

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of
 David our father;
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others', they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One'. The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself'. Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / C

20 November 2016

WOUNDED HEALER

The Passion Narratives of the Gospels are not just historical accounts of the suffering and death of Jesus of Nazareth but stories told according to the theological perspectives of the evangelists. Each evangelist has his specific "eye" in seeing and interpreting the Golgotha event. Mark and Matthew see Jesus as a "man of sorrows" who feels the absence of God in his direst need. John presents Jesus as "king" who is "lifted up" on the cross. Luke, in turn, sees Jesus as a "wounded healer". Even in his suffering, Jesus goes out of his way to "save" others; he refuses to save himself by coming down from the cross. Jesus asks the heavenly Father to forgive those who maneuvered his condemnation and crucifixion. He saves the "repentant thief" by promising him Paradise.

Crucifixion was a severe punishment imposed by the Romans against any criminal and insurrectionist. But for Luke, the crucifixion of Jesus shows an innocent man being led like a lamb to the slaughter, God's "Suffering Servant" who is pierced for our offences and by whose stripes "we were healed" (Is 53). As the Christian Community Bible notes: "On the way to crucifixion, Simon of Cyrene is made to carry the Cross, and Luke adds 'behind Jesus' (v 26). Simon thus becomes an example to every Christian disciple." This reflects the earlier words of Jesus, "If anyone wishes to be a follower of mine, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" (cf. Lk 9:23; 14:27).

Henry Nouwen, the late spiritual writer who touched the hearts of people, popularised the expression "wounded healer". In his writings, Nouwen confessed of his own woundedness and loneliness, yet he healed many souls. In his way, he shared the woundedness and healing power of Jesus.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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FIRST READING 2 Sam 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel
They anointed David king of Israel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / 'Let us go to God's house.' / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city / strongly compact. / It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. **R.**
3. For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 1:12-20

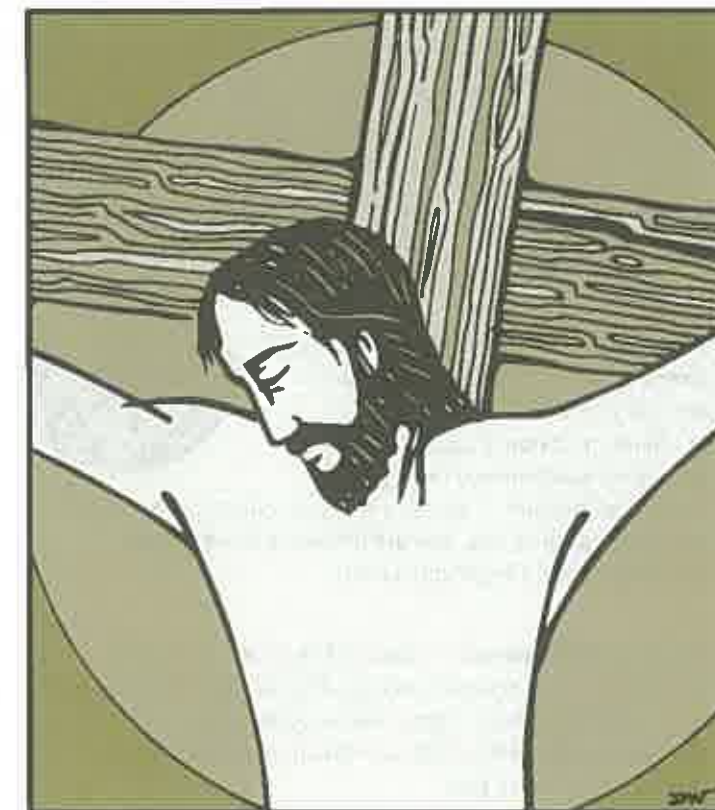
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God



and the first-born of all creation,
 for in him were created
 all things in heaven and on earth:
 everything visible and everything invisible,
 Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers —
 all things were created through him and for him.
 Before anything was created, he existed,
 and he holds all things in unity.
 Now the Church is his body,
 he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
 he was first to be born from the dead,
 so that he should be first in every way;
 because God wanted all perfection
 to be found in him
 and all things to be reconciled through him and
 for him,
 everything in heaven and everything on earth,
 when he made peace
 by his death on the cross.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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St Clement of Rome Feast Day Mass on Wed 23 November.

A morning tea to celebrate our feast day after the morning Mass. A good way to end the Jubilee Year of Mercy at St. Clement of Rome and to continue spreading God's mercy through this simple celebration. Please do make an effort to attend the Mass and morning tea. You are invited to bring a plate. Contact: Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au



Hope Ministry. Over 6 months we have come together to pray, to listen, to support each other, to equip ourselves with important skills and to discern the direction we need to take in carrying out the work of mercy we began this year. In 2017, we will begin in earnest our work in the community. This weekend members of the group will be in attendance before and after Mass to hand information leaflets and answer questions about this new and important ministry in the Parish.
Convenors: Sue De Bortoli sue.28@bigpond.com and Elroy DeWitt Elroy.dw@gmail.com

Important Information—Parish Office hours from 14th November until Christmas will be only on Tue & Thurs 1pm—6pm and Fridays 9am—5pm. Please leave emergency messages on 9850 3262 (Parish Office) or 9850 6073 (Presbytery). Thank you.

