

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to
God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE CRY OF THE ABANDONED

In this very familiar Gospel story, often titled 'the healing of the ten lepers', Jesus is in an unholy and impure setting. He is travelling, as Luke notes, between the borders of Samaria and Galilee. In technical terms, this is a 'liminal' place. It is 'on the edge' between an area familiar to Jesus (Galilee) and one that is unfamiliar and even potentially dangerous (Samaria).

He enters a village. Jesus' generic placement (it is 'a' village, not a definitively named location) allows Luke's audience to see themselves in this situation. It is us as we move through life not knowing what awaits us. Jesus is approached by ten contaminating and impure characters. They are called 'lepers'; their leprosy is not our traditional Hansen's disease but a contagious skin condition. It has the potential to disrupt and contaminate the community.

As they distance themselves from Jesus they appeal: 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us.' The Greek literally reads, '...have *mercy* on us'. This is the cry of the abandoned who seek God's comforting presence. It is also our cry in desperate times. Jesus tells the ten to go to the priests, the officials that can declare their healed cleanliness. Only one returns to thank God's healing work revealed in Jesus. It is the unexpected one, the 'foreigner' that recognises God's action through Jesus, a theme that echoes throughout Luke. Today's Gospel invites us to look for God's actions in the most surprising places among God's most unexpected people. These become the sources of eucharistic thanksgiving.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

12 OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

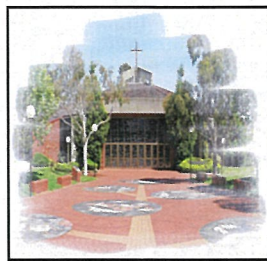
Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

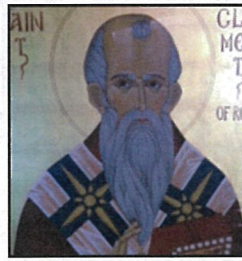
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

■ 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 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Today's theme is : It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner
 We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass

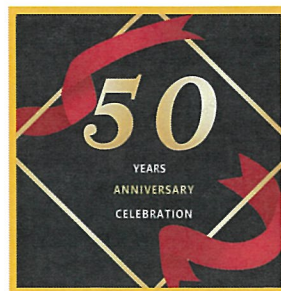


Dear Parishioners,
 This weekend, we begin the Offertory Giving Program, which will continue over the next three weeks.
 The call to generosity is God's invitation for us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. I encourage you to prayerfully engage in this time of reflection and discernment.
 Together, we look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Fr Mark



Celebrating 50 years of Italian Mass at St Clement of Rome Parish



Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of the Italian Mass at St Clement of Rome Parish on Sunday 19th October at 11am. The Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Clifton Centre. We are delighted to share that Fr Anthony Fregolent, our long-time Italian Chaplain, will also be joining us for this special occasion.

Celebrazione dei 50 anni della Santa Messa in italiano a San Clemente il 19 ottobre alle 11am, seguita da un rinfresco in sala. Sara' presente anche P. Antonio Fregolent che con P. Vito e altri padri scalabriniani e' stato il nostro cappellano per molti anni.



Word of Life – Weekly Reflections in October

Wednesdays – 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th
 10.00AM to 11.00AM

The Clifton Centre, St. Clement of Rome, Bulleen

You are warmly invited to come together after the 9.15AM Mass on Wednesdays in October to join us for a special weekly reflection on the readings of the day.

This session is for fellowship and deeper understanding of the Scripture. We hope you can join us for this enriching experience.

Please register your interest by writing your names on the clipboard at the church foyer for organising purposes.

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 12th Oct @ 9am—Mass
 Sun 12th Oct @ 11am—Italian Mass
 Tue 14th Oct @ 9.15am—Italian Mass
 Wed 15h Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
 Thurs 16th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
 Fri 17th Oct @ 9.15am—Mass
 Fri 17th Oct @ 6pm—Baptism Preparation
 Sat 18th Oct @ 5pm —Reconciliation followed by Mass @ 5.30pm

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently,
Carolina Radatti, Doug Sexton, Giuseppina Giardina and for the repose of the souls of **Angela Smarrelli** 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.

'Spring Song'



St David's Concerts

Sunday 19th October 2pm

"Musical Delight"

Featuring noted pianist Irina Cherkasskij

&

Breanna Stuart - soprano

Mei Wai Chan - mezzo soprano

Tickets: \$40 & \$30 concession Includes afternoon tea
 Phone 9842 4115

St David's Anglican Church,
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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

11/12 October	Sacristan	Sue De Bortoli	Carmen Gobbi
	Commentator	Jacinta Zieba	Tig Chobo
	Readers	Rene De La Cruz	Mark Gregor
	Special Ministers	May Teh	Rita Gagliardi
		Martin Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Enza Wilcocks	Maria Papalia

18/19 October	Sacristan	Maria Papalia	Rita Gagliardi
	Commentator	Rene De La Cruz	Mark Gregor
	Reader	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Shirley Pyndiah
		Virginie Mindiel	Grace Cannatelli
		Zina Scalzo	Anne Fusca

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL' EUCHARISTIA
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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.

World Mission Sunday—Next Weekend

MISSIONARIES OF
HOPE
 among all peoples



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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