

me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

"Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

"The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

"And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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BE ENTERPRISING AND CUNNING!

Is the steward in the Gospel parable guilty of the imputation that he squandered his master's property? Most probably he is. But he does not waste time trying to justify himself. Neither does he suffer the illusion that he can find employment elsewhere. He immediately faces his immediate concern: how to secure his future. Will he dig ditches? Never! Will he turn beggar? What a horrible disgrace that will be for him!

He comes out with an acceptable solution and pursues it. He approaches his master's debtors one by one, and lowers their debts, thereby gaining favours from them in return. The steward loses his commission in changing and lowering the accounts. But it is much better than losing everything. In reality, it is the master who pays the price of the transaction. But how will he unmask the culprit when the steward has the relieved debtors at his control and he has the figures correct, accounted for in the promissory notes? At the end, the master can only be impressed by the cleverness of the trick. Truly a masterpiece of cunning!

The point of the parable is not the dishonesty and bad faith of the crook. The Gospels in fact condemn all forms of dishonesty. The point rather is the decisiveness, resourcefulness, and prudence of the steward when faced with the spectre of failure and poverty. Would that the children of light be as decisive and resourceful in securing their future—not by amassing wealth, but by laying up treasures of the kingdom. If we apply the same resourcefulness for our personal interest and transform them to community building, to outreach programs and to worship activities, then we can help build God's kingdom here on earth and lay up for ourselves inexhaustible treasures in heaven.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PS Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor. (or Alleluia!)

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! R.
2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? R.
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dungheap he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. R.

SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others



in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw



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Baptism Welcoming

This weekend, we welcome :
Lucia Di Giulio
Nathan Tonja
Please pray for these children and their families

Scripture Studies: Our study and group sharing takes place in the context of prayer and meditation, using the *Lectio Divina* method. Come for some or all the sessions. Italian speaking participants please bring a Bible in Italian. Our next session is: **22nd September at 7.00pm** in the Clifton Centre.

October and the Month of the Holy Rosary: If you like to lead a team or be involved in a team to lead a special rosary devotion for the Month of October please come and see Cecilia. The theme will be centred around Pope Francis' *Laudato Si!* And his call to care for the earth.

Remembering our deceased loved ones.

The Catholic tradition offers us November, which begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day as the Month of special remembrance for those who have died. All Saints Day, 1st November is a day of Solemnity and we are encouraged to attend Mass. All Souls Day commemorates all the Faithful departed. To highlight the communion with those who have gone before us, a special Altar cloth will be placed near the baptism font for the month of September in preparation for November. You are encouraged to write the names of your deceased loved ones on this Altar Cloth which will be used for all our Eucharistic celebrations during November.



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)

Reconciliation: Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Sister Noelle Magree

Death Anniversaries : Valerie Magree, Antonio Marotta, Nino Bressanutti

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Commissioning of volunteers to the different Ministries

The Mission Jesus takes flesh in the following ways within the context of the Parish community. Here are some questions to prompt reflection and dialogue.

Identity and Community: How engaged are we in building up a community of faith and hospitality?

Worship and Prayer: Do we try to understand the reason and purpose of why we gather for prayer and worship? In what ways does our Eucharist sustain us individually and as a community?

Formation and Education: Do we make time to learn more about our faith through the opportunities offered such as the RCIA, the Scriptural Study Group, the Hope Ministry? Do we offer our own wisdom and understanding and share faith with our children and families in the Sacramental and Baptism programs?

Mission and Outreach: Do we take Jesus' message seriously to transform society by acts of mercy and justice? Are we welcoming? Do we take time to know others who are new to the parish?

Leadership and Structure: Are we content with leaving the work of exercising leadership to others? Are we committed to the welfare growth of this parish?

The Parish, the living Body of Christ at Bulleen is so because of the gifts and talents of many volunteers. Over the coming weeks we will be incorporating a Commissioning Rite during the Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 9.00am Masses. All volunteers and those who would like to be initiated into the different Ministries will be invited to come forward at the appropriate time after communion and take their place at the front of the Altar. Fr. Franco will lead you in a simple prayer and bless you. May this simple rite of acknowledgment and witness draw us to a greater appreciation of the gift and life that is in the Parish.

