

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You are the Christ . . . The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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'WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?'

This quintessential question arises today in two ways: 'who do *people* say I am?' and, 'who do *you* say I am?' The setting for this event that forms the turning point in Mark's Gospel is 'on the way' to Caesarea Philippi. Being on the way is being on the journey with Jesus. It is not clear whether they enter the villages. This conversation is often envisioned as occurring beside the rock wall of the waterfall with its niche and caves and the spring that emerges at the base of Mount Hermon. This cultic setting of the Temple of Pan, other deities and a marble temple to Augustus might distract from Mark's purpose. Meandering along the stream under a Roman bridge, past a water mill, a synagogue and a palace might be enough context to consider the questions on Jesus' lips.

To the first question 'they' – the disciples – answer variously, 'John the Baptist ... Elijah ... one of the prophets.' Peter answers the second question definitively 'You are the Messiah.' This is a crystallisation of the identity of Jesus that we have known from the first line of this Gospel. Yet, it is still not to be told and has been misunderstood so far. What is important for the disciples, and for us, is the first of the passion predictions that follow, and the reality of Jesus' mission. After the rebuke by Peter, Jesus declares to the crowd as well as the disciples 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' In light of this, how will you answer, 'who do you say I am?'

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone
start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v. 9

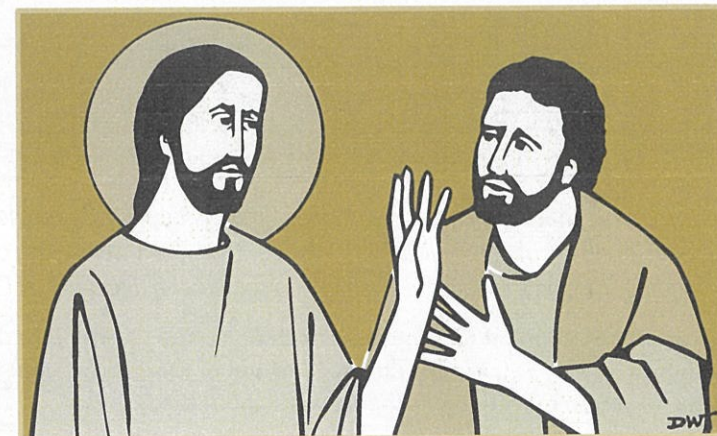
**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living. (or Alleluia!)**

1. I love the Lord for he has heard / the cry
of my appeal; / for he turned his ear to me / in
the day when I called him. **R.**

2. They surrounded me, the snares of
death, / with the anguish of the tomb; / they
caught me, sorrow and distress. / I called on
the Lord's name. / O Lord my God, deliver
me! **R.**

3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; / our
God has compassion. / The Lord protects the
simple hearts; / I was helpless so he saved
me. **R.**

Isa 50:5-9



4. He has kept my soul from death, / my eyes
from tears / and my feet from stumbling. /
I will walk in the presence of the Lord / in the
land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James.

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who
has never done a single good act but claims that
he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of
the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of
clothes and has not enough food to live on, and
one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep
yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving
them these bare necessities of life, then what
good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do
not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good deeds;
I will prove to you that I have faith by showing
you my good deeds – now you prove to me that
you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

■ The word of the Lord.

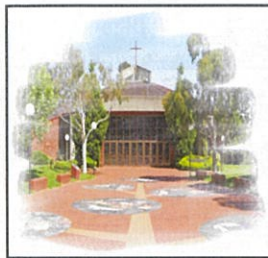
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord

Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to
the world.
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 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Today's theme is : You are the Christ....The Son of Man was destined to suffer much.
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Attention Volunteers

We have been informed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that an automated email system being set up to assist parishes in complying with the Archdiocese Safeguarding Standards and the Victorian Child Safe Standards for Parish Volunteers/Parish Group Members with the following documentation.

- 1) a valid Working with Children Check card
- 2) Complete Safeguarding Essential Training Module
- 3) Sign the Safeguarding Code of Conduct

During the week commencing 15th September, this email will be sent to all the current Parish Volunteers, who are not compliant with one or more of the points mentioned above.

Please contact the parish office, should you require assistance in getting the above documentation updated. If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer able to continue volunteering with us, we kindly ask that you let us know.

Thank you for your continued support.

Parish Mission 2024 :

Facilitated by Fr Richard Leonard SJ, at St John's Parish hall, 55 Cape Street, Heidelberg.

Friday, October 18th, 7pm—8.15pm and Saturday , October 19th beginning with retreat Mass at 9.15am and concluding at 3.30pm. For bookings please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CUUVC> or scan barcode to get to the trybooking page.

Or return the completed booking form from the Mission brochure available in the church foyer.

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

PARISH DIARY

Wed 25th Sept @ 6pm—Baptism preparation in the parish office
Sun 6th Oct @ 9am—Mass/Baptisms followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Gina Callegari, Giuliana Mariani, Alberico Giuliani and for the repose of the souls of **Bianca Pucci, Renato Morfuni** 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.



St Clement of Rome Parish—new website

Please check out our new website for all the latest news and updates <https://www.melbcatholic.org/bulleen>
To help us reduce printing costs and stay environmentally friendly, we encourage you to **subscribe** to our digital newsletter via the website. Thank you for your support and for helping us make a positive impact!

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LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
14/15 Sept	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	John Bruce	Jan McQueen
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah
		Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli
		John Bruce	Anne Fusca
21/22 Sept	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Yamna Taouk
	Reader	May Teh	Daniel Abdallah
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Rita Gaglardi
		May Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Martin Teh	Agnes Lu

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Healing Mass

With Fr Eusebius, CSE and Sisters of Daughters of Carmel

Come and join us for Mass and Adoration with intention of healing follows with healing prayer ministry

SATURDAY, 12 OCT 2024 6.00 PM
(Mass at 6PM followed by Adoration and Healing Prayers)
There will be individual prayers offered after the service

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Marriage Encounter weekend

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend, Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive.

Our next weekend is : 4-6 October 2024 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South
Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4.30pm.

Information/Bookings : Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.

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.