

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

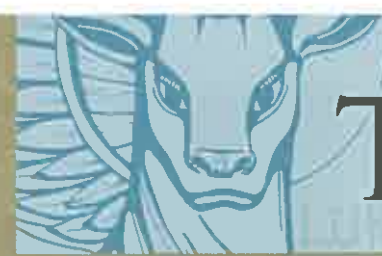
Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

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## JESUS IS OUR PEACE

Jesus bids the seventy-two disciples whom he sends on a mission to give the greetings of peace to whatever house they enter. The Hebrew *shalom* (peace) does not only mean absence of war or conflict. It has a wider connotation of "being complete" or "being okay". Whatever puts the person in the right condition is connected with peace.

Jesus bids his missionaries to bring *shalom* to wherever they go. This is not just a simple greeting or wish, but a sharing of God's gift of *shalom*: peace, joy, well-being, salvation. Primarily they share the *shalom* of Christ, the Messiah and the Son of God, by their proclamation: "The kingdom of God is at hand for you". For those who welcome Jesus' messengers, peace will remain in their household.

The disciples' message is so important that those who refuse to listen to them invite judgement on themselves. This is because the messengers are Jesus' ambassadors who represent him and who speak in his name. The shaking off of dust by the refusing town is a warning. The Jews would do this upon leaving the Gentile village or town to make sure that nothing unclean would remain on their sandals. They, after all, had nothing to do with the Gentiles. In the same way, those who refuse Jesus' messengers are considered separated from Jesus, separated from God. There is no *shalom* in their household.

Peace is the fruit of Jesus' coming and of his saving acts, of his sacrifice on Calvary. Jesus brings true peace through his suffering and death, because through his cross, he unites all. Paul expresses this so forcefully: "For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart" (Eph 2:14).

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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## FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21

A reading from the first book of the Kings

*Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESP PSALM Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11. R. cf. v. 5

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.' / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize. R.

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay. R.

4. You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever. R.



## SECOND READING Gal 5:1, 13-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

*My brothers, you were called to freedom.*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia! / Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; / you have the words of everlasting life. / Alleluia!

# St Clement of Rome Church

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**Communion to the Sick:** Trish Atherton (9850 2746), **Clifton Centre:** Mary Hansen (9850 1860)  
**St Vincent de Paul Helpline (1300 305 330)**

## Federal Elections:

Parishes, prayer groups and communities have been asked by the Vicar general to set aside Friday 1 July as a day of prayer for the family, prior to the Federal Election. We will have a special adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Friday morning Mass. We encourage you to make, attend and pray for this special intention.

**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 meeting : 30th June @ 7pm 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. The proposed group will serve at the 5.30pm Saturday Mass. Barbara, long-time parishioner and accomplished music teacher, is very well versed in Liturgical Music and forming Choral Groups. Regular rehearsal will start on **Saturday 16 July at 4.30pm** in the Clifton Centre.

## Hope Ministry

Our next session is on **Saturday, 9 July at 10.00** in the parish office. During our last session we explored the topic: The Sacred Speech of Lament. Through meditation and prayer on different topics we hope to gain a good understanding of loss and bereavement as a process. All are welcome to participate. RSVP to Cecilia at [Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au](mailto:Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au) or 96503262.

**Altar Servers:** A training session was held on **Saturday 25 June at 4.45pm** before the 5.30pm Mass, under the supervision of Mr. Chris Zordan, one of our Special Ministers. Our next session is on Saturday 9 July at 4.45pm. Parents please encourage our children to serve at the altar.



## PARISH DIARY

Thurs 30th June @ 7pm—Bible Study in the Clifton Centre  
 Sat 9th July @ 10am—Hope Ministry in the Parish Office  
 Sat 9th July @ 4.45pm—Altar Server's training  
 Sun 10th July @ 10am—Morning Tea

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

**First Communion** for the children not attending St. Clement's Parish School will be held on Saturday, 16 July 2016 at 5.30pm.

## Confirmation – Term 3 & 4

We have closed enrolments for the year. Classes for Confirmation—every Tuesday afternoon at 4.30pm to 5.30pm beginning on 19th July (not at 4pm as stated before)

Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 22nd October at 2.30pm & 5.30pm.

## Parent's Information Evening

Confirmation - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm with Fr. Elio Capra in the Clifton Centre.

**Congratulations to the children from the school who received their First Communion on Saturday 18th June during the 5.30pm Mass.**

**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.

## Special Collection—Next Weekend

Peter's Pence special collection will be held next weekend. Thank you.

## Mario's and Angela's Café

Thanks to both Mario and Angela for your service. There certainly was an animated 'buzz' in the foyer with many taking time to stop, chat after the 9.00am Mass and before the 11.00am Mass.

Our next morning coffee/tea will be on Sunday 10th July at 10am.



## The Sacred Fire

A day with Fr. Ron Rolheiser for all in Lay ecclesial ministry. Venue: Treacy Centre  
 Date: 6 July 9.00 am  
 Cost: 25  
 Bookings through [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)

## Jewish and Catholic Friendship Dinner

Sunday 17th July 2016 at the Catholic Leadership Centre (corner Albert Street and Hoddle Street, East Melbourne). Bookings close on 14th July. Contact : 9272 5641. More information on the Notice Board.

**Collections Last Weekend**  
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving) Actual — 2,506  
 2nd Collection (Presbytery) Actual — 1,209  
 Many thanks & every Blessing!

Our Week-End Mass Income consists of two collections and are accounted for separately as follows:

The 1<sup>st</sup> Collection : Thanksgiving Envelope Offering and " loose money" is the Church Account and goes towards paying the following Parish Expenses:

- All Administrative Expenses including Salaries
- Archdiocese Levies
- Loan Interest Payments
- Pastoral Expenses including Salaries
- Property Costs—incl. Insurance, Maintenance, Electricity & Gas Municipal Charges
- Supply Fees for visiting Priests

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: ( known as the Presbytery Offering ) is used to support -

- Our Parish Priest
- Our Italian Chaplain
- The Archbishop
- Sick & Retired Priests



Congratulations & Welcome to God's Family at St Clement's Parish  
**Archer Wilson**  
**Alessandro Ubergang**  
**Xavier & Alexander Visedo**  
 baptised this weekend.

## 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](mailto:oriellaromanin@hotmail.com) by 15th July 2016.



## 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 : Vito Midolo, Domenico Ferraro**

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

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**