

**GOSPEL**

Mk 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

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**TIMES OF GREAT DISTRESS**

The time we live in could be described as a time of great distress. News of wars, destruction, floods, fires and so much more assail us. There are still some who stand on street corners with a sign proclaiming, 'The End Is Nigh'. Still others raise alarms on websites and social media. Our first reading today, taken from the last chapter of Daniel, presents Michael the Archangel warning of the end, of a time of great distress. He recounts the resurrection of the dead where those sleeping in the dust will be separated: some will be awakened 'to everlasting life' and others 'to shame and everlasting contempt'.

Paralleling this, in the Gospel of today, Jesus speaks to his disciples as his Passion looms. He speaks in apocalyptic, end-times, language of 'a time of distress' when the lights in the sky will fall. These events hail the coming of the Son of Man who will gather his chosen. This is the hope of what will come beyond the trials and crucifixion of Jesus, an assurance of God's presence echoed in Jesus' words, 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away'.

In days of distress we, like the disciples, can hear Jesus' words, the Good News, if we remain faithful. The emphasis is not on what will pass away but on the saving grace of God who has sent his son, Jesus, and will raise him for the salvation of all. The end is not the end for those awakened to everlasting life.

**Dr Rosemary Canavan**

**FIRST READING**

Dan 12:1-13

A reading from the prophet Daniel

*When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 15:5, 8-11

**R.** Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

3. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

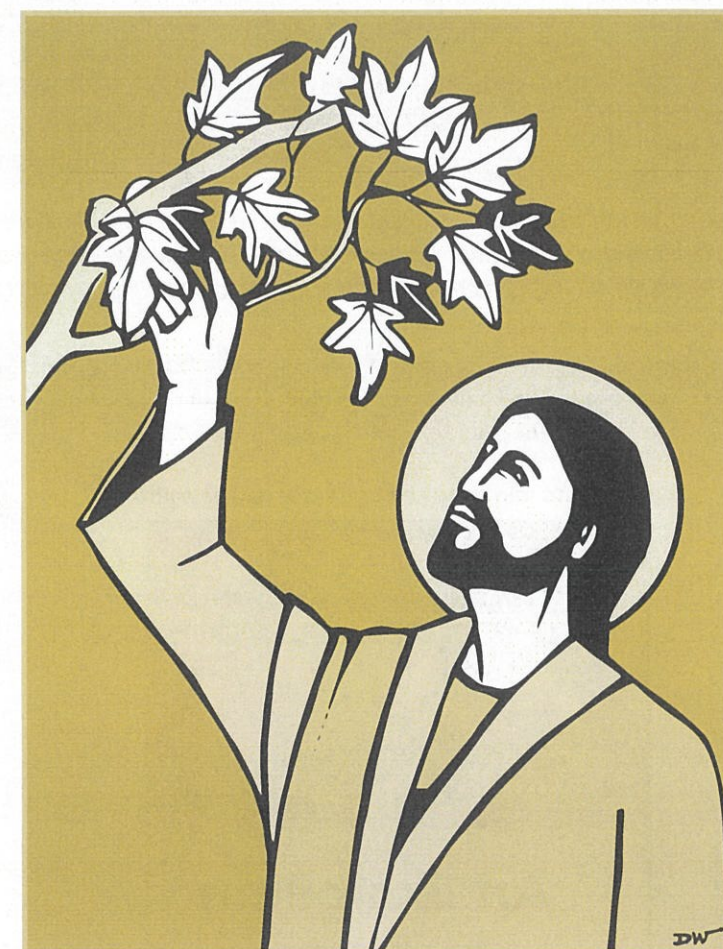
**SECOND READING**

Heb 10:11-14, 18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices



which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

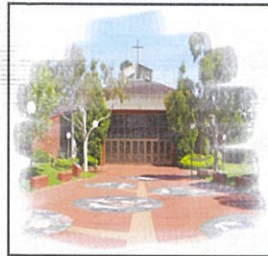
■ **The word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 21:36

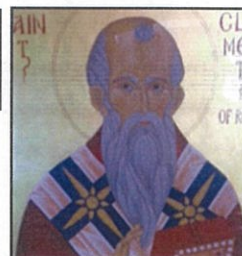
Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!



# 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.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.  
Today's theme is : He shall gather his elect from the four winds.  
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Come and join us to celebrate our patron saint

## Art Exhibition

The St Clement of Rome staff and students warmly invite you to attend our art exhibition celebrating the Feast Day of St Clement of Rome.

Each student has created a piece of artwork representing their learning about our school patron saint, St Clement of Rome.

**When:** Sunday 24 November, 2024  
**Time:** Mass at 9am followed by morning tea at the art exhibition  
**Where:** Clifton Centre

We look forward to seeing you at Mass and the art exhibition following.

