



SUNDAY 20TH JULY, 2025.
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 10:38-42)

The story of Martha and Mary has been interpreted fairly consistently over the centuries. Mary's silent contemplative pose at the feet of Jesus has been affirmed while Martha's action-oriented focus has been seen as a less desirable Christian stance. To be a "Mary" is to "choose the better part". To be a "Martha" is to be "anxious and distracted about many things".

In recent times, some interpreters have re-evaluated this reading of the Martha-Mary story. They have drawn attention to the many voices that inform the Gospels and have suggested that this particular text reflects a struggle in early Church communities over the role of women in leadership and ministry.

One voice in the text comes from those who want to downplay the initiative of women like Martha and to affirm the silence of women like Mary. The same voice functions to pit the two women against each other and to cast Jesus in the role of arbiter between them, approving Mary's choice against Martha's. This voice has had the effect of creating a false dichotomy and of reducing the women characters to exemplars of active ministry on the one hand and of quiet contemplation on the other.

In other words, the negative judgement of Luke's Jesus reflects the views of a certain group in Luke's house churches rather than the words of Jesus of Nazareth.

A more women-friendly voice in the text presents Martha as the householder who welcomes or receives Jesus into her household church. This is possibly the voice of a circle of women disciples who preserved memories of women like Martha and Mary in less divisive ways. For these women disciples, Martha is a generous host who uses her

resources for the sake of the community. She welcomes those who share faith in Jesus and who listen to his words, among them her sister Mary.

The designation "sister" does not necessarily denote blood relationship. Mary may be one among many sisters and brothers in faith who gather to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share Martha's hospitality. According to the narrator, Martha is "pulled in every direction" (*periespato*) by many ministerial tasks (*peri pollēn diakonian*), and most leaders or church workers can sympathise with her in this. There is no indication in this description that she is distracted. This is in contrast with the subsequent evaluative comments of the Lukan Jesus. Coming from the lips of Jesus, the expression "anxious and troubled by many things" services a negative interpretation of Martha's exercise of leadership in the community.

This story is problematic in many ways. It forms part of a broader Lukan canvas where women provide the model for leadership but are more often than not excluded from its exercise. This is in stark contrast with the ways that women are presented elsewhere in the Gospels, especially in the Gospel of John.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Alfonzo Franze, Fr. Emmanuel Bonello, Sr. Nancy Freddi and Michael Kesik** who died recently and for **John Berty Nettar, Ninette Lerch, Andelina Persic and Antonio Guastalegname** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

The Word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?

He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R.)**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
Who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to

make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The Word of the Lord. (R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,

(All bow)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 110:4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

HOSPITALITY THIS WEEKEND

**after the 5pm and 9.30 am Masses at
St. Augustine's.**

All are invited to stay awhile after Mass to meet
and enjoy the company of fellow parishioners.

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass at
Corpus Christi next Friday 25th July**

ST. JAMES FEAST DAY FORMATION

Held at St. James Church, 336 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing. **Wednesday 23rd July 7.00-9.00pm.** Speaker: Fr. Jon Dupuche. Topic: Encountering Hinduism

ST. JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA, WILLIAMSTOWN

Encounter peace and tranquillity at St. Joseph's by the Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown. It is a place to gather, a place to stay, a haven for people seeking to nurture contemplation, explore and celebrate the wonders of the Earth and universe, nourish the body, mind and spirit.

Upcoming reflection days

Friday 15 August, Thursday 28 August

Upcoming retreat

7 days commencing Sunday 17 August.

Contact: 03 9397 6012

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YOU ARE INVITED TO ENJOY TAIZE PRAYER

An initiative of the Association of Pastoral Ministry Leaders Melbourne in supporting ministry in parishes, prisons, aged-care facilities, emergency ministry and hospitals. **Where: St. Augustine's Church Yarraville**
When: Wednesday 23rd July 2025.

Prayer will begin at **7.30pm** and last approximately 45 minutes to an hour, led by Marg Hayes, a member of the Association. Supper will be provided afterwards. Taize prayer comes from the monastic community formed by Brother Roger in the French village of Taize in 1940. We are invited to pray through silence, scripture readings, quiet music and chants composed by the brothers of Taize.

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will be the main celebrant at St. Augustine's.

All past and present parishioners most welcome.

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS OF LITURGICAL EVENTS CELEBRATED IN ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH?

Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings, Religious traditions such as novenas, Polish blessing of bread, Italian feast days – St. Lucy, St. Nicholas, World Youth days in the Diocese, photos of priests, etc. We would like to prepare a display board for the day of our Centenary Mass, if we can get enough photos.

WALKING GROUP

One of our parishioners who is a member of the Catholic Walking Club, is interested in forming a walking group of parishioners in our local area.

His proposal is to begin with slow walks around Yarraville and Seddon starting from St Augustine's Church, perhaps once a month, nothing too strenuous followed by a coffee. If you are interested in the proposal, or would like more information, please phone or text Peter, on 0405 555 334

CAKE STALL LAST WEEKEND

Thank you for your generosity towards the cake stall last weekend. All funds raised will go to buying flowers for each of the churches.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Saturday 26th July from 9am to 3pm at 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne. This event will offer a chance to learn about the College's programs, with information sessions and opportunities to ask questions.

PARISH PRIEST

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PARISH NEWSLETTER



To receive an Email copy of our newsletter, scan the QR code.

LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm
Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation.....8.00 am
St Augustine's....9.30 am
Corpus Christi..11.00 am
St Augustine's..11.30 am
(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am
Mass at Corpus Christi
St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

Thursday 7th August at
11am at St. Augustine's

COLLECTIONS

THE FIRST COLLECTION

is for the support of the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.

THE SECOND COLLECTON

which includes the envelopes, is for the support of the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.

We encourage people to set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, using these account details.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YARRAVILLE

St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 638052213.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:

BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413

CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE & ANNUNCIATION BROOKLYN

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413

QR Codes for one off donations.



This QR code is unique to the Parish of St. Augustine's and gives you access to giving a donation via **Credit card**.



This QR code is unique to the Parish of Corpus Christi Kingsville

There are census cards at the back of the church for new subscribers wishing to use weekly envelopes. Record details and put the card on the collection plate at Mass.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.
www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

ROSTERS FOR ST AUGUSTINE'S

AUGUST - NOVEMBER

available in the foyer

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(19th & 20th July)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Andrea Wilberger
Sam Polzella

Counting.....Phillip Marques

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(26th & 27th July)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm John Ryan

9.30am Gerald Bain-King
Anna Messina

Counting.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Julianna Barr

Mandy Rodrigues

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Khanh Nguyen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks for your donations of non-perishable food during the year. Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti, tins of tuna, tinned fruit, rice, jam, biscuits; washing powder/liquid, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes are always needed.