

# St Clement's Day

## 24th November 2024



### Collect

Creator and Father of eternity,  
whose martyr Clement bore witness with his blood  
to the love he proclaimed and the gospel he  
preached:

give us thankful hearts as we celebrate your  
faithfulness

revealed to us in the lives of your saints  
and strengthen us in our pilgrimage  
as we follow your Son, Jesus Christ our King,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### First Reading (Proverbs 15.1-4)

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

A soft answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge,  
but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place,  
keeping watch on the evil and the good.

A gentle tongue is a tree of life,  
but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

### Psalm (Psalm 89)



I will sing for e - ver of your love, O Lord.

**Response: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
Through all ages my mouth  
will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly  
established as the heavens **/R**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
Who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
Who find their joy every day in your name,  
Who make your justice the source of their bliss. **/R**

For it is you, O Lord,  
who are the glory of their strength;  
It is by your favour that our might is exalted;  
For our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
Our king in the keeping  
of the Holy One of Israel. **/R**

### Second Reading (Philippian 3.17-4.3)

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and  
observe those who live according to the example  
you have in us. For many live as enemies of the  
cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and  
now I tell you even with tears. Their end is  
destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is  
in their shame; their minds are set on earthly  
things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is  
from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the  
Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our  
humiliation so that it may be conformed to the  
body of his glory, by the power that also enables  
him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love  
and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the  
Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same  
mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal  
companion, help these women, for they have  
struggled beside me in the work of the gospel,  
together with Clement and the rest of my co-  
workers, whose names are in the book of life.

## **The Gospel (Luke 14.7-11)**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God our redeemer,  
whose Church was strengthened  
by the blood of your martyr Clement:  
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice  
that our lives, broken and offered with his,  
may carry his death  
and proclaim his resurrection in the world;  
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, Sue, Kathy, Maria Amparo Garcia, Maria, Lenny Shaw, Pat, Vanessa, Eamon Irvine, HM King Charles, Steve, Tracey Sanderson, Fr Michael Shier, Michelle Ferguson, Maria Vaccaro, Robert Russell, , Gwendoline Facey, Charles Allen Carol Martin, Nancy Campling, Philomena Sorrenti, Martin Fletcher, Jan Bone, Francis Burrows.

### **Among the departed:**

Lena Kennedy.

### **Anniversaries of Death:**

Charles Ryan, James Terence Crowley,  
Elizabeth English, James Frazer

### **In the Parish:**

We pray for St Luke's Estate

### **In the wider world:**

We pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia. All who have been killed, injured or driven from their homes, and all who lives are overshadowed by the current conflict.

## **Notices**

### **In Church this week**

#### **Wednesday 27th November**

##### **Open Church 10am-1pm**

11am "Walking Backwards to Christmas"  
The Christmas Story from a different angle  
**12.30pm Mass**

### **Next Sunday Advent Sunday**

##### **10.30am Sung Mass**

## **Communion Hymn**

Anchor of souls, in life's tempestuous ocean,  
Jesus our Lord, be present, we implore thee,  
so, by thy grace shall each unruly motion  
bend to adore thee.

Fain would we celebrate thy martyr's praises,  
Clement, our patron, throned with thee in glory,  
surely with hope the feeble heart upraises,  
telling his story.

Whelm'd in the flood, the anchor fast beside him,  
emblem of hope in Christ's unfailing merit,  
firm as a rock, tho' pain and death betide him,  
yielded his spirit.

Therefore, dear Clement, we with thee adoring  
Jesus, the fount of peace and joy and glory,  
join in his praise, thy kindly help imploring,  
telling his story.

*Written by RG Wood of Guinness Buildings in our parish  
— written for St Clements church, early 1900s.*

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