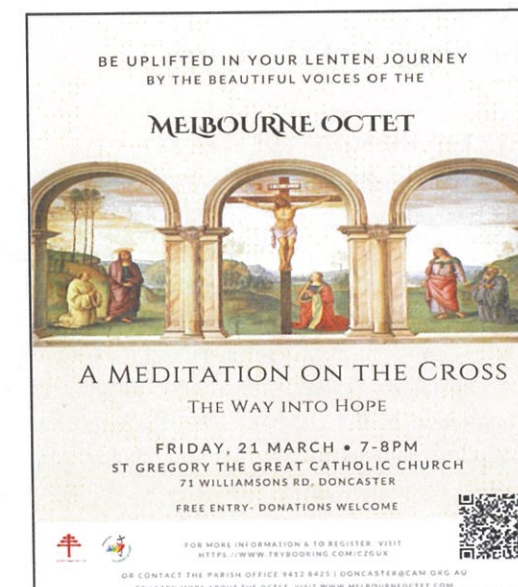
DATE	ROLE	SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
15/16 Mar	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
2 Lent	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Maria Papalia
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Agnes Lu
		May Teh	Gloria Ng
		Martin Teh	Shirley Pyndiah
22/23 March	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
3 Lent	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Yamna Taouk
	Reader	May Teh	Daniel Abdallah
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca
		John Bruce	Rita Gaglardi

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Children's Liturgy update

We are happy to announce that the Children's Liturgy has had a great turnout and it is currently scheduled for the 9am Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month, with plans to expand to the Sat 5.30pm Mass in the near future. Children are also encouraged to pick up a Children's bulletin from the foyer, available every weekend to enjoy some fun activities at home. We look forward to seeing more of you there!



**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.**