

Alleluia, alleluia! / God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, / that all who believe in him might have eternal life. / Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.**

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

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## SEEKERS AND SOUGHT

Zacchaeus, a senior tax collector of Jericho, is curious about Jesus whom he does not yet know. He is curious to know Jesus, the rabbi who teaches with authority, and who does not avoid people who are ignorant of the Law or are branded as sinners. His curiosity will be rewarded.

Zacchaeus gets the surprise of his life, more than he bargained for. His only wish is to have a glimpse of the famous teacher, but he hears Jesus calling him by name. Jesus must be gifted by supernatural enablement to know him. Then he is commanded to host the teacher in his home. He joyfully welcomes Jesus into his home. Jesus seems not to be bothered by the disapproval and the murmuring of the crowd. Zacchaeus is won over by Jesus' kindness and table company, a sign of fellowship and forgiveness. He makes a little speech which reflects his repentance and faith as a result of meeting Jesus. He promises to share his possessions with the poor and repay anyone he may have defrauded four times over. In Judaism, legal restitution was 20 percent, but Zacchaeus assumes the harsher double penalty imposed on rustlers (Ex 22:1). Jesus recognises the "thank offering" as a changed heart. Jesus then declares him as "son of Abraham," enjoying the rights to promised to God's patriarch.

Jesus, the one sought by Zacchaeus, is really the first seeker. He is the Son of Man who "has come to seek and to save what was lost." He takes the initiative. He calls Zacchaeus because he means to stay at his house; he "commands" to be invited. For Jesus, Zacchaeus is like the prodigal son, the lost coin, the lost sheep (Lk 15). He is the sick who needs healing by the Great Physician.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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## FIRST READING

Wis 11:22-12:2

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

*You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,  
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.  
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.  
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,  
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,  
how be conserved if not called forth by you?  
You spare all things because all things are yours,  
Lord, lover of life,  
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.  
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,  
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,  
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PS Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. cf. v. 1

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**



3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

## SECOND READING

2 Thess 1:11-2:2

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

*The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

# St Clement of Rome Church

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## PARISH DIARY

Tue 1st Nov @ 9.15am—Feast of All Saints (in English)  
 Wed 2nd Nov @ 9.15am—All Souls Mass  
 Fri 4th Nov @ 2.40pm—Whole School Eucharist (Grade 6)  
 Sat 5th Nov @ 10am—Hope Ministry in the Parish Office.

**Collections Last Weekend**  
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)  
 Actual — 2,669  
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)  
 Actual — 1,267  
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

### Commissioning of volunteers to the different Ministries

The Mission Jesus takes flesh in the following ways within the context of the Parish community. 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.

- December 5: Volunteer Sunday/Outreach: Mass and BBQ.

### Piety Stall

Following items are now available in the Piety Stall of St. Clement's. Christmas Cards, Calendars for 2017, Daily Missal, Religious Books and Melbourne Catholic at \$4 each.

**Music Practices**—Will take place every Saturday at 4.30pm in the Church.

**Mario & Angela's Café - Next date 13/11/2016** You are all invited to come for morning tea after the 9am Mass in the Clifton Centre. Thank you.

### EMMAUS DINNER DISCUSSION NIGHT

A friendly, engaging and interactive evening for Young Adults Sunday, 6th November  
 6:30pm Pizza & Friendly Chat  
 7:30pm-8:30pm Open Discussion (led by Fr Paul Newton)  
 TOPIC: Addiction & Mercy  
 The Cunningham Centre - 64 Stanley St, Ivanhoe  
 Kindly RSVP by Friday, 4th November -  
 ivanhoe.emmaus@gmail.com

**At St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 20 November, 11am**  
 To coincide with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St Peter's at the Vatican, the Holy Door of Mercy at St Patrick's Cathedral will be closed by Archbishop Denis Hart on Sunday 20 November (Feast of Christ the King). PLEASE NOTE: the previously advertised event 'Come As You Are' (on the Year of Mercy roadmap) has been replaced by the regular 11am Sunday liturgy. Those wishing to pass through the Holy Door for the final time are encouraged to do so prior to the commencement of Mass.

