

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt
to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO CALL GOD "FATHER!"

Luke hands on to us the "other" version of the Lord's Prayer: shorter and less familiar than that of Matthew, which has become the "official" version. But the Lucan version contains insights that are just as deep as those of Matthew.

Luke says that Jesus teaches this prayer after he had finished his own prayer, after the disciples who saw him praying had asked him to teach them to pray. The Lord's Prayer aligns the prayer of the disciples with the prayer of Jesus. On the other hand, it is a prayer intended for Jesus' own disciples. Luke is implicitly saying that the prayer used in the Jewish community, even the prayer John the Baptist taught his disciples, is inappropriate for his disciples. The disciples of Jesus are to have a prayer that distinguishes them as Jesus' very own. The heart of the prayer is the very first word: "Father!" This corresponds to the Aramaic word *abba*. In Luke, whenever Jesus speaks to God in direct speech, he addresses him as "Father!" which reveals his familial intimacy with God. In teaching them the prayer, Jesus allows the disciples to participate in his prayer, to dare use it after and with him. The Lord's Prayer is also important for the *paraenesis* or exhortation that accompanies it. Jesus exhorts the disciples to pray because God is so good. If an earthly father, wicked though he may be, knows how to give good things to his children, how much more will the Father in heaven give to those who ask him. He will give them the greatest of his gifts: the Holy Spirit (Lk 11:13). It is by the same Spirit that believers are empowered to call God *Abba*, Father! (Gal 4:6; Rom 8:15).

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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FIRST READING

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3

R. Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Though I walk in the midst of affliction / you give me life and frustrate my foes. **R.**
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, / your hand will do all things for me. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! / You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, / and in that Spirit we call God our Father. / Alleluia!

St Clement of Rome Church

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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.

Hope Ministry

Our next session is on **Saturday, 6th August at 10am** 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. RSVP to Cecilia at Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or 96503262.

The Gift of Grief

You are invited to a pastoral enrichment and formation seminar on **Wednesday 10 August 2016** titled *The Gift of Grief* with Fr Andrew Stringfellow.

Drawing on his own experiences of grief, Fr Andrew Stringfellow will lead a session focussed on the uniquely individual journey of grief and bereavement—and how to weave the loss into the fabric of a new life. This seminar is open to all those working or volunteering in supporting people through grief and loss in any pastoral ministries.

Flyer on the Notice Board. Registration is \$25 (includes morning tea and lunch) and can be completed via this link www.trybooking.com/MFMA.

For any enquiries or assistance with the registration then please contact Johanna Carroll at the Secretariat on 9926 5765 or Johanna.carroll@cam.org.au

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

Re Confirmation: Classes for children not attending St. Clement of Rome parish school began 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.

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.

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.

Death Anniversaries : Mario Notari

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Tue 26th July @ 9.15am—Mass for the Sick and Elderly—Grade 5
 Tue 26th July @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Clifton Centre
 Thurs 28th July @ 7pm—Bible Study
 Sat 30th July @ 4.30pm—Special Ministers training
 Tue 2nd August @ 4.30pm—Confirmation Classes in the Clifton Centre

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,233
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,115
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 McNeair 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

Mario's and Angela's Café

Thanks to both Mario and Angela for your service. Our next morning coffee/tea will be on Sunday 14th August in the Foyer.

A DEVOTION TO ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP



**' If I have love
 in my heart,
 I have You with me '
 Come and pray for
 peace in the world**

DATE: MONDAY 8 AUGUST 2016
MASS: 9.15AM FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL DEVOTION IN THE PRESENCE OF MARY'S RELIC.
PLACE: ST. CLEMENT OF ROME PARISH, BULLEEN
ALL ARE WELCOME

World Youth Day ...Krakow, 25th-- 31st July

As many young people from all over the world are making their way to Poland, we are pleased to say that the deanery has been able to offer some support to a young parishioner from St. Kevin's, Templestowe to go also. Her name is Mishika Perera and she has spent the last few weeks getting to know other pilgrims from Melbourne/Victoria as they plan, prepare, learn about WYD, Krakow and the programme in which they will participate. Let us join with all the pilgrims by our prayer and look forward to Mishika's promise to tell us about it on her return.

Selecting Bishops: Is there a role for lay people?

Wednesday, 5th October 2106, 7.45pm, Marian Hall—Mother of God school, East Ivanhoe. The presenter will be [Peter Wilkinson](#), who, among other professional roles, has lectured in missiology at Yarra Theological Union and has a broad vision about the future of the Church. It's long term planning so you can mark it in your diary now and not be disappointed by a 'clash' when October 5 comes !

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

TOTAL PACKAGE INCLUDING : Coach with experienced coach driver, Accommodation, 4 buffet breakfasts and 4 dinners @ \$550 per head based on 40 passengers. Price includes twin share. Single supplement is an extra \$55, per night, per person on top of the \$550.

All morning/afternoon teas, lunches and entry to venues at own cost.

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

Ugo Romanin—Tel 9850 1819 or email : oriellaromanin@hotmail.com .

Liturgy Roster		Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
23 rd /24 th July	<i>Sacristan</i>	Rita Gagliardi	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i>	May Teh	Jim Cowhey
	<i>Reader</i>	John Bruce	Sylvie Duff
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	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
30 th /31 st July	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i>	John Bruce	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Rocco Gagliardi
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Linda Cultrera	Trish Atherton
		Rene De La Cruz	Grace Canatelli
		Elroy De Witt	Anne Fusca
		Loretta Galante	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Corinne Goh	Gabriella Grande
		Miriam Ho	Eleanora Mascitti
		Cecilia Lam	Silvia Mascitti