

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 6: 39

Alleluia, alleluia! / This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, / that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, / and that I should raise it up on the last day. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 7: 11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Young man, I say to you, get up.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people'. And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

OUR BELOVED DEAD

Today we remember our Beloved Dead. We also carry them into today's liturgy, just as the widow's son in today's Gospel is carried into the presence of Jesus. The story begins with Jesus gathering near the gate of Nain with his disciples and others. This happens at the same time as a 'the only son of his mother' is being carried out on a bier for burial. We note two things about the situation: The deceased is an only son and she is widowed. These two facts elevate the story's tragedy. The woman is domestically and economically abandoned; her tears palpable. At the gate of the town, life and death meet.

Jesus, the agent of healing and life, responds to her: 'When the Lord *saw* her he felt sorry for her.' Jesus' *seeing* impels him to act. In an earlier Lukan parable (Lk 10), a Samaritan 'sees' a half-dead robbery victim. Unlike the other characters in the parable who pass by and look sideways, the Samaritan is impelled to act. In today's Gospel, Jesus responds similarly.

The title 'Lord' suggests that this is the act of God's emissary. The translation, 'felt sorry', robs the power of the Greek which literally means, 'felt his innards respond'. This visceral response brings Jesus to restore the young man to life, an act acclaimed as God's 'visitation' of the people. Like the woman, we carry our dead before Jesus today. He responds deeply to our sadness. Through him God also 'visits' us.

Fr Michael Trainor



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FIRST READING

Isa 25: 6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord will destroy Death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

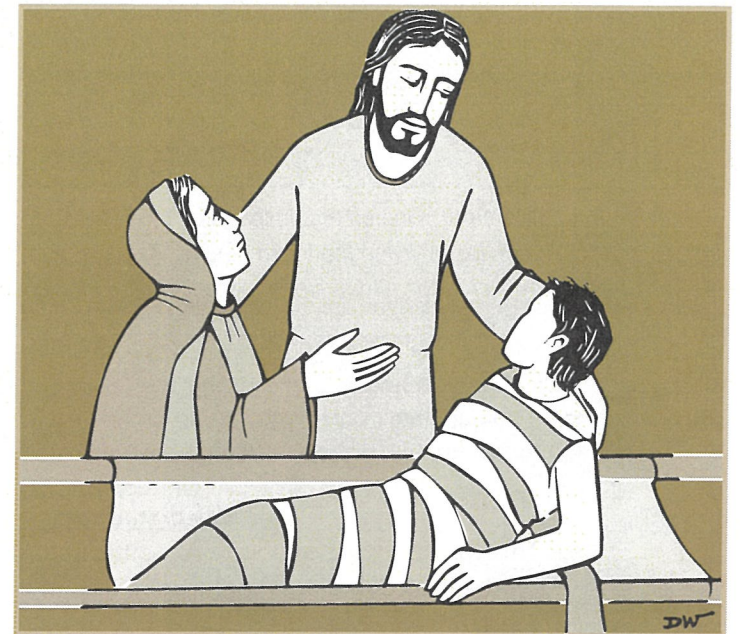
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 26: 1, 4, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1 Alt. R. v. 3

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**
3. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have mercy and answer. / It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide not your face. **R.**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**



SECOND READING

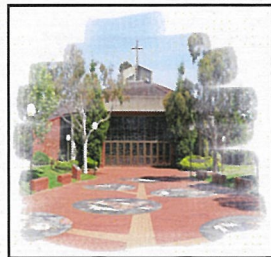
Rom 5: 5-11

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

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

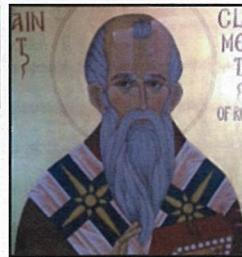
Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

■ The word of the Lord.



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.

JUBILEE 2025—PILGRIMS OF HOPE

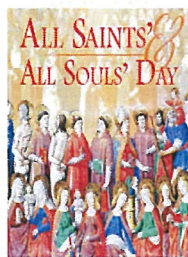
Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

Today's theme is : Young man, I say to you, get up

We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass



Celebrating All Saints and All Souls Day



This weekend, we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Day. These special days invite us to reflect on the lives of holiness that inspire us and to offer our prayers for those who have gone before us into eternal life.

November Memorial Book : Throughout November, you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book. This book will be taken up in procession during weekend Masses, which will be offered for all those remembered. Please place your offerings in the envelopes provided.

