

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Mt 5:3

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

10 NOVEMBER 2024

GOSPEL

Mk 12:38-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

GIVING ALL

The high cost of living is a constant lament today, but being poor seems a timeless condition. Despite efforts over thousands of years, poverty has never been eradicated. Yet our readings today speak of great generosity that emerges out of poverty. Our first reading tells of Elijah asking a widow for a little water and a scrap of bread. He asks this of one with so little: a handful of meal and a little oil. Her willingness to share brings about a miracle.

This widow is paired with another unnamed widow in today's Gospel. The term 'widow' could describe a woman without a husband, father, or male relative. As such, she had no means of financial support. These widows are among the poorest of the poor. At the treasury, this widow is observed as most generous. We are invited to see what Jesus sees as he sits opposite – rich people putting in large contributions and one widow putting in two small coins, translated in Greek as two *lepta*, but understood as two bronze mites of Judea that are the smallest denomination. In Australia there is no longer a one cent coin but that might be a fair comparison.

The point is that these two mites are all the widow has. She does not hold back; she gives all. She gives her whole life and is a model for the disciples. Jesus is moving toward his passion and death where he will give everything, and his disciples are being asked to do the same, trusting in God. What about us?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The widow made a little scone from her flour and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

'Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth.' '

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down. / It is the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**



3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

■ The word of the Lord.

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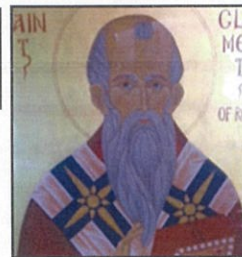


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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Today's theme is : This poor widow has put in more than all who contributed.
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Pastoral care appeal—CatholicCare

This weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral care appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Donations from our parish community will support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria. You can donate using the envelopes available or online.

Early Notice in preparation for Christmas

Rosters are currently being prepared for December, Christmas, January and February Masses. If you are not available to read, commentate or be in attendance as a Minister of Holy Communion, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible. This information is important for us to prepare the roster effectively. Once the roster has been sent out, any changes will be your responsibility. If you need to make a change, please arrange for another member on the roster to cover your duties. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment.

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.

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

Mon 11th Nov @ 9.15am—no Mass
 Tue 12th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass in Italian
 Wed 13th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
 Thurs 14th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
 Thurs 14th Nov @ 5pm—PPC Meeting in the parish office
 Fri 15th Nov @ 9.15am—School Mass (Gr 6 & Prep)
 Sat 16th Nov @ 9am—ASRE Confirmation classes in the Clifton Centre
 Sat 16th Nov @ 9.15am—Mass
 Sat 16th Nov @ 9.45am—Reconciliation for ASRE Confirmation kids

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Rocco Menchise** and for the repose of the souls of **Pasquale, Luisa & Antonietta Grande, Bernadus Hartano, Elsa Waters** 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.

Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family at St Clement's Parish
 Audrey Grealish baptised this Sunday at 9am Mass



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.

Annual Memorial Mass 2024

On behalf of the Marcellin College Community, you are invited to the Annual Memorial Mass on Thursday 28th November at 7.30pm—Marcellin College Functions Room, 160 Bulleen Road, Bulleen. A light supper will be provided after the Mass in the Functions Room.

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.

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.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
9/10 Nov	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	Paul Sammut	Jan McQueen
	Reader	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers	Enza Wilcocks	Rita Gaglardi
		Warwick Wright	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		John Bruce	Agnes Lu
16/17 Nov	Sacristan	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	Commentator	May Teh	Maria Papalia
	Reader	John Bruce	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers	Zina Scalzo	Gloria Ng
		May Teh	Maria Papalia
		Martin Teh	Shirley Pyndiah

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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After School Sacramental Program—Confirmation

The classes commenced on 12th Oct. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sat 23rd Nov at 5.30pm.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI INVITES REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR COMMUNITY TO THE

Archdiocesan Celebration

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

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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.