

they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted
to eat.

Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,

for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we
are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave
them this answer, 'This is working for God:
you must believe in the one he has sent.' So
they said, 'What sign will you give to show us
that we should believe in you? What work will
you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the
desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread
from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:
'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from
heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus
answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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BREAD OF LIFE

Our first reading today comes from the
Book of Exodus where Moses and Aaron are
confronted with grumblings of hunger from
the Israelites in the desert. The Lord says to
Moses 'I am going to rain bread from heaven
for you, and each day people shall go out and
gather enough for that day.' True to God's
word the Israelites found this bread, manna,
'like frost on the ground.' Moses confirmed 'It
is the bread that the Lord has given you.'

Today's psalm reiterates God's generosity:
'The Lord gave them bread from heaven.'
Both the Exodus passage and the psalm link to
the Gospel of today from John – the first part
of the discourse on the Bread from Heaven.
Picking up from our Gospel last week, we find
the crowd still pursuing Jesus who suggests
they are looking for him because they ate their
fill of loaves. Jesus advises them to seek 'the
food that endures for eternal life.'

Understandably the crowd asks for both
clarification and a sign, noting that their
ancestors ate manna in the desert. Jesus
points out that it was not Moses who provided
manna, but God. We hear Jesus saying: 'For
the bread of God is that which comes down
from heaven and gives life to the world.' Will
we respond like the crowd, saying 'give us this
bread always'? Do we carry in our heart and
our life the understanding of Jesus' words, 'I
am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me
will never be hungry, and whoever believes in
me will never be thirsty.'?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel
began to complain against Moses and Aaron in
the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we
not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt,
when we were able to sit down to pans of meat
and could eat bread to our heart's content! As
it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to
starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain
down bread for you from the heavens. Each day
the people are to go out and gather the day's
portion; I propose to test them in this way to
see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of
Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two
evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning
you shall have bread to your heart's content.
Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your
God." ' And so it came about: quails flew up in
the evening, and they covered the camp; in the
morning there was a coating of dew all round
the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there
on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate,
powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground.
When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to
one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what
it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread
the Lord gives you to eat.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and
understood, / the things our fathers have told
us, / we will tell to the next generation: / the
glories of the Lord and his might. **R.**

2. He commanded the clouds above / and
opened the gates of heaven. / He rained down
manna for their food, / and gave them bread
from heaven. **R.**



3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. / He
sent them abundance of food. / He brought
them to his holy land, / to the mountain
which his right hand had won. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 4: 17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians.

*Put on the new person that has been created in
God's image.*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord,
not to go on living the aimless kind of life that
pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you
have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to
hear him properly when you were taught what
the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your
old way of life; you must put aside your old
self, which gets corrupted by following illusory
desires. Your mind must be renewed by a
spiritual revolution so that you can put on the
new self that has been created in God's way, in
the goodness and holiness of the truth.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread
alone, but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God. Alleluia!

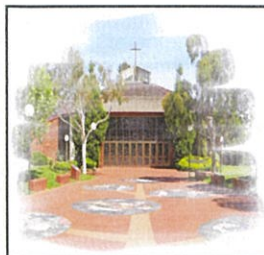
GOSPEL

Jn 6: 24-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

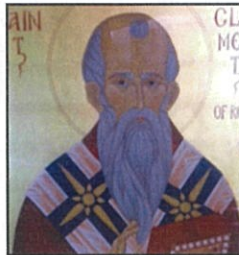
*Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever
believes in me will never thirst.*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his
disciples were there, they got into boats and
crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When



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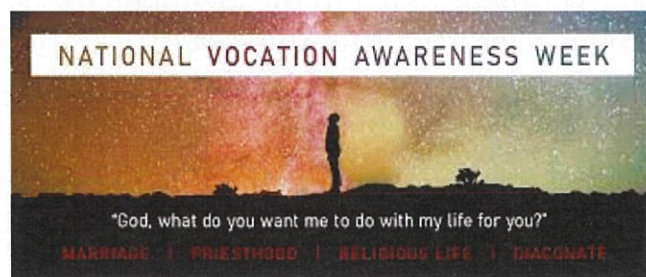


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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our 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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Today's theme is : Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.



Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Parish Morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass
Please join us for a delightful morning tea after Mass in the Clifton Centre. All welcome.



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

School/Parish Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 15th August at 9.15am.

Sunday Reflection

All the sacred readings today have one goal—that we give up our old way of living, which hems us in with creaturely needs and desires, and live only for God. And this is especially true in our Gospel. Today and for the next three Sundays we get a continuous reading of the Gospel of John, chapter 6. It is an extended discourse on what it means to believe in Jesus and follows the feeding miracle and Jesus' walking on water. We begin with the sign of the manna from heaven, retold in the reading of the Exodus and reinterpreted by Jesus in the Gospel. Jesus wants us to 'work for food that endures to eternal life'. What is this food? It is certainly not the manna! As the Exodus passage tells us, it is enough only for the day and, we will have hungry stomachs again tomorrow. We are invited to feast on the Bread of Life, Jesus himself, who will not only fulfil our physical hunger, but feed our souls as well. Only Jesus can fill us abundantly and eternally to overflowing with blessing, and our belief in him is the only requirement to feast at his table of joy. All are welcome—come, see, believe!

God's Word—Daily Reflections

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

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 4th August @ 10am—Morning tea in the Clifton Centre
Wed 7th Aug @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office
Wed 14th Aug @ 12.45pm—Whole School Eucharist/ Mary Mackillop

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Leody Mendoza, David McElhinney, Michele Curcio** 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.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Workshop Day
Saturday 10 August 2024
10am–3.30pm
CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP CENTRE
576 VICTORIA PARADE, EAST MELBOURNE

FOR CLERGY AND RCIA TEAM MEMBERS

A life-giving RCIA journey is the fruit of a vibrant, missionary parish.

Clergy and RCIA team members (experienced and emerging) are warmly invited to day of networking and formation as we seek to grow RCIA candidates into a deep friendship with Jesus Christ and a growing relationship with their local community.

- Cost: \$25 per person; max. of \$100 per parish for 5 people
- Lunch and refreshments provided
- Registrations close Tuesday 6 August for catering purposes.

Rev Dr Elio Capra SDB
Rev. Dr Elio Capra is a priest of the Salesians of Don Bosco and lectures in liturgy and sacramental theology at Catholic Theological College. He has published books to support RCIA including: *Called Gifted Sent, Come and See and Walk with Me*.

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MARK 16:15
'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation.'

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
3/4 August	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	John Bruce	Maria Papalia
	Reader	John Bruce	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli
		John Bruce	Maria Papalia
		Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca
10/11 August	Sacristan	John Bruce	Livia Tunggal
	Commentator	John Bruce	Yamna Taouk
	Reader	Jacinta De La Cruz	Grace Cannatelli
	Special Ministers	John Bruce	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Warwick Wright	Pina La Mattina
		Enza Wilcocks	Ricardo La Mattina

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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'Imagination, Story & Jesus on Screen – A Day @ the Movies with Peter Malone msc', (In Person) – Saturday, 17 August, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm (AEST).

This reflection event is an opportunity to spend some time with our imaginations, with our love for stories, with some images of how Jesus has been portrayed in screen images, and with those whom we see as Christ-like. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$60. BYO Lunch. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Mary Mackillop Pilgrimage

15th—26th October 2024

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