

made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

17 July 2016

WELCOMING JESUS

Luke tells the story of how Jesus is received by two sisters: Martha and Mary. The welcome represents the proper response to the prophet, for the messenger of God must depend on hospitality for support and safety. Elijah was welcomed and provided for by the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:9) and Elisha was given board and lodging by a woman of influence whenever he comes to Shunem (2 Kings 4:8-9). Jesus and the Twelve were supported by the women of Galilee in their travels while proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God (Lk 8:3).

The story refines the idea of hospitality. Martha is probably the older of the two and plays host. She is the one who welcomes Jesus. Her anxiety and concern are understandable enough. But her self-preoccupation turns to resentment and accusation: Mary has left her by herself to do the serving!

Jesus knows Martha well enough to take this outburst against her. While he calls her attention, he does so with gentleness: "Martha, Martha!" Still—and this is the heart of the vignette—he "lectures" her instead of Mary. He tells Martha that Mary has made the right choice by sitting at his feet listening to him. He comes as a prophet and the appropriate reception for him is listening to God's word! Jesus brings the gift of the word of God. The "one thing" that Mary has found is probably the happiness the psalmist feels when he is before the presence of the Lord: "One thing I ask of the Lord, this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to gaze at the Lord's beauty" (Ps 27: 4). Mary invites us to dare subordinate all things to the only thing that matters.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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FIRST READING Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**



2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 1:24-28

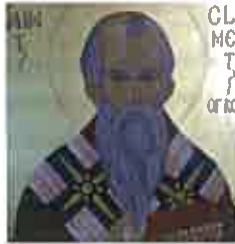
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God

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Special Ministers: We will have a training for all interested in becoming Special Ministers on **Saturday July 30 at 4.30pm before the 5.30pm Mass.** Newly appointed Special Ministers of the Eucharist and those who would like a refresher are welcome to attend.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

First Communion for children not attending St. Clement of Rome parish school was held on **16 July during the 5.30pm Mass.** Congratulations to all the children and their families.

Classes for children not attending St. Clement of Rome parish school begins on Tuesday **19 July 2016 from 4.30pm to 5.30pm** in the Clifton Centre. We welcome our new catechist Daniella Bonacci to the team. Our numbers have been exceptionally large this year, and we anticipate the religious education of our young people to be a growth area, for which we thank God. We ask you to consider being a catechist for 2017.

Confirmation: Saturday 22 October 2016 at 2.30pm and 5.30pm. With the new appointments of bishops to different locations, our children will be confirmed by Mons. Franco instead of Bishop Mark Edwards.

Enrolments for 2017 have begun. If you wish your child to be part of our Sacramental Programme, please email Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or refer to the parish Website www.stclementsparishbulleen.org.au.

Baptism Welcoming

This weekend, we welcome:
Valentina Biviano
Fergus Cashel
 Please pray for these children and their families



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 : Eustachio Coia, Aldo Vesnaver, Guido Finotto, Michelina Pascuzzi

Death Anniversaries : Agostino Mastroianni

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Hope Ministry:

Our next session is on **Saturday, 23 July at 10.00 in the parish office.** Through prayer and meditation, we have explored the following topics in a non-threatening, safe and supportive environment.

Understanding grief
 The meaning and place of lament
 The Sacredness of Memories.

While the concern centers on the loss of loved ones together we explore other losses that impact on every day life including the loss of jobs, family pets, familiar family structures, health, aging to understand the spirituality in the midst of major transitions.

Each session has been truly life-giving as the following poem written by a parishioner during our last session attests:

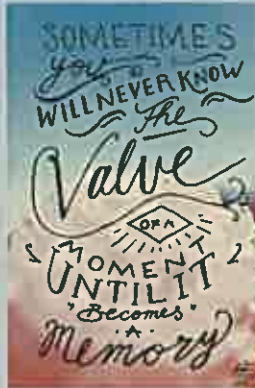
A change is coming
 I stand in a world of confusion and despair
 I turn to find an opening - in search of truth
 but I am enclosed, constrained
 With no room to move, to breathe
 Help me! Help me....

Do I succumb to the darkness?