St. Clement of Rome Parish invites you to:  
 "Beginning the New Liturgical Year with Matthew"  
 Two sessions on the Advent Sunday Readings.  
 Thursday 24 November 2016 (Advent 1 & 2)  
 Thursday 8 December 2016 (Advent 3 & 4)  
 7.00PM - 9.00PM  
 The Clifton Centre, St. Clement of Rome Parish, Egan Drive, Bulleen  
 Presenter: Fr. Chris Monaghan, cp.

Father Chris Monaghan cp. a Passionist priest, studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. He is the current President at Pierre Theological Union. He has taught at YU and the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 1987 in the area of New Testament studies.  
 All are welcome to Christ's talk and the Parish Run Programme beginning in February 2017. Contact: Mark Gregor (Coordinator) mark.gregor@cam.org.au or Cecilia Tan (Pastoral Associate) @ Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au

| Liturgy Roster                             | Sat 5.30pm                           | Sun 9am             |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> October | Sacristan<br>John Bruce              | Francis & Gloria Ng |
|  | COMMENTATOR<br>May Teh               | Fulvia Gerasolimo   |
|  | Reader<br>John Bruce                 | Mark Gregor         |
|  | Special Ministers<br>Loretta Galante | David Mitchell      |
|  | Corinne Goh                          | Pam Mitchell        |
|  | Miriam Ho                            | Elsa Waters         |
|  | Cecilia Lam                          | Chris Zordan        |
|  | Reg Lecordier                        | Trish Atherton      |
|  | Maree Marsi                          | Anne Fusca          |
|  | Martin Teh                           | Gloria Ng           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> November  | Sacristan<br>John Bruce              | Francis & Gloria Ng |
|  | COMMENTATOR<br>John Bruce            | Mark Gregor         |
|  | Reader<br>Jacinta De La Cruz         | Christine Landsberg |
|  | Special Ministers<br>Cecilia Lam     | Maria Papalia       |
|  | Reg Lecordier                        | Elsa Waters         |
|  | Maree Marsi                          | Chris Zordan        |
|  | Martin Teh                           | Trish Atherton      |
|  | May Teh                              | Grace Canatelli     |
|  | Warwick Wright                       | Anne Fusca          |
|  | Linda Cultrera                       | Fulvia Gerasolimo   |

**2016 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION**  
 Tuesday 15 November, 7.30pm, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne

The release by Pope Francis of the encyclical *Laudato si'* heralded the beginning of a new chapter in the history of our rich Catholic social teaching. Pope Francis reminded us of our responsibility to be stewards of God's Creation. World-renowned eco-theologian Fr Séan McDonagh will deliver the 2016 Rerum Novarum Oration on the topic: 'A new day dawns', based on the call by St John Paul II for an 'ecological conversion'. Respondent will be Ms Jacqui Rémond, Director, Catholic Earthcare Australia. All welcome. Refreshments served from 7pm.

Each year during the month of November, we specially commemorate the memory of our loved ones who have gone before us to their eternal rest.

All are welcome to join us in this celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death, and the hope of eternal life.

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am

### Rosary Devotion on Saturday 29th October

We invite all of you for a Rosary session after the 5.30pm Mass to finish off our special rosary devotion for the Month of October. It would take approximately half an hour. All welcome.

### World Mission Sunday Special Collection will take place this weekend. Appreciate your contribution.

### 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.

Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am in English

**All Saints' Day**

For the Lord takes delight in his people, He crowns the humble with Salvation.  
 Psalm 149:4

All Saints Day is a celebration of holiness. The Saints model aspects of the perfection of Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. They show us how to be faithful followers and disciples of Jesus. We also ask the Saints to pray for us. Being already with God, the Saints can intercede powerfully for us.

### 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 Remembrance Book will be placed near the Altar and you are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones clearly in the book in preparation for November. Those who wish to have Masses offered are asked to place the offerings in the envelopes available 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.

**Death Anniversaries : Grazia Zappia, Porzia & Antonio Bevilacqua, Melina & Nicola Nocera, Anna Terzini, Maria & Domenico Paolilli, Giovanni Ascenzo, Nicolina Sarra, Nicola Lauletta**  
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.