

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke.

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 16:1-13



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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## RELEASE OF DEBT

Today's Gospel returns us to a favourite repetitive Lukan theme. It is about the disciples' attitudes to wealth and possessions. The teaching takes the form of a story from Jesus. The main character is a rich landowner – a character with which some in Luke's Gospel community could well identify with given that they, too, were property owners.

There's a problem which the owner identifies. He presumes that his manager has been 'wasteful with his [the owner's] property'. We are not sure what 'wasteful' means in this case and we can superimpose our expectations from our Western ideas on to what might be going on. But there could be another agenda at play from Luke's world. Wealth came about through other people becoming poorer. The evangelist wants the wealthy to reconsider their responsibility to poorer Gospel members. The manager could be acting to redistribute wealth in a way that the property owner considers 'wasteful.' The manager's 'redistribution program' might also be operating later when he considers what he will do after he has been fired from his position because of the greed of his landowner.

The release of debt that the manager brings about from those in debt (a key petition in the 'Lord's Prayer') is a release from greater poverty. The wisdom that emerges from the story and is explicated in the final lines of the Gospel is about the use of wealth. It is, for the faith community, the building up of friendship and, for the disciple, to be free. This is being released from being possessed by possessions. Today's Gospel is a timely reminder for us in a world of wealth, bitcoins and foreign exchange.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn,  
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money,  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

**R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.  
(or Alleluia!)**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dunghill he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

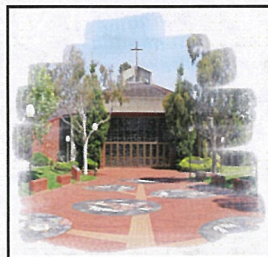
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

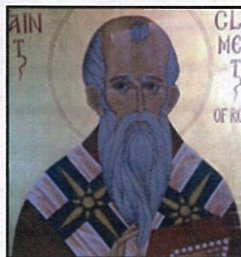
In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

### ■ The word of the Lord.



# 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 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's theme is : You cannot be slaves both of God and of money

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



## Sunday Reflection....

'You cannot be the slave both of God and money'. To be a slave is to be owned by somebody or something. As Christians we are owned by God in as much as we are made in God's image and at baptism we are claimed for Christ in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. To be owned by God is to be secure in our deepest identity. But we only need look around us to see that we live in a world where many are a slave not to God, but to money—that is, rather than earn money as a means of paying for things they need, they are owned by money or the pursuit of it. This kind of disordered attachment can have serious consequences for our lives. It might mean we never see our spouse or children because of the long hours spent at the office. It might mean we start to look for morally or legally dubious shortcuts for making money and getting rich quick. When we live with God as our first priority, our life is ordered rightly and everything else flows in right order.

God's Word—Daily Reflections



## Word of Life – Weekly Reflections in October

Wednesdays – 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

10.00AM to 11.00AM

The Clifton Centre, St. Clement of Rome,  
Bulleen

You are warmly invited to come together after the 9.15AM Mass on Wednesdays in October to join us for a special weekly reflection on the readings of the day.

This session is for fellowship and deeper understanding of the Scripture. We hope you can join us for this enriching experience.

Please register your interest by writing your names on the clipboard at the church foyer for organising purposes.

## 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 21st Sept @ 9am—Mass  
Sun 21st Sept @ 11am—Italian Mass  
Tue 23rd Sept @ 9.15am—Italian Mass  
Wed 24th Sept @ 9.15am—no Mass  
Thurs 25th Sept @ 9.15am—no Mass  
Fri 26th Sept @ 9.15am—no Mass  
Sat 27th Sept @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

## Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,  
*Pierina Grollo and for the repose of the souls of Giuseppina Cappola, Joseph Tammer 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 Confirmation classes have been completed. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Fri 10th Oct at 6pm.

In honour of James Robert Cardinal Knox  
Fifth Archbishop of Melbourne

# Knox Public Lecture 2025

Wednesday, 15 October 2025, 7.30 pm  
Knox Room, Catholic Theological College  
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

## Co-Responsible Leadership and Governance in the Vineyard of the Lord: Theological Foundation and Canonical Opportunities

Presented by Professor Myriam Wijlens

Professor Myriam Wijlens is a Dutch theologian and professor of Canon Law, University of Erfurt, Germany. Since 2021 she has been a Consultant to the General Secretariat of the Synod, served on the Coordinating Committee of the Synod on Synodality and participated as an expert in the Assemblies of 2023 and 2024. She is a member of the Synod's Commission for the Revision of Canon Law and of Study Group 8 on Apostolic Nuncios.

She is the co-moderator of the international research group of theologians and canon lawyers called the "Peter and Paul Seminar", which attends to reforms in canon law based on Vatican II, including two major projects related to the topic of this Knox Lecture: *Accountability in a Synodal Church* and *Reframing the Understanding of Participation in Mission and Leadership in a Synodal Church*. She has published several books and more than 150 articles, a number of which are on the role of lay persons in the governance and leadership of the church.

Professor Wijlens is a member of ARCIC (Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission), vice-moderator of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and a former member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

To book scan the QR code or go to [2025 Knox Lecture](#)  
R5VP: Tuesday 7 October 2025 | Light refreshments will be served after the lecture.

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| LITURGY ROSTER  |                          | SAT 5.30PM       | SUN 9.00AM       |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 20/21 September | <b>Sacristan</b>         | Sue De Bortoli   | Livia Tunggal    |
|                 | <b>Commentator</b>       | Rene De La Cruz  | Yamna Taouk      |
|                 | <b>Reader</b>            | Paul Sammut      | Daniel Abdallah  |
|                 | <b>Special Ministers</b> | Enza Wilcocks    | Shirley Pyndiah  |
|                 |                          | Warwick Wright   | Grace Cannatelli |
|                 |                          | Virginie Mindiel | Anne Fusca       |

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| 27/28 September | <b>Sacristan</b>         | Sue De Bortoli | Livia Tunggal    |
|                 | <b>Commentator</b>       | Paul Sammut    | Daniel Abdallah  |
|                 | <b>Reader</b>            | May Teh        | Grace Cannatelli |
|                 | <b>Special Ministers</b> | May Teh        | Shirley Pyndiah  |
|                 |                          | Martin Teh     | Grace Cannatelli |
|                 |                          | Enza Wilcocks  | Maria Papalia    |

## ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

| DATE  | LETTORI                 | OFFERTORIO    | MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA   |
|-------|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| 28/09 | G BAGLIERI<br>G VARASSO | FAM SOR RATTI | L VETTORETTO<br>G VETTORETTO |

## A note of thanks

Francis and Gloria Ng, after more than 15 years of generous service to our parish as sacristans and so much more have decided to retire. We are all indebted to them for all they have done and wish them well into the future. The ministry of sacristan is a very important one and I am grateful for the wonderful service all our sacristans provide. Recently we have trained a number of new ones who have joined the ranks. I certainly know as a priest that arriving for Mass knowing that everything is in place is a wonderful help to me and the other priests who come to St Clements, especially for the 70 or so funerals we have each year. May God bless Francis and Gloria and all our terrific sacristans.  
Fr Mark

## St Kevin's Templestowe—change of Sunday Mass time

Please note that starting this September, St Kevin's parish will have one Sunday morning Mass at 9.15am, instead of the previous 8.30am and 10am Masses.