

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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REJOICE IN GOODNESS WHEREVER IT BE

The disciples are disturbed when they see someone using Jesus' name—and hence his authority—to cast out demons. They try to curtail his activity because, they explain, he is "not one of us".

This over-zealous action on the part of the disciples earns rebuke rather than approval from Jesus. He does not mind his name being used for good. The main thing is that, whatever the means, human beings are set free from the power of Satan and reclaimed for the fullness of life. The disciples, on the other hand, are less focused upon the objective good done and more upon an outsiders use of what they see as their own prerogative and possession.

Jesus drives home the point by speaking about outsiders who give members of the community (possibly travelling missionaries) a cup of water to drink because they belong to Christ. Such outsiders show the kind of service to others that ought be a hallmark of Jesus' followers. What determines the reward one will receive (at the judgement) is not whether one is inside or outside the community but whether one has performed the service to fellow human beings expected of the community.

Both instructions, taken together, show remarkable openness on Jesus' part to goodness and effective ministry outside the community of believers, strictly defined.

The second part of the Gospel takes up what really *is* to be feared and addressed: scandal *inside* the community. In language of prophetic exaggeration, not to be taken literally, Jesus makes clear the need for vigorous action in this regard.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Num 11:25-29

A reading from the book of Numbers.

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 18:8, 10, 12-14. R. v. 9

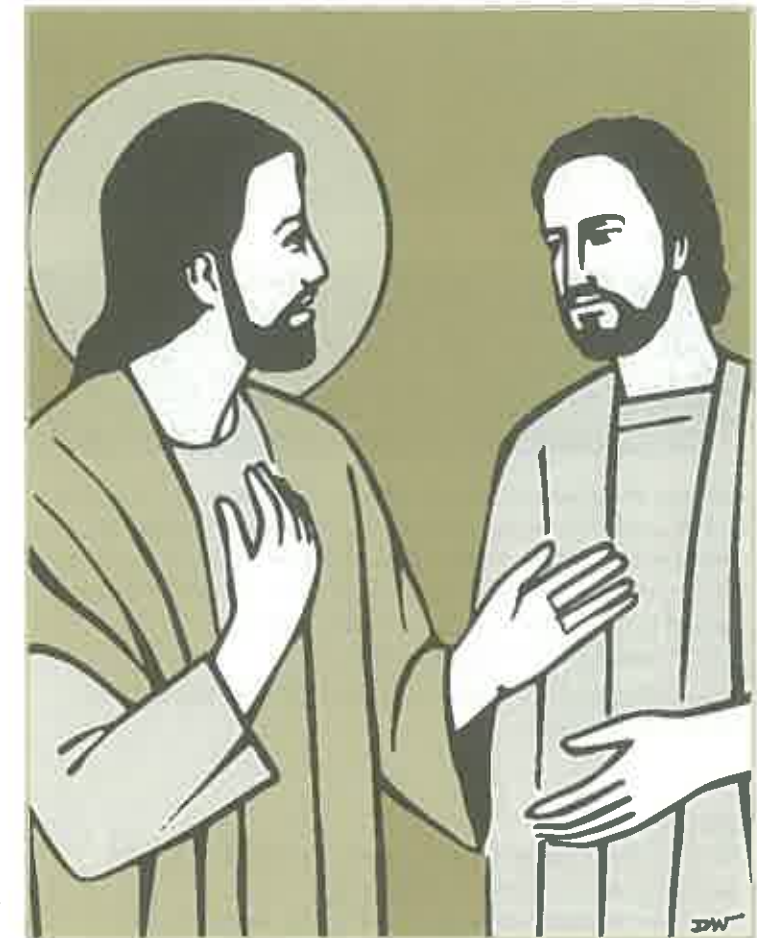
R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**

3. So in them your servant finds instruction; / great reward is in their keeping. / But who can detect all his errors? / From hidden faults acquit me. **R.**

4. From presumption restrain your servant / and let it not rule me. / Then shall I be blameless, / clean from grave sin. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

James 5:1-6

A reading from the letter of St James.

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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Social Justice Sunday



We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 30 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home : Making a home for everyone in our land'. The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. The Statement can be downloaded at: <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements>

Plenary 2020

At St. Clement of Rome Parish, we have made a gentle but significant start to Plenary 2020 through:
 Open invitations to various workshops organized by the Archdiocese of Melbourne of which many have attended in order to be informed and prepared;
 Sending our Pastoral Associate, Cecilia to represent our Parish at the Proclaim 2018 Conference in Brisbane;
 Four repeated sessions each with specific emphasis to aid in our discussions and deliberations at the Parish;
 Disseminating the information electronically, via the Bulletin and Parish Website.

Please look at some of the responses we have had so far and add your thoughts in the book in the foyer. Also pick up an information sheet regarding Plenary 2020 from the Foyer.

