

from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him,

God will in turn glorify him in himself,

and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

THE SAVING WORD

Fifth Sunday of Easter / C

24 April 2016

DYING THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE

"I can't leave my people," says the Dutch priest, Fr Frans van de Lugt, SJ, who was killed in Syria while trying to advance unity amongst Christians and Muslims in the area of Homs. When the war broke out in 2011, Fr Frans opened his doors to everyone. During his almost 50 years of ministry he did many projects one of which is "Al-ard" meaning "the earth" or "the land", where the handicapped could find work and activities to do. He also built a place of prayer – not a church or a mosque – where all people can "just pray".

At the Last Supper, Jesus provided his intimate disciples with his "last will and testament"—that they should love each other just as he has loved them. He urged them to forget themselves and be totally dedicated to others, just as he had been doing. The commandment of love, which is based on his love for them, attains a new dimension of depth and power. It is best expressed in passionate suffering and death that others may be saved and gain the fullness of life.

"Just as I have loved you" is the measure of Jesus' "new commandment of love." By their mutual love and service, the disciples evoke the image of Jesus in his self-sacrificial love for all, including sinners and outsiders. Thus, to love as Jesus loves involves a total commitment that may culminate in the selfless sacrifice of one's life.

In the world today, there are forces and elements that obscure the kingdom of God, which stands for peace, love, and goodness. But thanks to modern martyrs/witnesses like Fr. Frans. The night before he died, while preparing for Easter, he confided to a friend: "This feast is the way to pass from this life to eternal life."

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY RESOURCES

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FIRST READING Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. 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.

2. 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, / to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. R.

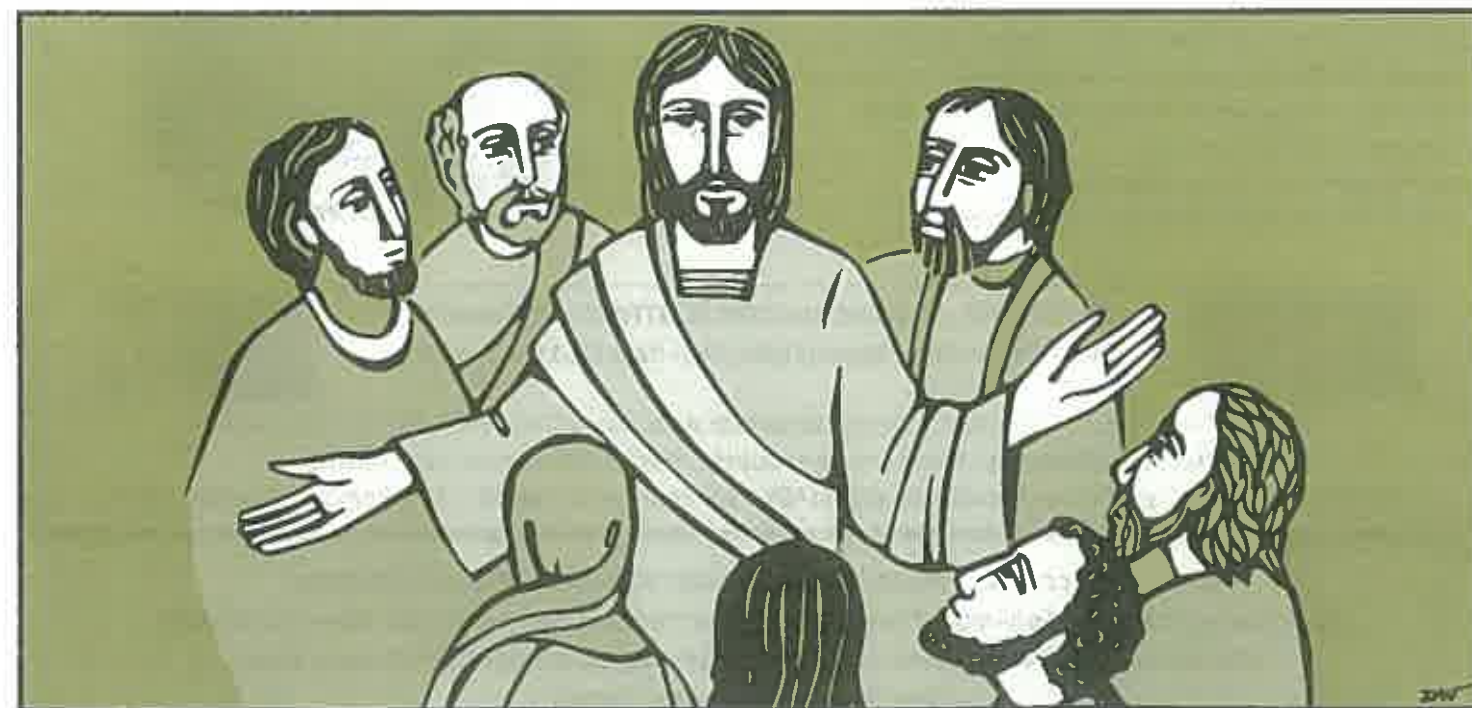
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; / your rule lasts from age to age. R.

SECOND READING Apoc 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call





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PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2016

Our Stewardship Program continues this week as we focus on how Our Parish Community *values engagement*.

Parishioners Christine Landsberg, David Mitchell, Giorgio Baglieri and Innes Romanin will speak at Masses over the weekend and will share with us the importance of our parish in their lives. They will discuss their own experiences and encourage us all to be actively involved in parish life by joining and participating in our parish groups and ministries. We thank them for sharing their stories.

