

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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AGAINST DISCOURAGEMENT

Jesus tells the two parables in today's Gospel to counter discouragement on the part of his disciples. The discouragement would stem from disappointment at how little impression the Kingdom of God, whose onset he is proclaiming, seems to be making among the populace at large.

The parables promote a correct understanding of the Kingdom. The disciples seem to be seeing it as involving transformation of the social and political order in a very outward and concrete way, whereas, for Jesus, the essence of the Kingdom is renewed relationship and intimacy with God—something available to people here and now through repentance and faith (Mark 1:15).

In the parable of the Seed Growing Secretly, once the landowner has sown the seed he simply lets it be. He goes about his life, confident that the soil will work a growth process unseen, without any intervention on his part. Only when he sees the grain is ripe, does he move to put in the sickle for harvest.

Jesus, in his preaching, has sown the "seed" of the Kingdom. A period may follow when nothing visible or dramatic seems to be happening. But all the while, though unseen, growth is taking place. In time a good "harvest" will appear.

Mustard seeds are very tiny. But in due course they grow into a shrub out of all proportion to their size. The disciples should not be discouraged by what would appear to be very insignificant beginnings of the coming rule of God.

Both parables have much to say to thoughtful life in the Church today.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ezek 17:22-24

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high
mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of
Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its
branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I,
the Lord, am the one

who stunts tall trees and makes the low
ones grow,

who withers green trees and makes the
withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord /
to make music to your name, O Most High, /
to proclaim your love in the morning / and your
truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree /
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will
flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing
fruit when they are old, / still full of sap, still
green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In
him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 5:6-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Corinthians

*Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it,
we are intent on pleasing the Lord.*

We are always full of confidence when we
remember that to live in the body means to be
exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and
not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say,
and actually want to be exiled from the body
and make our home with the Lord. Whether
we are living in the body or exiled from it, we
are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth
about us will be brought out in the law court of
Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves
for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of
God, Christ is the sower; all who come to
him will live for ever. Alleluia!**

St Clement of Rome Church

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Special Collection—this weekend

St Vincent de Paul (Mass for the Poor) winter appeal will take place this weekend. Appreciate your generosity.



Baptism Welcoming
 This weekend, we welcome:
Gabriele Ghuman
Ruby Oageng
Matteo Di Giulio
 Please pray for these children and their families

URGENT VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Co.As.It is an organization funded by the Department of Human Service & the Commonwealth Government. They are currently looking for Italian speaking people who are willing to volunteer one to two hours per week to visit elderly people of Italian origin, who are socially isolated or lonely and in need of company.

By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life.

If you are interested or require further information, please contact Tania on 0430 556 283.

CERCHIAMO VOLONTARI. URGENTE!

Co.As.It organizzazione al servizio della comunità Italiana D'Australia, cerca persone di lingua italiana che spendano da uno a due ore a settimana con persone anziane di origine italiana, che sono socialmente isolate e hanno bisogno di amicizia.

Portare un po' di amicizia a una persona sola può significare tanto per loro e anche per te!

Se sei interessato e ne vuoi sapere di più chiama Tania al 0430 556 283.

Pranzo Speciale

La comunità Italiana di S.Clemente Bulleen organizza un pranzo per "La Festa di S.Antonio" presso il Ristorante Carlucci in Templestowe per il 17 giugno 2018 alle ore 12.30pm. Vino BYO

Telefonare: Luigi Del Tondo—Mob 0422 783 213
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RCIA: These sessions are for anyone wishing to know more about the Catholic faith and those who wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

| Inquiry Night @ 7.30pm | Topic |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Thursday, 21 June 2018 | A belief that prayer gives life |
| Thursday, 2 August 2018 | A belief that trusts the world is graced |
| Thursday, 16 August 2018 | A belief that works for justice for all |

Workshop for Readers of God's Word

Thursday 26 July, 7–9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm)
 Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne.

The ministries of the Reader of God's Word and Extraordinary Minister of Communion are essential components of Holy Mass. This workshop will focus on the role of the Reader of God's Word and is ideal for both existing and new readers. This workshop comprises an overview of the theological underpinnings of this vital ministry and an exploration and practice of the skills needed to support best practice. Please note: interested participants are requested to seek authorisation from their parish priest prior to registration. Cost: \$20 (includes light refreshments and materials) Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/VKZO> Details: Suzanne Hermon on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

PARISH DIARY

Sun 17th June @ 10.00am—SVDP meeting in the Clifton Centre
 Tue 19th June @ 4.30pm—Reconciliation Classes in the Parish Office
 Wed 20th June @ 7.30pm—FCI Meeting in the Parish Office
 Thurs 21st June @ 7.30pm—RCIA Inquiry Night
 Sat 23rd June @ 10am—Sacrament of Reconciliation (ASRE)
 Sun 24th June @ 12.30pm—Baptisms

Sacramental Program 2018

All enrolments for the year are closed. Please register your interest for 2019 once the dates for 2019 have been organized.

