

GOSPEL

Lk 24: 35-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them: 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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YOU ARE WITNESSES

What was it like in the aftermath of Jesus' death and the joy of the good news of the resurrection? As we hear more accounts and reflections on the resurrection in today's readings, we also understand something of the dilemma of the early witnesses as to how to pass on this experience.

Luke is writing the Gospel and Acts at least 40-50 years after Jesus' resurrection. There are no photographs, no hard evidence, only the testimonies of those who were there.

Today's Gospel opens with the returnees from Emmaus telling their story and then Jesus appearing among them. The Gospel ends reminding the audience 'you are witnesses' (v. 48). It is not only to the first century audience that this is addressed. We too are witnesses. This is the term we find in Acts, the second volume of the Lukan narrative: the apostles, disciples, believers are witnesses. We are witnesses to the faith and belief of those gone before. We cannot touch and see Jesus for ourselves, but we can engage the scriptures. We can see in Luke's account Jesus' appearance among them, speaking to them, taking some food, inviting them to touch him. Luke's comment that Jesus 'opened their minds to understand the scriptures' (v. 45) repeats what was heard by those on the road to Emmaus. It is our reading and contemplation of the Word that deepens our faith and belief as witnesses and calls us forward in the transformation of our lives in the light of the resurrection.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 4: 2, 4, 7, 9. R. v. 7

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

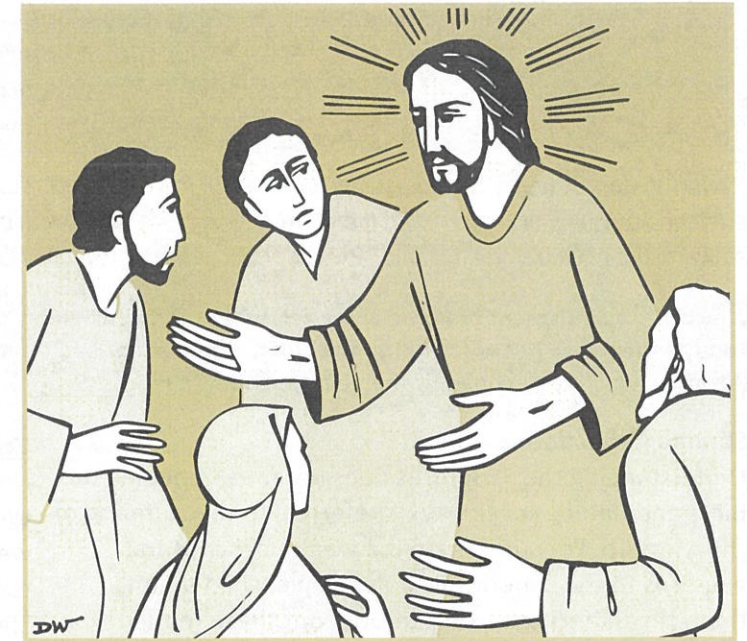
(or Alleluia!)

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; / from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **R.**

2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; / the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **R.**

3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. / Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R.**

4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, / for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Jn 2: 1-5

A reading from the first letter of St John.

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

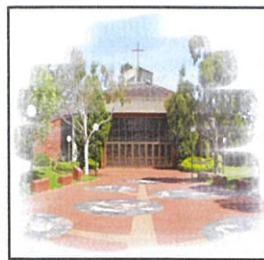
I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

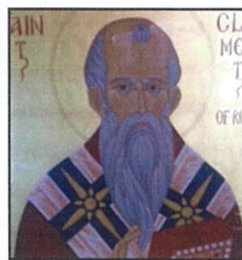
cf. Lk 24: 32

Alleluia, alleluia! / Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: / make our hearts burn with love when you speak. / Alleluia!



St Clement of Rome Church

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Parish Vision Statement : Guided and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Parish of St Clement of Rome seeks to be a community of authentic disciples of Jesus, living the Word of God. As a welcoming community, through humble service, we acknowledge our stewardship of God's creation and strive to promote the dignity of all God's people.

Welcome to St Clement of Rome as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Easter
Today's theme is : It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead
We invite you to reflect on this theme throughout the Mass.

Sunday Reflection....

Understanding the Scriptures does not mean opening the Bible and finding specific texts referring to the suffering of the Messiah. For sure, there is a wealth of scriptural allusions to the suffering of holy people, chief among them the Suffering Servant of God. But these remain allusions, not texts explicitly saying that the Messiah would suffer. This explains why no one in Israel expected a suffering Messiah; on the contrary, the Messiah was expected to be a glorious figure who would restore the 'fallen hut' of King David. That Jesus as the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead is all part of God's plan. His death on the cross is not a mere coincidence; but an integral part of God's ongoing plan to save his people. Jesus' death is not solely the consequence of human pride and machinations, but the expression of total self-giving love that achieves reconciliation with God.

God's Word—Daily Reflections

Online Training Program—Minister of the Word 4th June—ACU Centre for Liturgy

This 4 week program will be led by a experienced liturgy instructor who will guide participants through our engaging materials in a friendly and supportive learning environment. For more information, contact the ACU Centre for Liturgy Email : centreforliturgy@acu.edu.au
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Good Shepherd Sunday—Next Weekend

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday—the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at www.pledgetoprayer.com.au this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS
Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am & 11am (Italian)
Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am (unless informed)

Reconciliation: Sat 9.45am (and on request). Marian Devotions & Eucharistic Adoration : Sat 8.40am
Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

PARISH DIARY

Fri 19th Apr @ 9.15am—Whole School Eucharist/
Presentation of Yr 6 Leaders
Sun 21st Apr @ 9am—Baptism & morning tea in the Clifton Centre

Recent Deaths & Death Anniversaries

We pray for those who have died recently, **Franco Paolucci, Katie Tulich** and for the repose of the souls of **Alfonso & Costanza Conidi, Giuseppina Musumeci** and all those, whose anniversaries occur at about this time. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

After School Sacramental Program

The preparation classes for the Sacrament of Eucharist will begin on the Sat 27th April. Please visit our website to check out the full list of class dates and other information.



URGENT: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

CO.AS.IT is an organisation which is funded by the Department of Human Services & the Commonwealth Government. The organisation is currently looking for Italian speaking individuals who are willing to volunteer one hour per week to visit an elderly person who is lonely, socially isolated and in need of some companionship. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to someone's life. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Tania Barbaro on 0481603702. Please note that we require Volunteers who are fully vaccinated against Covid19. Continuing support is provided.

CERCHIAMO VOLONTARI URGENTE

CO.AS.IT organizzazione al servizio della comunità Italiana d'Australia, cerca persone di lingua Italiana disposti a far compagnia un ora alla settimana a persone anziane di origine Italiana, che sono socialmente isolate e hanno bisogno di amicizia. Portare un pó di amicizia a una persona sola può significare tanto per loro e anche per te. Si prega di notare che richiediamo che il Volontario sia completamente vaccinato contro il Covid19. Se sei interessato e ne vuoi sapere di più, chiama Tania al 0481 603 702. Un continuo supporto professionale sarà disponibile per il Volontario

Covid 19 update : Following the latest Liturgical guidelines, Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. They are recommended in crowd settings. No vaccination requirements for attendees. Please check the government website for updated isolation rules.

LITURGY ROSTER		SAT 5.30PM	SUN 9.00AM
13/14 April	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	Paul Sammut	Maria Papalia
	<i>Reader</i>	May Teh	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Martin Teh	Gloria Ng
		Enza Wilcocks	Shirley Pyndiah
		Warwick Wright	Grace Cannatelli
20/21 April	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>Commentator</i>	May Teh	Yamna Taouk
	<i>Reader</i>	John Bruce	Grace Cannatelli
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Elroy De Witt	Anne Fusca
		May Teh	Rita Gagliardi
		Martin Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo

ROSTER—ITALIAN MASS 11AM

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Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

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World Mission May Rosary Prayers

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12pm Perth time
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