YOUTH EVENT: St. Clement of Rome will be having an inaugural event for all the young people of the Parish. It will be a night with Pizza and games in a healthy, happy and safe environment. Parents do encourage your children to attend. Please pick up an invitation letter. All young people under 18 must have a signed permission slip to attend the event. Date: **Friday 2 December 2016** Time: **6.00pm to 8.30pm** Place: **Clifton Centre** Youth Convenors: Linda Cultrera lindacultrera@gmail.com and Alex Notari anotari1@bigpond.com

Christmas Mass Time Table - 2016

Friday 16th December
7.30pm Parish Reconciliation Service

Saturday 24th December
5.30pm Family Mass, 8.00pm Italian Vigil,
10.00pm Maronite Vigil, 11.30pm Carols &
12.00 Midnight Mass

Sunday 25th December
9.00am Mass, 11.00am Mass in Italian
6.00pm Maronite Mass



Mario & Angela's Café - Next 27/11/16— You are all invited to come for morning tea after the 9am Mass in the Clifton Centre. Thank you.

Thanksgiving Envelopes : Please collect your envelopes for the period 4/12/2016—28/05/2017 available in the Foyer. Thank you.

Baptism Welcoming

This weekend, we welcome :
Xavier Tan
Milano Virgona

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.

Death Anniversaries : Gemma Piaser, Mariano Cerrato
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 23rd Nov @ 9.15am—Feast of St Clement Mass
Thurs 24th Nov @ 7pm—Advent Session 1 in the Clifton Centre
Sat 26th Nov @ 10am—Hope Ministry in the Parish Office
Sat 26th Nov @ 5.30pm—Advent 1— Prep 2016 & 2017 Mass



Everyone Welcome!

YARRA DEANERY

ADVENT REFLECTION

PRAYER ON THE PIAZZA

Holiday pizza and drinks and carols

Wednesday, 14 December 2016

7:00pm

St. Clement of Rome Parish

7-21 Egan Drive

Bulleen VIC 3105

YEAR OF LUKE

FR. ELIO CAPRA—LECTURE

Papa Francesco nel suo libro *Il Nome di Dio e' Misericordia* scrive: "La chiesa non e' al mondo per condannare, ma per permettere l'incontro con quell'amore che e' la misericordia di Dio". Se vogliamo sapere di piu' sull'argomento domenica 27 novembre avremo l'occasione di poterlo fare con Padre Elio Capra che terra' per noi una conferenza dal titolo: Luca l'evangelista della misericordia di Gesu', al Clifton Centre. Prima della conferenza come il solito ci sara' da mangiare e bere; il tutto a offerta libera. Prenotatevi con Giorgio, Antonietta o Ugo.

Domenica 11 dicembre invece ci sara' una domenica pre-natalizia con il film: *Maria di Nazaret*. Anche in quella data ci sara' il pranzo. Faremo la pasta all'amatriciana e tutto il resto, con offerta libera.

Sara' un'ottima occasione per stare insieme e incominciare a festeggiare il S. Natale che ormai sara' alle porte. Vi aspettiamo numerosi. Prenotatevi!

St. Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
welcomes you to a very special Christmas Concert
a "Presepio Musicale"
to honour the birth of Christ and at the same time lend a helping hand to all those devastated by the recent earthquakes in Central Italy.
Venue: St. Clement of Rome Church, Egan Drive, Bulleen.
Dates: Friday 9 December 2016
Times: 6.45pm
The Banda Yarra Deanery Bulleen, Conductor M. Carmelo Puglisi
Parish Choir, Conductor M. Giampaolo Casoli
Sicilia Bella Choir, Conductor M. Gianni Conzano
MC and Co-mpere: Cav. Frank Di Biasi, O.A.M.
Entrance donation \$20.00 per person.
For bookings contact the Parish office on 9850 3262 or Giorgio Ragland 0419 961 913

MATTHEW
The Prophecy Fulfilled

St. Clement of Rome Parish
invites you to:
"Beginning the New Liturgical Year with Matthew"

Two sessions on the Advent Sunday Readings.
Thursday 24 November 2016 (Advent 1 & 2)
Thursday 8 December 2016 (Advent 3 & 4)
7.00PM - 9.00PM
The Clifton Centre, St. Clement of Rome Parish, Egan Drive, Bulleen
Presenter: Fr. Chris Monaghan, cp.

Father Chris Monaghan cp. a Passionist priest, studied at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. He is the current President of Yarra Theological Union. He has taught at VTU and the Archdiocese of Melbourne since 1987 in the area of New Testament studies.
All are welcome to Christ talk and the Parish Run Programme beginning in February 2017. Contact: Mark Gregor (Convenor) markg@bulleen.net.au or Cecilia Tan (Pastoral Associate) Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au

Piety Stall

Following items are now available in the Piety Stall of St. Clement's. Christmas Cards, Calendars for 2017, Daily Missal, Religious Books and Melbourne Catholic at \$4 each.

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
19/20 November	Sacristan <i>John Bruce</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR <i>Rene De La Cruz</i>	Tim Landsberg
	Reader <i>Linda Cultrera</i>	David Mitchell
	Special Ministers <i>John Bruce</i>	Chris Zordan
	<i>Rene De La Cruz</i>	Trish Atherton
	<i>Elroy De Witt</i>	Grace Canatelli
		Anne Fusca
		Gabriella Grande
		Eleanora Mascitti
		Sylvia Mascitti
26/27 November	Sacristan <i>Rita Gagliardi</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	COMMENTATOR <i>John Bruce</i>	David Mitchell
1 st Sunday of Advent	Reader <i>Rocco Gagliardi</i>	Maria Papalia
	Special Ministers <i>Linda Cultrera</i>	David Mitchell
	<i>Corinne Goh</i>	Pam Mitchell
	<i>Cecilia Lam</i>	Gloria Ng
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan
		Trish Atherton
		Anne Fusca