PARISH INFORMATION MEETING

All parishioners are reminded of our Parish Information Meeting on Wednesday 27 April at 7.30pm in the Clifton Centre. The Parish Information Meeting is the key meeting of our Program. We will gather as a parish community to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future. Light refreshments will also be provided. If you have not already accepted, please complete the RSVP cards available at all Masses over the weekend.

CAN YOU HELP?

We have many letters left over from last weekend that need to be delivered. If you can help please take the letters of parishioners who live in your street or around your street and drop them into their letterbox. This will help to keep our postage costs to a minimum. The letters are in **STREET** order. If there is more than one letter in each street they are bundled together. Thank you for your help.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM PRAYER

Lord, we thank you for calling us to be your Church.
Through our Baptism we are called to service and to witness.
In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call.
By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs.
By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and care.
Lord, help us always to worship you as you deserve,
to grow in faith and service
and to give without counting the cost.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

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



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 8.45am.
Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.

Recently Deceased : Rocco Carafa, Gerald Tagliabue, Daniele Schieven
Death Anniversaries : Salvatore Proietto, Carmela Imperatrice, Josef Job, Mimma Blasetti
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Tue 26th Apr @ 4pm—Eucharist Classes in the Clifton Centre
Wed 27th Apr @ 7.30pm—Parish Stewardship Information Meeting in the Clifton Centre
Fri 29th Apr @ 9.15am—Grade 2 & 3 Mass

Blessings & Good Wishes to Ida Botter for celebrating her 90th Birthday !

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

First Communion for the children not attending St. Clement's Parish School : Saturday, 16 July 2016 at 5.30pm.

Confirmation – Term 3 & 4

Classes commence Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 4pm
Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 22nd October at 2.30pm & 5.30pm

Parent's Information Evening

Confirmation - Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A FEE OF \$150.00 PER SACRAMENT PER CHILD, WHICH NEEDS TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF ENROLMENT. FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND EMAILED FROM THE WEBSITE. PARISH OFFICE : TEL 9850 3262

Catechist: We need catechists to help out with the children's catechism classes in preparation for the sacraments. Please contact Cecilia Tan @ Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or 98503262 if you are able to help with this important Ministry.

COMPANIONING THOSE WHO GRIEVE

AN EVENING REFLECTION FOCUSING ON:

GRIEF AND ITS WIDER PERSPECTIVE

THE COMMUNITY AS SUPPORT TO THE GRIEVING

PRESENTER: MAREA RICHARDSON

DATE: FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2016

TIME: 7.00PM -8.30PM PRESENTATION

8.30PM-9.00PM QUESTION TIME

VENUE: CLIFTON CENTRE

ST. CLEMENT OF ROME PARISH, EGAN DRIVE, BULLEEN 3105

For information or to book a place, contact Cecilia Tan @ 98503262

or email: Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au

Understanding the Gospel of Luke

Salvation for all Humanity"

When : Thursday 19th May 2016 from 7pm—9pm

Venue : St Clement of Rome, Clifton Centre

Presenter : Fr. Chris Monaghan, cp.

Flyer on the Notice Board

FCI Events: All are welcome

15 May 2016 Lunch with Music : Three course meal with wine @ \$30 pp. Venue: The Clifton Centre.

29 May: In celebration of Mary: A Film Afternoon entitled: 'Mary's Land.' will be screened after the 11.00am in the Clifton Centre. The film will have English Subtitles. Contact Ugo Romanin on 9850 1819 to book a place or for information.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist:

Current Special Ministers, please pick up an envelope with your name from the foyer. It contains important information regarding future planning. If you attend the Saturday 5.30pm Mass on a regular basis, we ask you to consider being trained and rostered as a Special Minister of the Eucharist. Please contact: Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or call 98503262.

Collections Last Weekend

1st Collection (Thanksgiving)

Actual — 2,344

2nd Collection (Presbytery)

Actual — 1,196

Many thanks & every Blessing!

Our Week-End Mass Income consists of two collections and are accounted for separately as follows:

The 1st Collection : Thanksgiving Envelope Offering and " loose money" is the Church Account and goes towards paying the following Parish Expenses:

All Administrative Expenses including Salaries
Archdiocese Levies
Loan Interest Payments
Pastoral Expenses including Salaries
Property Costs –incl. Insurance, Maintenance, Electricity & Gas Municipal Charges
Supply Fees for visiting Priests

The 2nd Collection: (known as the Presbytery Offering) is used to support -

Our Parish Priest
Our Italian Chaplain
The Archbishop
Sick & Retired Priests

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
23 rd /24 th April	<i>Sacristan</i> Rita Gagliardi	<i>Francis & Gloria Ng</i>
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> May Teh	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Reader</i> John Bruce	Grace Canatelli
	<i>Special Ministers</i> Reg Lecordier	David Mitchell
	Maree Marsi	Pam Mitchell
	Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton
		Anne Fusca

Stewardship Program 2016

Information has now been posted on our website. Please go to www.stclementsparishbulleen.org.au.



Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family at St Clement's Parish
Danica Casamento
Monica Bonacci
Kiara Kezesle
baptised this weekend.

Bible Study Group: Due to the success of our Lenten Bible Study, the parish would like to offer on-going bible study in groups using the Catholic tradition of *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading). The Gospel of Luke will be our focus. Please register your interest by putting your names on the signup sheet in the foyer.

Yarra Deanery : Hear & See Travel Tales from the Phillipines :
Please check the Notice Board for details.