

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise
God who called you out of darkness and into
his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy
of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone
who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy
of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to
me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not
take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not
worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will
lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake
will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me;
and those who welcome me welcome the one
who sent me.

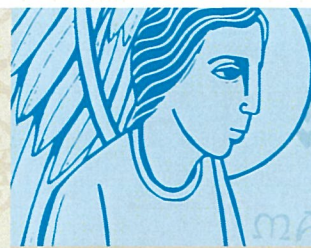
'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he
is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and
anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is
a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold
water to one of these little ones because he is a
disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most
certainly not lose his reward.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2026

HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does
constantly!) and you were to ask him, 'How
should I act and live my life?', the answer
would come into today's Gospel. It continues
Jesus' teaching concerned with disciples
(us!) on mission. As our church deepens its
practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus
offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on
Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every
other relationship and commitment. In the
Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic
leadership group of disciples who spearhead
the Jesus missionary movement, 'Anyone
who prefers[fill in the blanks] ... is not
worthy of me.' His words are not a rejection
of one's relationships or family ties but the
preference in all relationships is to be guided
by our abiding commitment and friendship
with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today's
Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who
welcome others, members of the Jesus
household, and act in holiness or speak
prophetically are also welcoming the presence
of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity
continues into the last part of today's Gospel.
Offering a welcoming drink to 'one of these
little ones'—those regarded as social nobodies
without prestige or status—and discerned,
surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus'
community of believers, will be eternally
rewarded: '...they will most certainly not lose
their reward.'

Today's Gospel is not about earning rewards,
though. It is about how to live, with a firm
commitment to Jesus and welcoming all,
especially the 'little ones' and identifying as
disciples the most unlikely.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a
woman of rank who lived there pressed him to
stay and eat there. After this he always broke
his journey for a meal when he passed that way.
She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the
man who is constantly passing our way must
be a holy man of God. let us build him a small
room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and
a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes
to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper
room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?'
he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well,
she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha
said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she
stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha
said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

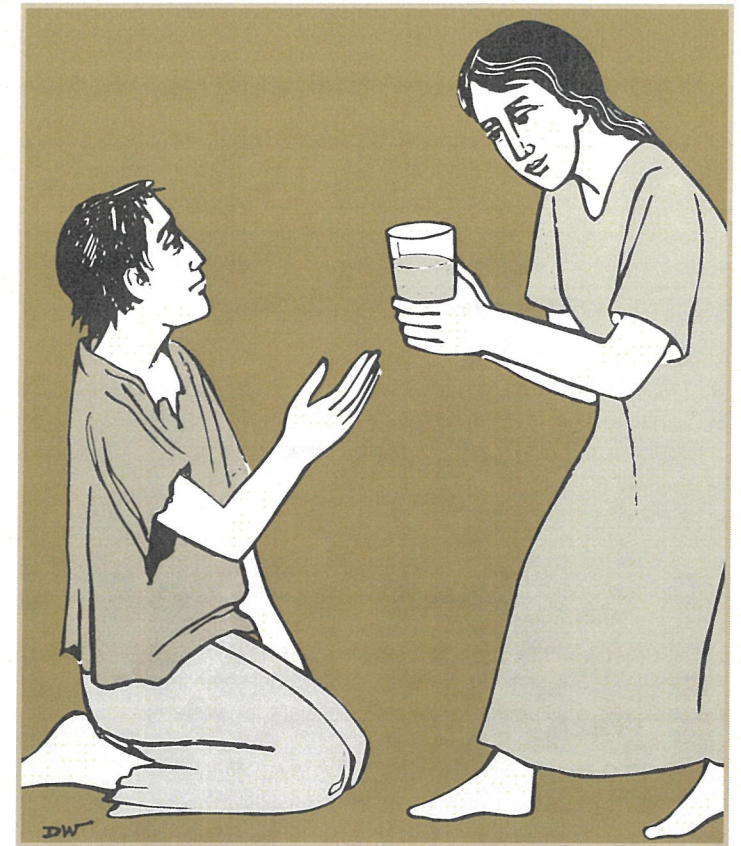
RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the
Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; /
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your
truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts
for ever, / that your truth is firmly established
as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a
king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your
face, / who find their joy every day in your
name, / who make your justice the source of
their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory
of their strength; / it is by your favour that
our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the
keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping
of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we
shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were
baptised in his death; in other words, when we
were baptised we went into the tomb with him
and joined him in death, so that as Christ was
raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we
too might live a new life.

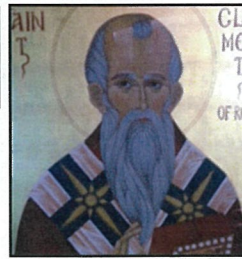
But we believe that having died with Christ
we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we
know, having been raised from the dead will
never die again. Death has no power over him
any more. When he died, he died, once for all,
to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in
that way, you too must consider yourselves to
be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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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.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year (A) : 27/28 June 2026

Words from the desk of the PP:

REMINDER:

Most Masses remain at the same time and location. BUT: next weekend the new schedule starts July 4th/5th **New weekend Mass times are:**

St Clements: 5 pm Mass Saturday not 5:30 pm.