The Parish Pastoral Council warmly invites Parishioners to join the Art Exhibition and morning tea organised by the school staff and students on Sun 24th Nov after 9am Mass in the Clifton Centre.

## Archdiocesan Celebration

ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI INVITES REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR COMMUNITY TO THE

**Sunday 24 November 2024**  
St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

**11 am**  
Solemn Mass and Commissioning of Parish and Community Representatives to return to their communities with joyful proclamation of the upcoming Year of Jubilee.

**12 noon to 2 pm**  
Festival in the Cathedral grounds launching ACYF  
Food · Fun · Music

Embarking on the journey to the **Year of Jubilee 2025** and counting down one year until the **Australian Catholic Youth Festival Melbourne 2025**

Enquiries: [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) or (03) 9926 5761

### PARISH DIARY

Mon 18th Nov @ 9.15am—No Mass  
Tue 19th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass in Italian  
Wed 20th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass  
Thurs 21st Nov @ 9.15am— Whole School Feast Day Mass (Grade 5)  
Fri 22nd Nov @ 9.15am—Mass  
Sat 23rd Nov @ 9.15am—Mass & Reconciliation  
Sat 23rd Nov @ 5.30pm—ASRE Sacrament of Confirmation  
Sun 24th Nov @ 9am—Parish & School Mass followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre

### Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Carmela Brovedani, Teresa Paolilli** and for the repose of the souls of **Maria Mazzini** 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 Confirmation

Congratulations to the young people who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Saturday. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

### BOOK LAUNCH

An invitation to the launch of Kevin Andrews' **A MISSION TO EVANGELISE**  
The Heidelberg Mission and St John the Evangelist

By **PROFESSOR GEOFFREY BLAINEY AC**

Australia's most eminent historian, Author of 40 books including the acclaimed *The tyranny of distance*, *The rush that never ended*, *The triumph of the nomads* and *A short history of the world*. He was named an 'Australian Treasure' in 2017.

**BOOKINGS:**

- Add your name(s) to the acceptance page in foyer
- Or email your name and acceptance to the parish office: [heidelberg@cam.org.au](mailto:heidelberg@cam.org.au)

RSVP: Fri 29th November

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**  
6.30 pm  
St John's Hall

### Items available for disposal

There are some items available for disposal in the Clifton Centre. If you are interested in viewing them, Please contact the parish office to arrange a suitable time.

### Annual Memorial Mass 2024

Thursday 28th Nov at 7.30pm—Marcellin College.  
A light supper will be provided after the Mass in the Functions Room.

### New Ways of Giving



Support our Church with ease! simply scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate directly. Thank you for your generosity and support!

| LITURGY ROSTER  |                          | SAT 5.30PM         | SUN 9.00AM          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 16/17 Nov       | <i>Sacristan</i>         | John Bruce         | Francis & Gloria Ng |
|                 | <i>Commentator</i>       | May Teh            | Maria Papalia       |
|                 | <i>Reader</i>            | John Bruce         | Yamna Taouk         |
|                 | <i>Special Ministers</i> | Zina Scalzo        | Gloria Ng           |
|                 |                          | May Teh            | Maria Papalia       |
|                 |                          | Martin Teh         | Shirley Pyndiah     |
| 23/24 November  | <i>Sacristan</i>         | John Bruce         | Francis & Gloria Ng |
| Christ The King | <i>Commentator</i>       | John Bruce         | Yamna Taouk         |
|                 | <i>Reader</i>            | Jacinta De La Cruz | Daniel Abdallah     |
|                 | <i>Special Ministers</i> | Enza Wilcocks      | Grace Cannatelli    |
|                 |                          | Warwick Wright     | Anne Fusca          |
|                 |                          | John Bruce         | Rita Gaglardi       |

### ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

| DATE  | LETTORI                   | OFFERTORIO    | MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA |
|-------|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 24/11 | I ROMANIN<br>E CASTRIOTTA | FAM G CASSINI | T RECINELLA<br>J FAGGION   |

### Stewardship Envelopes from Dec 2024

Your envelopes have been re-numbered. Please collect them and use them only from the first weekend in December. Your giving records have been linked to your new envelope number. Please do not use your old envelopes from December onwards. Please let the parish office know if your circumstances have changed and the envelopes are no longer required. Thank you for your support of the Parish.

### Virtual Advent Series 2024 by Garratt Publishing

A series of four virtual advent talks by 3 Australian biblical scholars from Yarra Theological Union, a College of the University of Divinity. Tuesdays from 26th Nov—17th Dec 7-8pm via zoom. Online registration is essential. Zoom meeting details will be forwarded upon registration.

### Pastoral care appeal—Thank you

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our Parish. Thank you for enabling CatholicCare Victoria and their Catholic Prison Chaplains to continue being messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Thank you to those who have supported this appeal.

### 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.