- October 16: Administration and Service (Finance Committee/ Collectors and Counters/those who clean or do maintenance work; wash linen; arrange flowers; Serve morning tea; FCI)

Saturday Marian Devotions: Please note, there will be no Marian Devotions on 17th September ; 24th September & 1st October. Rosary, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues. Marian Devotions will resume on Saturday October 8.

PARISH DIARY

Tue 20th Sept @ 7.30pm—Marriage Forum in the Clifton Centre
Thurs 22nd Sept @ 7pm—Bible Study
Sun 25th Sept—Mario & Angela's Café at 10am in the Clifton Centre

Collections Last Weekend

1st Collection (Thanksgiving)

Actual — 1,718

2nd Collection (Presbytery)

Actual — 852

Many thanks & every Blessing!

Sacramental Program: We ask you to consider being a catechist for 2017.

Confirmation: Saturday 22 October 2016 at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. With the new appointments of bishops to different locations, our children will be confirmed by Mons. Franco instead of Bishop Mark Edwards.

Enrolments for 2017 have begun. If you wish your child to be part of our Sacramental Programme, please email Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or refer to the parish Website www.stclementsparishbulleen.org.au.

Piety Stall: 2017 Columban Art Calendars for sale: \$10 each. Limited numbers available. Melbourne Catholic: Please buy a copy for yourself or as a gift for someone. \$4

Solemn Mass in Honour of the Canonisation of Mother Teresa & the Feast of St Matthew the Apostle

Wednesday 21st September at 6pm (Mass starts)
Sacred Heart Church, Carlton (adjacent to Corpus Christi Seminary)
There is also an opportunity to venerate a relic of St Teresa of Calcutta.
Followed by Food and Light Refreshments.
Please check the notice board for details.



Why is it Important to Preserve the Marriage Act?
tackling the tough questions
Following presentations tackling the consequence of a change in legislation & the importance of preserving natural marriage, the panel will take your questions.
MCO has the NOT TO BE MISSED event in Mrs Jenny Seaton, Research Director of Marriage & Family Council of Victoria
TIME: 7.30pm
DATE: Tuesday
DATE: 19th September, 2016
VENUE: Maroon Clifton Centre in Clifton of Rome Egan Drive, BULLEEN
CONTACT: John Bruce 9458 823 040
john.bruce@cam.org.au
be equipped... be there...

Hope Ministry:

Our next session is on Saturday, 5th November at 10.00 in the parish office. Through prayer and meditation, we have explored the different topics in a non-threatening, safe and supportive environment.

Understanding grief
The meaning and place of lament
The Sacredness of Memories.
Grief and the Community
Understanding grief as transitions

The following are the scheduled sessions over the coming weeks:

5 November: Grief Minister and the Grieving Child
12 November: Importance of Rituals and celebrations
26 November: Liturgical celebrations
3 December: Grief Minister as Compassionate Listener
All are welcome to attend some or all of the sessions.

Music Ministry: Regular rehearsals have started. Our next practice is 1st October at 4.30pm in the Clifton Centre.

Craft Sale

St Clement of Rome Craft Ladies will be having a Sale on 29th September from 9am—4pm at Bulleen Plaza. Please support.

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
17 th /18 th September	Sacristan John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR John Bruce	Maria Papalia
	Reader Jacinta De La Cruz	Yamna Taouk
	Special Ministers Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
	John Bruce	Elsa Waters
	Linda Cultrera	Chris Zordan
	Rene De La Cruz	Trish Atherton
	Elroy De Witt	Grace Canatelli
	Loretta Galante	Anne Fusca
	Corinne Goh	Rita Gagliardi
24 th /25 th September	Sacristan Rita Gagliardi	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR Jacinta De La Cruz	Yamna Taouk
	Reader Rene De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
	Special Ministers Elroy De Witt	Trish Atherton
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	Corinne Goh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	Miriam Ho	Gabriele Grande
	Cecilia Lam	Eleanora Mascitti
	Reg Lecordier	Sylvia Mascitti