St Gregory's: 6:30 pm Mass Saturday not 6:00 pm

St Greg's: there will be NO 9:00 am Mass.

Other Masses unchanged.

I shall be celebrating all the Masses for St Clement's and St Gregory's in the first week with the new times.

And the new weekday Mass schedule begins also from 7th July.

Weekday Mass times:

Tuesdays: St Clement's 9:15 am Italian / St Kevin's 9:15 am

Wednesdays: St Clement's: 9:15 am (with school sometimes)

Wednesdays: St Gregory's: 6:30 pm (especially for workers)

Thursdays: St Kevin's 9:15 am

Fridays: St Gregory's 9:00 am (with Gr 3-6 from School)

Becoming Partnered Parishes

Discussions about new Mass times have dominated our thinking (my thinking I suppose) because the changes needed to be implemented quickly.

But! Partnering is about much more than adjusting Mass times.

Partnering is about deliberately looking to see what things we can do together. Things that will help us to flourish in faith, grow in our outreach to the needy and be a welcoming and invitational people who seek to share the basic truth that through Jesus Christ we are brought into the Father's loving embrace.

Already, we plan to work together on our Safeguarding efforts; and we've agreed to have regular joint meetings of three Parish Pastoral Councils. Our Alpha group is considering using the Clifton Centre (St Clement's); people from all three parishes came to Fr Frank O'Loughlin's talks; and I've had a request to organise training for lectors/readers and for those who assist in distributing Holy Communion.

Over time, we will be sharing and planning events together that will help each parish grow in all facets of following Christ's command to love others as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit love us.

Please put forward your ideas about what you would like to see happen and let's see where we head.

God bless, Fr Charles.

Fr Charles' Prayer Intention: We pray for all those whose cross in life seems too heavy to bear: that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to find how truly they are a gift to others.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (*Vigil*), Sun - 9am & 11am (*Italian*)

Tues 9:15am (*Italian*), Wed and Fri 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm (and on request), & St Gregory the Great Parish, Doncaster : Sat 9:30am—11am

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 28th Jun @ 9am—Mass
 Sun 28th Jun @ 11am—Italian Mass
 Tue 30th Jun @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
 Wed 1st Jly @ 9.15am—Mass
 Fri 3rd Jly @ 9.15am—Mass
 Sat 4th Jly @ 4.30pm—Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.00pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Caterina Scaturchio, Sabatino Fattore** and for the repose of the souls of **Grace Kerney, Virgilio Sgro** 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 2026

The classes have commenced. The sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Fri 7th Aug at 6pm.



Peter's Pence Collection

Will be taken up this weekend. Thank you for your support.

Chapel Use / Parking after Weekday Mass

If you park in the carpark for Mass on a weekday you MUST remove your car soon after Mass, especially if you plan to pray in the chapel. This ensures that the carpark is safe and clear for the school children. Inconvenient? A little. Essential? Yes and Yes again.

Car Park Use / Safety

There have been a number of incidents recently with traffic safety – mostly around the times of school drop off and pick up: including near misses for children dropped off at the pedestrian crossing at the top of Egan Drive.

Please be alert and careful and drive with especial care as you come to the parish during school drop off and pick up times. But also when we have our regular Masses on the weekend, when we have funerals, or when we have special events. When a lot of traffic is arriving it is much better to enter via Pinnacle Drive. Please, don't turn right from Egan Drive.

Car Park Painting

Carparking on site is NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL on Monday 29th June because the car park markings are being repainted. Back in use: Tuesday 30th June.

New Ways of Giving

To Support our Church with ease, we've introduced a new EFTPOS terminal. This is an easy and secure way to donate, but please note that it is not an alternative to your regular stewardship envelopes.

You can also donate by scanning this QR code with your phone camera. Thank you for your generosity!



LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
27/28 June	Sacristan	Maria Papalia/ Virginie Mindiel	Carmen Gobbi
	Commentator	Jacinta Zieba	Maria Papalia
	Reader	Rene Dela Cruz	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		May Teh	Carmen Gobbi
		Virginie Mindiel	Agnes Lu
4/5 July	Sacristan	Elroy De Witt	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Yamna Taouk
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Daniel Abdallah
	Special Ministers	May Teh	Maria Papalia
		Enza Wilcocks	Angela Abdallah
		Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

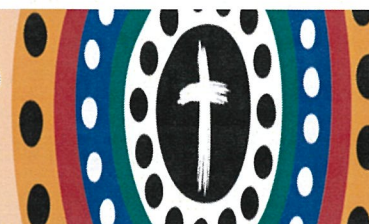
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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday—Next Week

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, spirituality and contributions our First Nations Peoples make the life of the Church.

Mass will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sun 5th July at 11am. More information next weekend.

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