

place at table, a woman came in, who had a bad name in the town. She had heard he was dining with the Pharisee and had brought with her an alabaster jar of ointment. She waited behind him at his feet, weeping, and her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them away with her hair; then she covered his feet with kisses and anointed them with the ointment.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who this woman is that is touching him and what a bad name she has.' Then Jesus took him up and said, 'Simon, I have something to say to you.' 'Speak, Master' was the reply. 'There was once a creditor who had two men in his debt; one owed him five hundred denarii, the other fifty. They were unable to pay, so he pardoned them both. Which of them will love him more?' 'The one who was pardoned more, I suppose' answered Simon. Jesus said, 'You are right.'

Then he turned to the woman. 'Simon,' he said 'you see this woman? I came into your house, and you poured no water over my feet, but she has poured out her tears over my feet and wiped them away with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but she has been covering my feet with kisses ever since I came in. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. For this reason I tell you that her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. It is the man who is forgiven little who shows little love.' Then he said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.' Those who were with him at table began to say to themselves, 'Who is this man, that he even forgives sins?' But he said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 7:36-8:3

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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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FORGIVENESS REPAID BY GREAT LOVE

The anointing of Jesus by a woman is found in all four Gospels but there are differences in the accounts. Mark (14:3-9) and Matthew (26:6-13) have for location the house of Simon the leper in Bethany. An unnamed woman comes with costly perfumed oil and anoints Jesus' head. The account of John (12:1-7) places the anointing at Bethany but in the house of Jesus' friends: Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary. Mary anoints the feet of Jesus and dries them with her hair. She does it out of gratefulness to Jesus who raised her brother back to life.

Luke situates the anointing in the house of Simon the Pharisee somewhere in Galilee. A sinful woman, who is unnamed, barges in and bathes Jesus' feet with her tears, wipes them with her hair, and anoints Jesus' head with oil. Jesus contrasts the behaviour of the Pharisee Simon with that of the woman for whom Simon feels only disdain. Simon may have invited Jesus to table but fails to show hospitality. There is no water for cleansing, no kiss of greeting, and no oil for anointing. He also shows by his thoughts that he does not accept Jesus as God's prophet. In contrast, the woman proves prodigal in showing her love for Jesus. She pours out her love *because* she has been forgiven. She showers Jesus with signs of love and gratitude. In contrast, the Pharisee who feels no need of God's forgiveness does not show Jesus as warm a welcome.

In Hebrew the expression "loving" and "thanking" is used interchangeably. The sinful woman in Luke "loves/thanks" Jesus for forgiveness she has received from God. Mary of Bethany likewise "loves/thanks" Jesus for restoring Lazarus back to life.

Do we repay graces like these with a loving and thankful heart?

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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FIRST READING 2 Sam 12:7-10, 13

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The Lord God forgave your sin; you will not die.

Nathan said to David, 'The Lord the God of Israel says this, "I anointed you king over Israel; I delivered you from the hands of Saul; I gave your master's house to you, his wives into your arms; I gave you the House of Israel and of Judah; and if this were not enough, I would add as much again for you. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord, doing what displeases him? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, taken his wife for your own, and killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. So now the sword will never be far from your House, since you have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife." ' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Then Nathan said to David, 'The Lord, for his part, forgives your sin; you are not to die.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 31:1-2, 5, 7, 11. R. cf. v. 5

R. Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, / whose sin is remitted. / O happy the man to whom the Lord / imputes no guilt, / in whose spirit is no guile. R.

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; / my guilt I did not hide. / I said: 'I will confess / my offence to the Lord.' / And you, Lord, have forgiven / the guilt of my sin. R.

3. You are my hiding place, O Lord; / you save me from distress. / You surround me with cries of deliverance. R.

4. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, / exult, you just! / O come, ring out your joy, / all you upright of heart. R.



SECOND READING Gal 2:16, 19-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

I live now, not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me.

We acknowledge that what makes a man righteous is not obedience to the Law, but faith, in Jesus Christ. We had to become believers in Christ Jesus no less than you had, and now we hold that faith in Christ rather than fidelity to the Law is what justifies us, and that no one can be justified by keeping the Law. In other words, through the Law I am dead to the Law, so that now I can live for God. I have been crucified with Christ, and I live now not with my own life but with the life of Christ who lives in me. The life I now live in this body I live in faith: faith in the Son of God who loved me and who sacrificed himself for my sake. I cannot bring myself to give up God's gift: if the Law can justify us, there is no point in the death of Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / God first loved us and sent his Son to take away our sins. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 7:36-50

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Her many sins were forgiven her, because she has shown great love.

One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to a meal. When he arrived at the Pharisee's house and took his

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Special Collection

St. Vincent de Paul winter appeal will take place next weekend. Appreciate your generosity.

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 : 16th June @ 7pm in the Clifton Centre.
 Leaders : Mark/Martin (whole group)
 Leaders : Ugo and Giorgio (Italian group)

Hope Ministry: Our next session is on Saturday, 18 June at 10.00am. Together we explore the nature of grief and bereavement, and how we can support each other through many of life's transitions. All are welcome to participate. RSVP to Cecilia at Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au or 96503262.

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

Our next morning tea will be in the School Library or the Foyer, **not in 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.



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

Bulletin Board: We have a new display up in the foyer on the theme: Mercy for our children; Mercy for our World. Do stop and reflect on some of Pope Francis' thoughts from *Laudato si!* **Please do not post anything on the boards without clearance from the Parish Office. Thank you.**



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 : Armando Zanatta, Peg Stanners

Death Anniversaries : Quintino Trabucco, Luigina Varalla

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

May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH DIARY

Wed 15th June @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Clifton Centre
 Thur 16th June @ 7pm—Bible Study in the Clifton Centre
 Sat 18th June @ 5.30pm—Baptism Welcoming
 Sat 18th June @ 5.30pm—Sacrament of First Eucharist (Grade 4)

Collections Last Weekend
 1st Collection (Thanksgiving)
 Actual — 2,199
 2nd Collection (Presbytery)
 Actual — 1,156
 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 close this Wednesday, 15 June 2016. We cannot accommodate any more requests for 2016 after this date as our numbers are large this year.

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

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.

Looking after the Unemployed: From time to time we encounter people struggling with unemployment. If you do know of vacancies or are able to provide work for those looking for work, do let me know.

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
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	Gabrielle Grande
		Elroy De Witt	Eleanora Mascitti
			Sylvia Mascitti

18 th /19 th June	<i>Sacristan</i>	John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i>	Jacinta De La Cruz	Tim Landsberg
	<i>Reader</i>	Rene De La Cruz	David Mitchell
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Maree Marsi	Pam Mitchell
		Martin Teh	Gloria Ng
		Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
		Cecilia Lam	Elsa Waters
		Reg Lecordier	Chris Zordan
		Rita Gagliardi	Trish Atherton
		John Bruce	Anne Fusca