Shine a light
 Reveal a path of green pastures and open spaces
 Where I can move - with freedom
 To be who I am, at one with the universe
 Listen, watch, be patient.....

A change is coming
 By Sue.

Our next session is scheduled for: **23 July at 10.00am in the Parish Office.**
Our topic: Exploring the practicalities. Mgr. Franco will share his own experiences of walking with the bereaved. All are welcome to participate. RSVP to Cecilia at Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or 96503262.



PARISH DIARY

Tue 19th July @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Clifton Centre
 Sat 23rd July @ 5.30pm—Commissioning Mass for grade 6
 Sun 24th July @ 10am—Morning Tea in the Foyer
 Tue 26th July @ 9.15am—Mass for the Sick and Elderly—Grade 5
 Tue 26th July @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Clifton Centre

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,367
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,217
Many thanks & every Blessing!

Bible Study : 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. Please bring your Bible with you. Italian speaking participants please bring a Bible in Italian. Our next session is: **28th July 2016 at 7.00pm** in the Clifton Centre.

Music Ministry

We are pleased to announce that Barbara McNear has agreed to lead and direct the Music Ministry with Suzannah Tan our talented pianist. Regular rehearsals started on **Saturday 16 July at 4.30pm.** Please contact Barbara bamcneair@gmail.com or Suzannah susanah.tan@gmail.com

Feast Day of St. Mary of the Cross McKillop

Monday, August 8th 2016

A special Mass will be conducted at 9.15 followed by a short devotion with the relic of St. Mary of the Cross McKillop.

Altar Servers: Calling all young people to serve at the altar. Parents and grandparents please encourage your children to be part of this ministry, especially if they have made their sacraments.

Mario's and Angela's Café

Thanks to both Mario and Angela for your service. Our next morning coffee/tea will be on Sunday 24th July at 10am.

Discover the God Who Awaits You Silent Retreat Weekend

In the midst of life's busyness do you yearn for a quiet space to reflect and to deepen your relationship with God?

**Friday August 26th, 8pm
 to Sunday August 28th, 3pm**

Pallotti College, Millgrove. Cost: \$180
 Facilitator: Lorraine McCarthy

... for anyone who would like a weekend of silence, but especially for those who feel drawn to silence, but have not yet experienced a time like this.

Inquiries: lorraine613@bigpond.com, or 0402 217123

All welcome!

EXPERIENCE TAIZÉ

Friday, 29 July, 6pm – 7pm at St Pius X Church

A Service of Prayer, Song and Contemplation. Come and experience this calming, quieting, welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of life.... All are welcome! Light supper after prayer will be provided.

An afternoon with Mary

A film in Italian organized by the FCI of St Clement of Rome On 31st July 2016.

Venue : Clifton Centre

Time 12.00 noon to around 3pm

Lunch followed by the screening of the film
 All are welcome.



St Clement of Rome Parish

5 Day Bus Tour and Pilgrimage to Sydney

Theme : *Journeying through the year of Mercy*

This pilgrimage will take us to several holy places including the Shrine of St Mary of the Cross McKillop and visitations to the Sacred Shrine of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

MONDAY 8TH August 2016 to FRIDAY 12 AUGUST 2016

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For details of itinerary, and to book a place, please contact :

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	Reader	May Teh	Jim Cowhey
	Special Ministers	Martin Teh	David Mitchell
		Warwick Wright	Pam Mitchell
		Linda Cultrera	Elsa Waters
		Elroy De Witt	Chris Zordan
		Warwick Wright	Trish Atherton
		Cecilia Lam	Anne Fusca
			Gloria Ng

23 rd /24 th July	Sacristan	Rita Gagliardi	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR	May Teh	Jim Cowhey
	Reader	John Bruce	Sylvie Duff
	Special Ministers	Loretta Galante	Maria Papalia
		Corinne Goh	Elsa Waters
		Reg Lecordier	Chris Zordan
		Rita Gagliardi	Trish Atherton
		Cecilia Lam	Grace Canatelli
		Elroy De Witt	Anne Fusca
		John Bruce	Fulvia Gerasolimo