

before me, but I went off to Arabia at once and later went straight back from there to Damascus. Even when after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and stayed with him for fifteen days, I did not see any of the other apostles; I only saw James, the brother of the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 7:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Young man, I say to you, arise.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with him. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

THE SAVING WORD

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GOD HAS VISITED HIS PEOPLE

Nain is a town in southern Galilee, some kilometres southwest of Nazareth. The town has a fine view of the Plain of Esdraelon, which may explain its Hebrew form *naim*, which means "pleasant" or "delightful".

It is not certainly a pleasant scene that Jesus and his group see when they enter the town. Here Jesus meets a funeral cortege of a young man who has just died. Luke's focus is entirely on the mother and her poignant plight. A widow, now she has likewise lost her "only son", her only source of joy and security. Without any significant male (husband or son) in her life, she is as good as dead in her society.

At such a sight, Jesus "felt sorry" for her. The verb in the original Greek is *splanchnizomai*, which refers to the mother's womb and maternal care. Seeing the widow in such a state, Jesus is moved "viscerally", touching the very depth of his being. He then raises the dead one. In so doing, he not only gives life to the young man, but to the mother as well. Life is restored to the son, but also to the mother, whose place in the community is restored when the son returns back to life.

Earlier in the Gospel, Luke uses the same words coming from the lips of the old priest Zechariah. While holding his son John and being filled with the Holy Spirit, Zechariah sings of redemption that comes with the Lord's visitation: "Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for he has visited his people, he has come to their rescue" (Lk 1:68). In Jesus, God visits his people.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:17-24

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Look, said Elijah, your son is living.

The son of the mistress of the house fell sick; his illness was so severe that in the end he had no breath left in him. And the woman said to Elijah, 'What quarrel have you with me, man of God? Have you come here to bring my sins home to me and to kill my son?' 'Give me your son,' he said, and taking him from her lap, carried him to the upper room where he was staying and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, do you mean to bring grief to the widow who is looking after me by killing her son?' He stretched himself on the child three times and cried out to the Lord, 'Lord my God, may the soul of this child, I beg you, come into him again!' The Lord heard the prayer of Elijah and the soul of the child returned to him again and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper room into the house, and gave him to his mother. 'Look,' Elijah said 'your son is alive.' And the woman replied, 'Now I know you are a man of God and the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth itself.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13. R. v. 2

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me / and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. / O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, / restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **R.**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, / give thanks to his holy name. / His anger lasts a moment ; his favour through life. / At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **R.**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. / The Lord came to my help. / For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; / O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING Gal 1:11-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

God revealed his Son in me, that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans.

The Good News I preached is not a human message that I was given by men, it is something I learnt only through a revelation of Jesus Christ. You must have heard of my career as a practising Jew, how merciless I was in persecuting the Church of God, how much damage I did to it, how I stood out among other Jews of my generation, and how enthusiastic I was for the traditions of my ancestors. Then God, who had specially chosen me while I was still in my mother's womb, called me through his grace and chose to reveal his Son in me, so that I might preach the Good News about him to the pagans. I did not stop to discuss this with any human being, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were already apostles



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PARISH DIARY

Tue 7th June @ 4pm—Eucharist Classes in the Clifton Centre
Fri 10th June @ 9.15am—Whole School Mass for the Poor
Sun 12th June @ 10am—Morning Tea

Collections Last Weekend
1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
Actual — 2,374
2nd Collection (Presbytery)
Actual — 1,464
Many thanks & every Blessing!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2016

First Communion for the children not attending St. Clement's Parish School : Saturday, 16 July 2016 at 5.30pm.

Confirmation – Term 3 & 4

Classes commence Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 4pm
Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Saturday 22nd October at 2.30pm & 5.30pm.
Enrolments will be closed on 15/06/16.

Parent's Information Evening

Confirmation - Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A FEE OF \$150.00 PER SACRAMENT PER CHILD, WHICH NEEDS TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF ENROLMENT. FORMS CAN BE DOWNLOADED AND EMAILED FROM THE WEBSITE. PARISH OFFICE : TEL 9850 3262

A Ministry of Hope

An invitation goes out to those who wish to be part of this Ministry. Please leave your names with Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or with the parish office. A meeting was held on **Saturday 4 June at 10.00am** in the parish office. More news to come.

