

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

In a culture where reading and writing were uncommon, those who had these skills, like the scribes (Greek *grammateis*), were the possessors and transmitters of learning. In Israel, the scribes were a class of professional exponents and teachers of the Torah. They were held in respect and were addressed as 'my lord' or 'master' (rabbi). They taught the people the Law, spoke in the synagogue, settled cases in the community, copied Scripture texts, and acted as guardians of tradition.

The scribe was not necessarily a Pharisee, but in fact, most of the scribes belonged to the Pharisee party that adhered to the strict interpretation of the Law. The Pharisee (Hebrew *perusim*, 'the separated ones') conceived of religion as centered upon the observance of the Torah, and interpreted the Law in the strict manner.

In his time, Jesus was also addressed as 'rabbi'. But his teaching was recognised as being more authoritative than that of the scribes with whom he often came into conflict.

Today's Gospel is taken from the discourse in which Jesus denounces the scribes and Pharisees (*Matthew 23*). Scholars believe that the speech reflects not just the deep opposition between Jesus and the teachers of the Law in his time, but also the conflict between the followers of Jesus and the Pharisaic Judaism that rose after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. In their efforts to build the Jewish nation around the Law, the Pharisees excluded those Jews who believed in Jesus as the Messiah. In turn, the Christians criticised the rabbis, just as Jesus did.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

FIRST READING

Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

- O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**
- Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**
- O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.



Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 23: 9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / You have one Father, your Father in heaven; / you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. / Alleluia!



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Sacramental Program

We ask you to consider being a catechist for 2018.
Enrolments for 2018 have begun. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website. Payment must be made at the enrolment.

Confirmation and Reconciliation for 2018:

Last day of enrolment is 31 January 2018

Dates of Confirmation: Friday, 18 May 2018 (For children attending St. Clement of Rome School) Saturday, 19 May 2018 @ 5.30pm (For children attending the After-School RE Program).

Scripture Studies:

The 2017/2018 schedule is given below. Please mark the dates in your diary.

SCRIPTURE STUDIES 2017 -2018

Advent Scripture Studies: In the Clifton Centre, beginning at 7.00pm.

30 November 2017: Advent 1 (Year B: Mark)

7 December 2017: Advent 2 (Year B: Mark)

14 December 2017: Advent 3 (Year B: Mark)

21 December 2017: Advent 4 (Year B: Mark)

Please contact: Mark Gregor (9.00am Mass)/ Martin Teh

(5.30pm Mass) or Cecilia for information.

Volunteers needed : to provide transport to Parishioners to come to Mass over the weekend. Please contact the Parish Office if you can be of any help. Thank You.

Piety Stall :

2018 Columban Art Calendars are now available.

Melbourne Catholic : Please buy a copy for yourself or as a gift for someone \$4.

St Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
Welcomes you to a very special Christmas Concert

"Presepio Musicale"

to honour the birth of Christ

Proceeds go to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness and Research Centre

Venue: St Clement of Rome Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen.
Date: Friday 8th December, 2017
Time: 6:45pm

Angelo Falcone Carmela De Losanto Gianni Turpio Marco Cingun
The Banda Musicale Vincenzo Bellini
Conductor M. Carmela Puglisi

TREBLE MAKERS QUARTET ALESSIA LICITRA

MC and Compere Cav. Frank Di Biasi, O.A.M.
Entrance donation \$20.00 per person.
To make a booking contact Giorgio Baglieri 0411 682 932 or St. Clement's Parish Office 9850 3262

PARISH DIARY

Fri 10th Nov @ 6pm—Youth Group in the Clifton Centre
Sat 11th Nov @ 9.15am—Knights of Southern Cross Mass
Thurs 16th Nov @ 7.30pm—RCIA meeting in the Parish Office

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
Actual — 1,896
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
Actual — 1,009
Many thanks & every Blessing!

Special Collection—Next Weekend

Catholic Deaf collection will be held next weekend.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The RCIA is an ongoing spiritual formation for those wishing to know more about the Catholic faith with the intention of being fully initiated as Catholics. It is also a good opportunity for all who wish to further deepen and strengthen their understanding of the Catholic faith. Meetings are held fortnightly in the Parish office. Dates on the banner in the foyer.

Contact: Martin Teh mcyteh@gmail.com (RCIA Leader)
Cecilia Tan cecilia.tan@cam.org.au

Next Meeting: Thursday 16 November 2018 @ 7.30pm in the Parish Office. ALL are welcome.

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Prepare Him Room

17TH NOVEMBER 2017

ST DOMINIC'S PARISH CENTRE
CAMBERWELL EAST
6-8:30 PM
A YOUTH EVENING OF FOOD,
FELLOWSHIP, TESTIMONY AND
ADORATION

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
4/5 November	Sacristan John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR May Teh	Tim Landsberg
	Reader John Bruce	David Mitchell
	Special Ministers Linda Cultrera	Maria Papalia
	Rene De La Cruz	Elsa Waters
	Elroy De Witt	Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton
		Grace Canatelli
		Anne Fusca
		Rita Gagliardi

Marcellin College Memorial Mass for Deceased Students

Parents, family and friends of deceased Marcellin students are welcome and encouraged to attend this annual memorial service. Mass will be celebrated by Father Pat Harvey in the Marcellin College Chapel on Wednesday 22 November 2017 at 7.30pm followed by supper afterwards.

Enquiries to Mrs Mary Norden—9842 3080

Yarra Theological Union Information Session

Tue 14th November 2017 at 7.30pm
(Study undergraduate or postgraduate courses)
YTU Study Centre
4 Bedford Street, Box Hill
Ph : 9890 3771
Fee help available

11/12 November	Sacristan Elroy De Witt	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR John Bruce	David Mitchell
	Reader Linda Cultrera	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers Corinne Goh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	Cecilia Lam	Gabriella Grande
	Reg Lecordier	Eleanora Mascitti
		Sylvia Mascitti
		David Mitchell
		Pam Mitchell
		Gloria Ng

Christmas Rosters :

All Sacristans/Readers/Commentators/Projectionists : Please pick up your Christmas Roster from the Foyer. If you are unable to turn up for duty, please contact another person on the list and make mutual changes.



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.

