

# St Clement's Church, King Square

## Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

### 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

#### Collect Prayer

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good  
news of your love, that all who hear it may be  
drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on  
the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### First Reading Jeremiah 15:15-21

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

O LORD, you know;  
remember me and visit me,  
and bring down retribution for me on  
my persecutors.  
In your forbearance do not take me away;  
know that on your account I suffer  
insult.  
Your words were found, and I ate them,  
and your words became to me a joy  
and the delight of my heart;  
for I am called by your name,  
O LORD, God of hosts.  
I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,  
nor did I rejoice;  
under the weight of your hand I sat alone,  
for you had filled me with indignation.  
Why is my pain unceasing,  
my wound incurable,  
refusing to be healed?  
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,  
like waters that fail.  
Therefore, thus says the LORD:  
If you turn back, I will take you back,  
and you shall stand before me.  
If you utter what is precious, and not what is  
worthless,  
you shall serve as my mouth.  
It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the LORD.  
I will deliver you out of the hand of the  
wicked, and redeem you from the grasp  
of the ruthless.

#### Psalm (Psalm 26)



#### Response: Give judgment for me, O Lord.

Give judgment for me, O Lord:  
for I walk the path of perfection.  
I trust in the Lord; I have not wavered.  
O test my heart and my mind. /R

I never take my place with liars  
and with hypocrites I shall not go.  
I hate the evil-doer's company:  
I will not take my place with the wicked. /R

To prove my innocence I wash my hands  
and take my place around your altar,  
singing a song of thanksgiving,  
proclaiming all your wonders. /R

#### Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold  
fast to what is good; love one another with  
mutual affection; outdo one another in  
showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent  
in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be  
patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.  
Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend  
hospitality to strangers. Bless those who  
persecute you; bless and do not curse them.  
Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with  
those who weep. Live in harmony with one  
another; do not be haughty, but associate  
with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than  
you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but  
take thought for what is noble in the sight of  
all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you,  
live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge  
yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of  
God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I  
will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your  
enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are  
thirsty, give them something to drink; for by  
doing this you will heap burning coals on their  
heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but  
overcome evil with good.

## **The Gospel Matthew 16:21-28**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **For your prayers**

#### **In our Prayers:**

Hugh, Josh, Diane Rankin, Lloyd Whitney, Diane, Trevor, Vera, Chris Hall, Tommy Lacken, Christine & Tony, Sue, Margie Ives, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Nicky Young, Lenny Shaw, Roger Shaw, Matthew and Lucy and family, Fr Peter Rabin, Adele Skinner, Nigel Fletcher, Pat, Martin Fletcher, Mary-Rose Sinn

#### **Recently departed:**

Anna Coates, Trena, Phillip Avery, Brenda Skinner

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

Cecil Norman Hosken, Fr Guy Seymour Back, Emily Pope Albert Jardine, Fr Peter Jermyn, Kathy Hughes, Norman Haines, Fr Marsden Whelpton, Iorence Coke-Burnett, Constance Grace, Cyril Furnell

**In the Parish:** We pray for the Police and Emergency Services, all those on whom we rely for our safety.

**In the wider world:** We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia, for all affected directly or indirectly by the ongoing war.

### **Notices**

#### **This week in church...**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm Open Church  
10.30 Exploring Sunday sermons  
(with plenty of tea, coffee and cake)  
12.30pm Mass

Next Sunday Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity  
10.30am Sung Mass

### **St Clement's Shopping Basket**

The basket provides the chance week by week to donate to a collection of dried and tinned food and toiletries which can be passed directly to the **Dunloe Centre at St Saviour's Priory, Haggerston.**  
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