

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon’s – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.’ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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9 FEBRUARY 2025

INTO THE DEEP

Today’s Gospel powerfully illustrates the nature of discipleship and the role which Peter will play in Luke’s writings, first in the Gospel and then in the early chapters of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke reworks the account in Mark’s Gospel of the call of the first four disciples (Simon, Andrew, James and John (Mark 4:18-22) to focus on one—Peter. It is set within the context of Jesus’ preaching from a boat to an enthusiastic crowd of listeners on the Galilean shore.

He invites Peter to move out into deep water to let out his nets for a catch. We learn that Peter and his companions have already tried to fish earlier, but without success. It is because of Jesus’ word (literally, though the translation has “but if you say so”) that Peter responds. Then, overwhelmed by the great catch of fish which almost sinks his boat, Peter recognises his utter unworthiness and sinfulness, in the presence of one so holy. Finally Peter, along with his colleagues, leaves everything to become Jesus’ disciple.

There are several features of this unique story worthy of deeper reflection about discipleship and church life today: Peter’s call comes from within his regular life; it is in response to Jesus’ word and initiative; it is about the “catch”, a metaphor for the missionary focus on the lives of human beings; it requires humility; it entails letting go of those things which separate the disciple from Jesus, including past failures; the call is not private or solitary but occurs with others.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Isa 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out one to another in this way,
‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.’

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

‘What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.’

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

‘See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.’

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

‘Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?’

I answered, ‘Here I am, send me.’

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 137:1-5, 7-8. R. v. 1

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing
your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you
have heard the words of my mouth. / Before
the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before
your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love /
which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the
day I called, you answered; / you increased the
strength of my soul. **R.**



3. All earth’s kings shall thank you / when
they hear the words of your mouth. / They
shall sing of the Lord’s ways: / ‘How great is
the glory of the Lord!’ **R.**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, /
your hand will do all things for me. / Your
love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work
of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to
the Corinthians

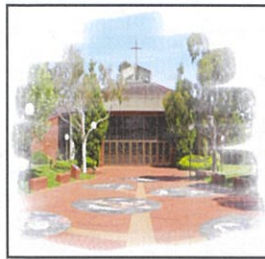
*I preach what they preach, and this is what you
believe.*

In the first place, I taught you what I had been
taught myself, namely that Christ died for our
sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he
was buried; and that he was raised to life on
the third day, in accordance with the scriptures;
that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly
to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than
five hundred of the brothers at the same time,
most of whom are still alive, though some have
died; then he appeared to James, and then to
all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to
me too; it was as though I was born when no
one expected it.

But what matters is that I preach what they
preach, and this is what you all believed.

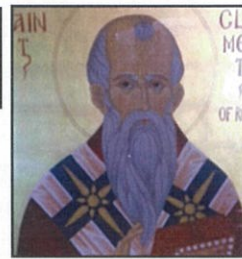
■ **The word of the Lord.**

Longer form, 1 Cor 15:1-11.



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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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Today's theme is : They left everything and followed him.

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

JUBILEE 2025

The Jubilee 2025 logo shows four stylised figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.



There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope and stability in life's storms.

The image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 jubilee year—Pilgrims of Hope—represented in green, the colour of hope.

- God's word—2025 -

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

Community Mass & BBQ

Our school and parish community warmly welcome and invite you and your family to attend our Beginning of 2025 School Year Mass.

Date: Saturday 15 February, 2025

Time: Mass at 5:30pm followed by a community BBQ after mass

Location: St Clement of Rome Church and Piazza



PARISH DIARY

Mon 10th Feb @ 9.15am—no Mass
Tue 11th Feb @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 12th Feb @ 9.15am — Mass
Wed 12th Feb @ 5pm—PPC Meeting—parish office
Thurs 13th Feb @ 9.15am— no Mass
Fri 14th Feb @ 9.15am—School Mass Gr 2,3,&4
Sat 15th Feb @ 9.00am— ASRE Reconciliation
Classes in the Clifton Centre
Sat 15th Feb @ 9.15am—Mass & Reconciliation
Sat 15th Feb @ 5.30pm—Whole school opening Mass

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, and for the repose of the souls of **Teresa Nigro, Maureen Keogh, Felice & Leonilda Natoli** 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.

Changes to the After-School Sacramental Program

We are pleased to inform you of some exciting changes to our after-school sacramental program. This year, with the exception of the sacrament of reconciliation, we plan for our children to receive the sacraments of first eucharist and confirmation at the same time as the school children. The sacramental classes will be held separately, but will align with the main sacrament dates of the school.



We are excited about this new approach and look forward to creating a unified system for both the school and the parish. Thank you for your support as we implement these changes.

While we work on the class dates for the Sacraments of First Eucharist & Confirmation, we have posted the class dates for the sacrament of reconciliation on our website. Please register your interest by completing the registration form available on the website.

ASRE—Sacrament of Reconciliation 2025

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday 15 th Feb	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Reconciliation 1
Saturday 22 nd Feb	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Reconciliation 2
Saturday 1 st Mar	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Reconciliation 3
Saturday 15 th Mar	9.00 -10.00am	ASRE Reconciliation 4
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

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LITURGY ROSTER

		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
8/9 Feb	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Rocco Gagliardi
	<i>Reader</i>	Paul Sammut	Mark Gregor
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Enza Wilcocks	Grace Cannatelli
		Warwick Wright	Anne Fusca
		John Bruce	Rita Gagliardi
15/16 Feb	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Sammut	Mark Gregor
	<i>Reader</i>	May Teh	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	John Bruce	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		May Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Martin Teh	Ricardo La Mattina

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025

An opportunity to make the journey of a lifetime

Bookings are open for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025. This pilgrimage is open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30 years. Harvest Journeys is the pilgrimage provider, and Fr Jude Johnson will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain.

This graced and hope-filled journey will take in the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare—and soon-to-be canonised saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—before culminating in a visit to the Eternal City of Rome, where we will walk through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica and participate in the Jubilee celebrations.

Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with fellow pilgrims.

Registrations for this pilgrimage will close on Friday 11 April 2025. Book now and be a pilgrim of hope!

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events/journey-to-rome-for-jubilee-2025>

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.