Music Ministry "For he who sings praise, does not only praise, but also praises joyfully; he who sings praise, not only sings, but also loves Him whom he is singing about/to/for." St. Augustine. Musicians, singers and those who would like to be part of this service to the parish, please leave your names with Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or the parish office. We would like to have another go in forming a group for the Saturday 5.30pm evening Mass. We will call for a meeting once we have a good number of interested participants. Please leave your name on the sign up sheet in the Foyer.

Working with children checks

All volunteers at St Clement's are required to have a current working with children check. This needs to be completed as soon as possible. Please go to the website : www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au. If you need any assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

Annual Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th - 70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 31 July at 11am by Archbishop Denis Hart. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: 9287 5587/ lmf@cam.org.au. Registrations close Friday 15 July.

Parish Priest : Monsignor Franco Cavarra (Parish Office 9850 3262) or (Presbytery 9850 6073)
Italian Chaplain: Fr Vito Pegolo (0419 736 890), **School Principal**: Mr Michael Heenan (9850 1216)
Pastoral Associate: Cecilia Tan (9850 3262), **Parish Secretary**: Bernadine De Silva (9850 3262)
Communion to the Sick: Trish Atherton (9850 2746), **Clifton Centre**: Mary Hansen (9850 1860)
St Vincent de Paul Helpline (1300 305 330)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2016

A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who pledged to our Stewardship (Thanksgiving) Program. Our pledged amount is \$2,409 per week from 211 parishioners. The figure pledged is over our target and will allow us to plan for the future. A special welcome goes to the 18 new families that have joined us for the first time. Time and Talent sheets are currently being processed and you will be contacted in the near future.

We would also like to thank the members of the Leadership Team and all those involved in the running of the Program, those who helped at the working bee, volunteers at Mass, speakers and those that took part in the follow-up process.

Thank you again for your generosity and support of St Clement's Parish.

Mario's and Angela's Cafe: 12 June 2016

Our next morning tea will be in the School Library or the Foyer, **not the Clifton Centre** as it is booked for another function. Please do come and spend time chatting, over a cuppa, a slice or a biscuit or two. Bring a plate if you wish share the delights of your talent with an appreciative crowd.



A snippet from last time: Two long standing parishioners of over 40 years met and introduced themselves for the first time! What a graced encounter over morning tea.

Craft Ladies :

Our grateful thanks to St Clement of Rome Craft Group for kindly donating \$300.00 from a recent craft sale.

New School Building Update

The school has recently been given formal approval by the Archbishop of Melbourne to commence the building of a new Multi Purpose Facility. This building will provide two Flexible Learning spaces (Science and Art) as well as new Student Well-being offices, staff room, multi-purpose gathering area, commercial kitchen and Before and Aftercare facilities. We are very grateful for the Archbishop's approval and support as this will enable our school to provide first class facilities for future generations of Catholic children in the Bulleen Parish.

We envisage that when the building is completed it will have no impact on the parish community or grounds as it will be replacing the 'current' administration building. In the building process we believe that there will be some car parking spaces used by the construction company for site sheds and building materials. Unfortunately this could not be avoided. This is likely to occur on the 'south side' of the car park. The architect has allowed for the easy access to the church from the 'north' side of the car park for all parishioners while the building is being constructed.

We envisage that the building will commence construction in late June and will be completed at the beginning of next year.

We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing support and assistance throughout the process.

Michael Heenan
Principal

Bible Study: Our first session on Thursday 2 June started well. You are more than welcome to join us at any other time. We also cater to studies in Italian within our Bible Study Group structure. Our next session is on the **16th June at 7.00pm**.



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 : Ines Pacini, Mary Dearsley, John Harison, Joachim Nguyen
Death Anniversaries : Carmela Guarino, Leanne Theisz
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

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

The 1st 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 2nd Collection: (known as the Presbytery Offering) is used to support -

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

Liturgy Roster

		Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
4 th /5 th June	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i>	May Teh	Mark Gregor
	<i>Reader</i>	John Bruce	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Rita Gagliardi	David Mitchell
		Loretta Galante	Pam Mitchell
		Corinne Goh	Gloria Ng
		Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
		Elroy De Witt	Elsa Waters
		Reg Lecordier	Chris Zordan
		Rene De La Cruz	Trish Atherton

11 th /12 th June	<i>Sacristan</i>	Rita Gagliardi	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i>	Paul Sammut	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Miriam Ho	Trish Atherton
		Cecilia Lam	Grace Canatelli
		Reg Lecordier	Anne Fusca
		May Teh	Fulvia Gerasolimo
		Maree Marsi	Gabriele Grande
		Elroy De Witt	Eleanora Mascitti
			Sylvia Mascitti