RECONCILIATION: TERM 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 23rd June @ 10.30am (ASRE)

FIRST EUCHARIST: TERM 3

Classes commence: Tuesday, 17 July 2018 @ 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Parish Office
 Parents' Information Evening: Tuesday 17 July 2017 @ 7.30pm in the Clifton Centre
 Commissioning Mass: Saturday, 21 July @ 5.30pm
 Reconciliation before First Communion: Saturday 8 September 2018 @ 10.00am
 First Communion for After School RE children: Saturday 15 September 2018 @ 5.30pm

The fee to cover all administrative and resource cost is \$200 per sacrament per child from 2019. Fees payable on enrolment through the Parish Office. Please see Bernadine who is in charge of accounts. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the website or collected from the Parish Office. All enrolment forms must be completed and submitted by the last date for enrolment.

Scripture Classes:

"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ" - St. Jerome

You are invited to come to some or all of our gatherings for an in-depth exploration of Mark's Gospel. Meetings are fortnightly and held in the School Library from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Please contact: Mark Gregor @ mgregor@bigpond.net.au or Sue De Bortoli @ sue.28@bigpond.com or Martin Teh @ mcyteh@gmail.com or cecilia.tan@cam.org.au

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| 28 June 2018 (Thursday) | Mark 6 |
| 12 July 2018 (Thursday) | Mark 7 |
| 26 July 2018 (Thursday) | Mark 8 |
| 9 August 2018 (Thursday) | Mark 9 |
| 23 August 2018 (Thursday) | Mark 10 |
| 6 September 2018 (Thursday) | Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled |
| 20 September 2018 (Thursday) | Extra Day in case a class has to be cancelled |

Eat, Knit, Pray

We have had a gentle but good start to our gathering. The conversation was convivial, the friendliness and hospitality real and heart-warming. The seeds have been planted and with faith, hope and love, the group the conversation and the work to meet the needs of others will come to fruition. Our meetings: Every last Friday of each month. Please pick up a brochure from the foyer for more details.

| Liturgy Roster | Sat 5.30pm | Sun 9am |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 16/17 June | Sacristan <i>John Bruce</i> | <i>John Bruce</i> COMMENTATOR <i>John Bruce</i> |
| | Reader <i>Linda Cultrera</i> | <i>Linda Cultrera</i> Special Ministers <i>Rene De La Cruz</i> |
| | Special Ministers <i>Rene De La Cruz</i> | <i>Trish Atherton</i> <i>Grace Canatelli</i> <i>Corinne Goh</i> <i>Cecilia Lam</i> |
| | | <i>Anne Fusca</i> <i>Rita Gagliardi</i> <i>Fulvia Gerasolimo</i> <i>Gabriella Grande</i> <i>Eleanora Mascitti</i> |

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| 23/24 June | Sacristan <i>Rita Gagliardi</i> | <i>Rita Gagliardi</i> COMMENTATOR <i>Linda Cultrera</i> |
| | Reader <i>Jacinta De La Cruz</i> | <i>Jacinta De La Cruz</i> Special Ministers <i>Reg Lecordier</i> |
| | Special Ministers <i>Reg Lecordier</i> | <i>David Mitchell</i> <i>Maree Marsi</i> <i>May Teh</i> |
| | | <i>Pam Mitchell</i> <i>Maria Papalia</i> <i>Elsa Waters</i> <i>Chris Zordan</i> <i>Anne Fusca</i> <i>Gabriella Grande</i> |

| DATE | LETTORI | OFFERTORIO | MINISTRI DELL'EUCHARISTA |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------|
| 24/06 | N.BISOGNANO E.CASTRIOTTA | FAM. I.CICIRIELLO | G.BAGLIERI C.TRAVAGLINI G.FARFAGLIA |

"The Listening Church@ St. Clement of Rome"

What are we called to do? Who are we called to be? How do we need to change?

"Being Church means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love. This means that we are to be God's leaven in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bringing salvation into the world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope and strengthened on the way. The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good news of the Gospel." (Evangelii Gaudium #14)

"How can St. Clement of Rome be a place of mercy, hospitality, hope and forgiveness?"

We would love to hear your story of the Church as a place of mercy freely given, where people are welcomed, loved and forgiven and encouraged to live the good news of the Gospel. Two sessions are available for all to attend on 22nd June 2018 @ 11.00-12.30 and a repeat @ 7.00pm-8.30pm.

Plenary 2020: Please pick up a handout to have an understanding of what Plenary 2020 is about.



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.