Feast of St Clement of Rome Celebration

Parishioners are warmly invited to a combined Parish and School celebration for the feast of our church. It will be held at the conclusion of the 9am Mass on Sunday, November 23, 2025. The school community will be putting on a sausage sizzle and our parish will set up for morning tea in the Clifton Centre. Please bring a plate to share. We thank you for your contribution and look forward to seeing you.

Final Weekend of Parish Offertory Renewal

Dear Parishioners,
This is the final weekend of our Parish Offertory Program, and we want to thank you for your response. Your generosity is more than just financial support—it is an act of faith, trust, and gratitude to God. Every gift is a reflection of our relationship with Him and our commitment to His work in our parish. If you were unable to collect a Pledge Pack, generic Pledge Cards are available in the foyer this weekend. I invite you to take a moment to prayerfully consider your offering and return your card during Mass. You may also submit your pledge by placing it in the offertory collection, dropping it off at the parish office, or sending it by mail. Thank you once again for your faithfulness and generosity. Every pledge—no matter the size—is a response to God's blessings and helps strengthen our parish for the future.

Fr Mark



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

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

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

Reconciliation: Sat 5:00pm (and on request)

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 2nd Nov @ 9am—Mass/C Liturgy/Baptisms, followed by morning tea in the Clifton Centre
Sun 2nd Nov @ 11am—Italian Mass
Tue 4th Nov @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
Wed 5th Nov@ 9.15am—no Mass
Thurs 6th Nov @ 9.15am—no Mass
Fri 7th Nov @ 9.15am—School Mass (Gr 2,3&4)
Sat 8th Nov @ 4.30pm—Refresher Training
Sat 8th Nov @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Fr Peter O'Rourke, Fr Barry Moran and for the repose of the souls of **Montano Equibal, Antonello Bandiera, Tony & Grace Panozzo, Giovanni Garretto** 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.



Parish morning tea this Sunday after 9am Mass

Please join us for a delightful morning tea after Mass in the Clifton Centre. All welcome.

St Vinnies Christmas Hampers—Volunteers needed

We are seeking volunteers to assist with the distribution of Christmas hampers this year. Your help can make a big difference to families in need during the festive season. If you are able to assist, please contact the parish office.

Refresher Training with FR Mark

All Lectors, Commentators, Sacristans and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, are encouraged to attend one of the following sessions to be held in the church:

Saturday, November 8 at 4.30pm or

Sunday, November 9 at 10am.

The sessions will run for approximately 15 mins and will cover current guidelines for serving. Any parishioner who wishes to train for any of these roles is also encouraged to attend.

Early Notice in preparation for Christmas

The rosters are being prepared for the coming months, including Christmas, if you are not able to read, commentate or be in attendance as a Minister of Holy Communion, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

Important reminder for all Parish Ministry Volunteers

Please ensure that you are up to date with the safeguarding requirements, whether or not it involves direct or indirect contact with children and young people. We encourage you to visit our website for more details and to complete or finalise any necessary documentation. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

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!



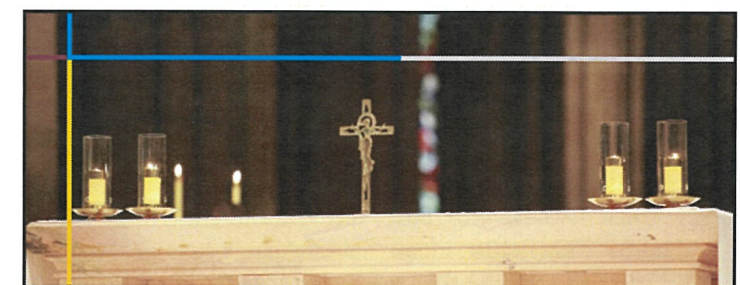
LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
1 /2 Nov	<i>Sacristan</i>	Maria Papalia	Grace Cannatelli
	<i>Commentator</i>	May Teh	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i>	Jacinta Zieba	Jan McQueen
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Warwick Wright	Shirley Pyndiah
		Virginie Mindiel	Grace Cannatelli
		Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca

8 /9 Nov	<i>Sacristan</i>	Sue De Bortoli	Carmen Gobbi
	<i>Commentator</i>	Jacinta Zieba	Jan McQueen
	<i>Reader</i>	Rene De La Cruz	Maria Papalia
		May Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Martin Teh	Pina La Mattina
		Enza Wilcocks	Ricardo La Mattina

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Children's Liturgy—This Sunday @ 9am Mass.



On behalf of the Marcellin College Community, you are invited to the

Annual Memorial Mass 2025

A light supper will be provided after the mass in the Functions Room.

We look forward to your presence on this solemn occasion.

Thursday, 27 November at 7:00pm

Marcellin College Champagnat Chapel
160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen 3105

