



SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER, 2025. 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 18:9-14)

The parable of the Pharisee and the toll collector follows that of the persistent widow and the unjust judge. Luke frames the parable with comments about being just or in right relationship (translated “virtuous”) and justified (translated “at rights with God”).

It is addressed to “certain people” who will find a mirror image of themselves in the first of the characters, the Pharisee. Historically, the Pharisees were honorable people, well-versed in Jewish religious traditions and faithful in observing the Law. They made up a very small percentage of the population. In the Gospels, they often appear as code for religious leadership that is self-focused, contemptuous of others, and out of touch with the struggle of ordinary people’s lives. In Luke, some of the Jesus’ harshest condemnation is reserved for the Pharisees of the Gospel.

The Pharisee goes up to the Jerusalem Temple to pray. There is no surprise in this. That is what Pharisees do. More surprising is the identification of the other person who also heads for the Temple to pray, a toll collector or tax agent, a man in the pay of the occupying forces, not exactly a person to be trusted and certainly not one connected with proper worship.

The Pharisee prays “to himself” or “by himself” or “about himself”: any one of the three translations is possible. He prays with his eyes cast sideways towards his thieving prayer companion. He prides himself on going beyond the prescriptions of the Law.

The toll collector, in contrast, stands at a distance, eyes cast down, beating his breast, acknowledging his need for God’s mercy and recognizing God as the source of compassion and forgiveness.

For an audience who “have confidence in themselves that they are righteous”, this portrait of the tax agent in right relationship with God is confronting. For such

people, being a tax agent is synonymous with being unrighteous.

The language of the toll collector’s prayer, “God be merciful (*hilasthēti*) to me a sinner”, evokes the prayer of a young man of Judah who, almost two centuries before, had seen his brothers die for their faith and who was himself facing death. The young man acknowledged the waywardness of his people, praying that God would be merciful to them and deliver them from persecution (2 Maccabees 7:37).

The toll collector of the Lukan parable is more in tune with the faith tradition of his people than is its respected guardian, the Pharisee. Once again, right relationship with God and others is less a matter of who we are or what we do than the spirit in which we do it. There is no room for self-righteousness in a Gospel way of life. We all need to admit our failings with humility, turn to God for forgiveness, and change our ways. Right now, this is what we are called to do as a human community that has failed to respect the integrity of the natural world and has exploited it for our own selfish ends. We can learn from the tax collector.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

BAPTISMS

We welcome this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism –

Zaheer Zeka, Evie McNamara, Marlo Hoban and Olive Hoban. May they, their parents and Godparents be filled with the Holy Spirit.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Rochelle Fraser and Domenica Genovese** who died recently and for **Sisay Haile and Elfines Haile** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment
of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be
accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of
him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement.
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm Ps 32:2-3, 17-19, 23. R. v. 7

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the
time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good
fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have
kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of
righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the
righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only
to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.
The first time I had to present my defence, there was not
a single witness to support me. Every one of them
deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it.
But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that
through me the whole message might be proclaimed for
all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the
lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil
attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly
kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the
world to himself; and the Good News of
reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who
prided themselves on being virtuous and despised
everyone else. 'Two men went up to the Temple to
pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The
Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I
thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust,
adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly
that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a
week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood
some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes
to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be
merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went
home again at rights with God; the other did not. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the
man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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 19:6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**PRISON VOLUNTEERS –
HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP**

A number of prisons in the Archdiocese have regular Masses and other services. At these Masses and services, there's an opportunity for volunteers to assist with setting up the worship space, assisting the prison residents who attend, to follow the service, and then sharing a social 'cuppa' with them afterwards. The expectation is that volunteers will be rostered on once every four weeks. If you're interested in assisting in this ministry, please contact the senior Catholic Prison Chaplain, Deacon Jim Curtain by email: Jim.Curtain@catholiccarevic.org.au and please include your phone number so that Deacon Jim can discuss the ministry with you.

PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws. You can read the letter online at www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill or at the top of our website, www.melbournecatholic.org/yarraville

NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES

Parishioners who haven't collected their next set of Stewardship Envelopes, due to commence the beginning of November, please do so this weekend.

Stewardship or planned giving enables prudent planning for the maintenance and improvement of our buildings, ongoing pastoral care of our faith communities and outreach to the wider community.

If you are not currently contributing to our stewardship program we encourage you to join by **setting up a direct debit or filling in a parish census card** available at the back of the churches. You can place the form on the collection plate or contact the Parish Office for a **set of envelopes**.

Many thanks for your ongoing and generous support.
Fr. Werner.

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is traditionally the month at which we pray for all the faithful departed, especially members of our families and friends, for it is a good and holy thing to pray for those who have died. Anyone wanting a Mass said in remembrance of a loved one or a family member, please fill in one of the November Envelopes available on the pews and at the back of the Church. As of next week, there will be a Remembrance Book at the front of the Churches for parishioners to write down the names of deceased relatives and friends they wish to be remembered and prayed for during the month of November.

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Wednesday 29 October from 10am – 3pm

Level 2 Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. Visit the museum to learn more about the life and legacy of Australian-born medical missionary in India and Servant of God, Dr Sr. Mary Glowrey JMJ. Mary Glowrey is one of two Australians currently being officially considered for sainthood. For more information about Mary Glowrey, visit the new website documenting her life and cause for canonisation at maryglowrey.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Sunday 30 Nov – Tuesday 2 Dec. 2025

**Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre,
1 Convention Place, South Wharf.**

Young people from Year 9 in 2025 up to those 25 years of age are invited to come along. Those aged 18-25 years are welcome to register as part of a group (Uni, school, parish etc.) or as an individual. Those under 18 will need to register as part of a group (school or parish) and be supervised by an adult group leader.

Run over three days, the Festival will bring together thousands of young people from all across Australia and include opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, Bishops, musicians and speakers. Each day will include the opportunity to engage in a wide range of activities including Mass, workshops, talks, live concerts, games, justice issues and an interactive expo.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: RCIA

RCIA is a process of discernment and learning for those who are not baptised and wanting to find out more about Catholic faith and for those already baptised in another Christian tradition who now desire to further their faith journey with the Catholic Church. For further information please contact Fr Werner or the Parish Office at yarraville@cam.org.au (03) 9314 7710.

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9.30am till 2.30pm

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PARISH NEWSLETTER:

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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 MASSThursday 6th November at

11am at St. Augustine's

COLLECTIONS

THE FIRST COLLECTION supports the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.

THE SECOND COLLECTON (includes envelopes), supports the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.

To set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, use 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:

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CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE &**ANNUNCIATION BROOKLYN**

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account:

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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 or contact the Parish office for a set of envelopes.

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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK(25th & 26th October)**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time****READERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm Rose Thomas

9.30am George Puckering

Anna Messina

COUNTING.....John Ryan**READERS:** Corpus Christi

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Nic Fusca

9.30am.....Phillip Marques

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK(1st & 2nd November)**All Souls Day****READERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm Kath Baker

9.30am Gerald Bain-King

Sam Polzella

COUNTING.....Phillip Marques**READERS:** Corpus Christi

11.00am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Val Taylor

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks for your donations of non-perishable food. 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.

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