World Rosary day

Sunday 7 October 2018

Countries around the world are joining to hold Rosary Rallies across the world to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Together we are calling upon God, through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. Each nation has been asked to pray for its own intentions on the day. The Australian intentions for the world rosary will be family, rekindling of faith and continued Godly protection.

At St. Clement of Rome we will be doing the following:

Pray the Rosary before Mass as usual.
 There will be a book for people to write down their specific intentions for their families located to the side of the sanctuary.

Sunday October 7 2018: The whole parish will come together to pray the Rosary at 10.15 am after the 9.00am Mass and before the 11.00am Mass. Refreshments will follow in the Clifton Centre on this special day.

You are further encouraged to pray the Rosary with your children and grandchildren.
 Leaflets on how to pray the rosary can be obtained from the foyer.
 Register your participation if you wish: <https://ozrosary.wixsite.com/ozrosary53/contact-us-and-participate>

Holy Land Olivewood Display—This weekend

There will be a display of Holy Land Olivewood items this weekend after all the Masses. Please support them.



PARISH DIARY

Thurs 4th Oct @ 7.30pm—RCIA Inquiry Night in the Parish Office
 Sat 6th Oct @ 10.30am—Meditation and Prayer in the Parish Office
 Sun 7th Oct @ 10.15am—Rosary and refreshments afterwards
 Wed 10th Oct @ 7.30pm—FCI Meeting in the Parish Office
 Sun 14th Oct @ 10am—Mario & Angela's Café
 Thurs 18th Oct @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Parish Office

Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 1,979
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 980
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

RCIA

Have you ever wondered why we do what we do as Catholics? Or What it means to be Catholic? Have you questions about the sacraments, faith or prayer? Have you wondered about the place of suffering, conscience and the practice of faith? If you have these or other questions, then do come along to The Parish RCIA Evenings. These evenings are not confined only to those wishing to be received into the Catholic Church. If you know of any person(s) whom you can invite, why not invite and come with them to our next Inquiry evening on: **Thursday, 4 October 2018, from 7.30pm to 8.30pm in the Parish Office. All are welcome.**

Holy Rosary during month of October

The Rosary with meditation will take place in Italian during the month of October on the following days in the Chapel.

Tuesday—Saturday after the 9.15am Mass

Mondays : 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th October at 7pm

The month of October is also the Month of Mission and of the Holy Rosary. All are welcome to pray in preparation for the Plenary 2020.

Melbourne's Annual March for the Babies - Sat 13th Oct

Victoria's Annual March for the Babies Assembles in the Treasury Gardens, Corner Spring Street and Wellington Parade at 1pm Sat 13th Oct. The March concludes with speeches in front of Parliament House commemorating the 100,000 Australian lives a year lost through abortion in our country.

Inquiries : Jeremy Orchard
 Email : marchforthebabies@gmail.com

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver

Will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Sat 13 October 9.00am—3.00pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will go to help provide primary education and health services for 150 poor girls and 100 poor boys in the Catholic Sohag Diocese, Egypt. Enquiries : 9817 3715.

Musical Call of Guadalupe

An inspirational, pro life musical Call of Guadalupe (COG), is coming in December 1st & 2nd. We would like to invite anyone of any age ability to act or help in COG. There will be free drama classes for anyone with interest to learn to act, write, and sing. This is an opportunity to see if you would like to join the musical. Drama classes & rehearsals most Saturdays in Glen Iris by experienced professional actors in the field.
 info www.callofguadalupe.com
 rsvp to confirm times geraldine343@gmail.com or 0413398528

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
29/30 September	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Rene De La Cruz	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Rene De La Cruz
	<i>Reader</i> Paul Sammut	<i>Reader</i> Paul Sammut
	<i>Special Ministers</i> Cecilia Lam	<i>Special Ministers</i> Cecilia Lam
	Reg Lecordier	Chris Zordan
	Maree Marsi	Trish Atherton
		Grace Canatelli
		Anne Fusca
		Rita Gagliardi
		Gabriella Grande
6/7 October	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Paul Sammut	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Paul Sammut
	<i>Reader</i> May Teh	<i>Reader</i> May Teh
	<i>Special Ministers</i> Martin Teh	<i>Special Ministers</i> Martin Teh
	Enza Wilcox	Pam Mitchell
	Warwick Wright	Gloria Ng
		Maria Papalia
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton

DATE	LETTORI	OFFERTORIO	MINISTRI DELL'EUCARISTA
07/10	J. FAGGION L. DEL TONDO	FAM. B. ROMANIN	L. VETTORETTO G. VETTORETTO L. CIAMPA

Sacramental Program 2018

All enrolments for the year are closed. Please register your interest for 2019 once the dates for 2019 have been organized.
 The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child from 2019. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.



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 : Teresa Traviato, Renato Daganaban, Noemi Fabris
Death Anniversaries : Rocco Cortese, Irene Lamaletie, Domenico & Maria Paolilli, Rhonda Stratton, Carla Poli, Antonio Maccaroni, John Suffern, Kathleen Suffern
 Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen