

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

If you had faith!

The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Reflections on the Gospel

A REVERSAL OF ROLES

Jesus merely states the condition of a slave in his time when he says that a slave does not eat immediately when he returns from hard work. He still has to prepare the table for his master and to wait on him while he eats.

What does Jesus drive at when he states the inhuman condition of a servant/slave by way of parable? It is this: *we have nothing to boast of before God*. If we can delight in and be proud of something, it is primarily because of God's grace. Thus we have no right to claim a wage: "We have done no more than our duty." Does God then delight in humiliating us? Not at all. In fact, he loves us so much that he sends us his Son so that he may rescue us from our condition of slavery and raise us to the status of beloved children, free and heirs of eternal life. But first we must see where we stand before God: that we are creatures, and we are dependent on God for everything. Salvation is an entirely free gift from God.

Interestingly, in another parable Jesus reverses the roles. Jesus tells a parable about servants who await their master's return and draws this lesson: "Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, *he will put on an apron, sit them at table and wait on them*" (Lk 12:37). This parable becomes reality in Jesus who *girds himself* with a towel and begins to wash the feet of the disciples (Jn 13:4-5). By this gesture, Jesus assumes the role of the slave who washes the feet of guests. Moreover, by dying on the cross, Jesus washes away our sins and prepares the way for us to sit at God's heavenly banquet.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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THE SAVING WORD

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

2 October 2016

FIRST READING

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;

to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny?

Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down,

inscribe it on tablets

to be easily read,

since this vision is for its own time only:

eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;

if it comes slowly, wait,

for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,

but the upright man will live by his

faithfulness.'

■ The word of the Lord.

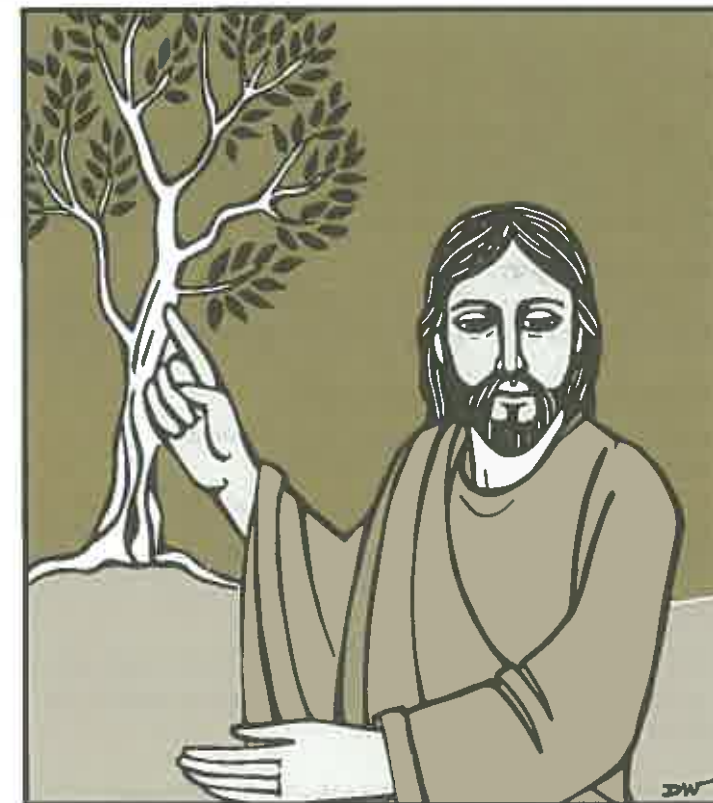
RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. R.

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. R.

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.



SECOND READING

2Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever:

it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

St Clement of Rome Church

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Olive wood Display:

There will be a display of Holy Land Olive Wood Religious Items this weekend after all the Masses in the Foyer. Please support.

World Mission Sunday—23rd October:

A special collection will take place on the 22nd & 23rd weekend. Appreciate your contribution.

Sacramental Program:

Confirmation will take place on Saturday 22 October 2016 at 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

Car parking will be a challenge and we ask all who come early to park in the lower car park and leave the spaces nearest the Church for older parishioners.

Parishioners who normally attend the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday, please take note of these events. You may wish to attend another Mass just for the weekend of the 22nd of October. Grateful thanks to all for your kind attention.

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 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 : Carla Poli

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Tue 4th Oct @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Clifton Centre
 Thurs 6th Oct @ 7pm—Bible Study in the Clifton Centre
 Sun 9th Oct @ 10am— Mario & Angela's Café
 Wed 12th Oct @ 9am—Confirmation Reflection Day in the Clifton Centre
 Wed 12th Oct @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Clifton Centre

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 1,975
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,061
Many thanks & every Blessing!



JUBILEE

The Parish of St Gregory the Great will host a Speaker's evening on the topic of Jubilee as part of the fiftieth year celebrations.

St Gregory the Great Parish Hall
396 Manningham Rd, Doncaster
Wednesday 19th October, 7pm -9pm

Presenter: Janina Hibel



Janina teaches Old Testament and Theological German at Yarra Theological Union in Box Hill. She completed her PhD at Murdoch University, Perth, writing a thesis on the vision accounts in the book of Ezekiel. Janina is part of the Focolare Group

The evening will commence with a light supper of pizza and drinks at 7pm. After the presentation there will be an opportunity for discussion and questions.

To assist with catering, please contact the Parish Office by Monday October 17th - telephone 98482395 email - Doncaster@cam.org.au

African Dads and Kids Camp—21 to 23 October

The African Dad and Kids camp has operated for 10 years and primarily delivers a camp-based experience to give fathers the opportunity to spend time with one of their children for a weekend of fun, bonding and learning.

The program is a huge success, however we are looking for some Dad's that have not attended a camp before and was hoping that through your agency we may be able to make connections with clients we have not seen before.

Please refer to the flyer on the Notice Board for details.

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR ELSPM

The English Language School for Pastoral Ministry are looking for people who may be able to teach Priests, Brothers, Sisters and Church Workers from around the world who are learning English, to go and do further studies or to return to their place of pastoral ministry. At the moment the school, which is situated at Box Hill in the Franciscan Monastery on Albion Road, has 22 students, and in 2017 26 new students have already signed up. There is a desperate need for volunteers, who will be supervised by qualified teachers, in mentoring, reading, writing, listening and in comprehension. You don't have to be an expert, but this is one way in helping the Church leaders of the future. Please contact Sr Margaret Bentley or Fr Kevin Hennessy C.P. at Holy Cross Centre on 9846 6014, or hcc@passionist.org.au

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 Altar cloth will be placed near the baptism font for the month of September in preparation for November. You are encouraged to write the names of your deceased loved ones on this Altar Cloth which will be used for all our Eucharistic celebrations during November.



Scripture Studies: Our study and group sharing takes place in the context of prayer and meditation, using the *Lectio Divina* method. Come for some or all the sessions. Italian speaking participants please bring a Bible in Italian. Our next session is: **6th October at 7.00pm** in the Clifton Centre.

Altar Servers: Altar Servers: Parents and grandparents encourage your children to be part of this wonderful ministry. Contact: Chris Zordan (98505874) or Cecilia @ Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or pick up an enrolment form from the foyer.

Liturgy Roster

	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
1 st /2 nd October	Sacristan John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR Rene De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
	Reader Paul Sammut	Jim Cowhey
	Special Ministers Corinne Goh	Pam Mitchell
	Miriam Ho	Gloria Ng
	Cecilia Lam	Maria Papalia
	Reg Lecordier	Elsa Waters
	Maree Marsi	Chris Zordan
	May Teh	Trish Atherton
	Martin Teh	Anne Fusca

8 th /9 th October	Sacristan Rita Gagliardi	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR John Bruce	Jim Cowhey
	Reader Rocco Gagliardi	Sylvie Duff
	Special Ministers Reg Lecordier	Anne Fusca
	Maree Marsi	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	May Teh	Gabriella Grande
	Martin Teh	Eleanora Mascitti
	Warwick Wright	Silvia Mascitti
	John Bruce	Pam Mitchell
	Linda Cultrera	Gloria Ng