

another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## THE KING WHO TAKES THE FACE OF THE POOR

The Gospel for the Solemnity of Christ the King presents what is in store for men and women at the end of the age: Christ will return in glory to judge all—the living and the dead alike. And with judgement comes separation of those who will be rewarded and those who will be cast out from the joy of the kingdom.

The universal judgement borrows from images of pastoral life common in Jesus' time. The glorious Judge will separate the good from the evil, as shepherds separate sheep from goats. Sheep symbolise the good as they stand for strength and honourable behaviour. The male sheep do not allow other males to have access to their females. Goats, on the other hand, symbolise shame because of their lascivious behaviour; they do allow other males to share their females. Among people in the Middle East, a man who cannot protect his wife is considered a goat.

The criterion for judgement is hospitality. Among the Jews, steadfast love is given to family members, while hospitality is extended to strangers. The "sheep" are blessed because they showed hospitality to strangers: the hungry and thirsty, outsiders, the naked and imprisoned. The "goats" are condemned because they neglected to offer hospitality. Finally, the reason for this hospitality is none other than Christ the King, who does not appear like a royal figure, but in the person of "strangers" who need our welcome.

The parable presents the King of the Universe as taking the face of a person who is hungry, thirsty, in need of hospitality. Do we open the eyes of our hearts to see him in the faces of the little ones?

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

## FIRST READING

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22:1-3, 5-6. R. v. 1

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. **R.**
2. Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. / He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way



the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from



# St Clement of Rome Church

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Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family  
 at St Clement's Parish  
**Marie Elsa Klein**  
**Allesandra Catherine Mellini**  
 Washed in the Waters of Baptism  
 Anointed with the Oils of Confirmation  
 Nourished by the Bread of the Eucharist  
 Over this Saturday's Mass

**Prepare Room for Him**  
**Wednesday**  
 December 6, 2017  
 Clifton Centre  
 St. Clement of Rome  
 6:30-8pm  
 An evening for youth  
 to celebrate the joy  
 of Christmas!

St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen  
 Welcomes you to a very special Christmas Concert  
**"Presepio Musicale"**  
 to honour the birth of Christ

Proceeds go to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer  
 Wellness and Research Centre

**Venue:** St Clement of Rome Church,  
 Egan Drive, Bulleen.

**Date:** Friday 8th December, 2017  
**Time:** 6:45pm

Angelo Falcone Carmelo De Lestimo Gianni Turco Marco Cingus  
 The Banda Musica Vincenzo Bellini  
 Conductor M. Carmelo Puglisi

**TREBLE MAKERS QUARTET**  
**ALESSIA LICHTA**

MC and Comper: Cav. Frank Di Blas, O.A.M.  
 Entrance donation \$20.00 per person.

To make a booking contact Giorgio Baglieri 0411 882 932 or St. Clement's Parish Office 9850 2550

### Thanksgiving Envelopes

Please note that your next set of Envelopes are now available to be collected in the foyer.  
 Thank You.



### 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 : Fosca Carraro, Maria De Blasiis, Stella Galati*  
*Death Anniversaries : Nancy Nicolace, Luigi Colaci, Domenico Galati, Bruno Galati, Rocco Galati,*  
*Pina Galati, Francesco & Maria Catena Galati, Franca Valmorbidia, Matteo Battista*  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

### PARISH DIARY

Sun 26th Nov @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café  
 Wed 29th Nov @ 7pm—Scripture Studies (Advent 1 & 2) in the Clifton Centre  
 Thurs 30th Nov @ 7.30pm—Finance Committee meeting in the Parish Office  
 Sat 2nd Dec @ 5.30pm—Prep 2017/2018 School Mass

**Collections Last Weekend**  
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)  
 Actual — 2,037  
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)  
 Actual — 1105  
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

**YARRA DEANERY**  
**ADVENT GATHERING**  
 at St Kevin's  
 22-44 Herlihy's Road  
 Lower Templestowe  
**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**AT 7.30PM**  
 Take a deep breath. Come and enjoy a  
 brief time of simple worship and a lovely  
 supper with friends.

PIZZAS WILL BE PROVIDED - AN INDICATION OF NUMBERS ATTENDING OR  
 DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
 (Fr Wayne 9457 5794 or Marie 9497 1991)

PLEASE BRING SOMETHING 'SMALL AND SWEET' TO SHARE  
 AND YOUR OWN DRINK.

### SCRIPTURE STUDIES 2017 -2018

Advent Scripture Studies: In the Clifton Centre, beginning at 7.00pm.

29 November 2017: Advent 1 (Year B: Mark)  
 7 December 2017: Advent 2 (Year B: Mark)  
 14 December 2017: Advent 3 (Year B: Mark)  
 21 December 2017: Advent 4 (Year B: Mark)  
 Please contact: Mark Gregor (9.00am Mass)/ Martin Teh  
 (5.30pm Mass) or Cecilia for information.

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5:30pm	Sun 9am
25/26 November	Sacristan Elroy De Witt	Francis & Gloria Ng
Christ the King	COMMENTATOR Jacinta De La Cruz	Yanna Taouk
	Reader Rene De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
	Special Ministers Enza Wilcox	Gabriella Grande
	Warwick Wright	Eleanora Mascitti
	John Bruce	Sylvia Mascitti
		David Mitchell
		Pam Mitchell
		Gloria Ng
		Maria Papalla

2/3 December	Sacristan John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR Rene De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
1 <sup>st</sup> Advent	Reader Paul Sammut	Jim Cowhey
	Special Ministers Linda Cultrera	Elsa Waters
	Rene De La Cruz	Chris Zordan
	Corinne Goh	Grace Canatelli
		Anne Fusca
		Rita Gagliardi
		Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Gabriella Grande

### Sacramental Program

**We ask you to consider being a catechist for 2018.**  
 Enrolments for 2018 have begun. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website. Payment must be made at the enrolment.

### Confirmation and Reconciliation for 2018:

Last day of enrolment is 31 January 2018

**Dates of Confirmation:** Friday, 18 May 2018 (For children attending St. Clement of Rome School) Saturday, 19 May 2018 @ 5.30pm (For children attending the After-School RE Program).

**Lourdes Day Mass**

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 2017  
 AT 10:30AM  
 ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
 MELBOURNE

Principal Celebrant  
 Most Reverend Denis Hart DD, Archbishop of Melbourne.

A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes.

On this occasion we celebrate Our Lady's appearance to a young peasant girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as "the Immaculate Conception."

