



SUNDAY 1ST JUNE, 2025. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD. YEAR C REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (Luke 24:46-53)

Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been remembering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the Gospel and in today's First Reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God's presence among them.

In the Gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a Gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the Gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth".

In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (*Laudato Si'* 2).

Joy, peace, prayer and blessing have the final word in Luke's Gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians might fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died recently; and for **Mark Cuni and Frank Said** whose anniversaries occur about this time.
May they rest in peace.

BAPTISMS

We pray and welcome **Esmeralda Ruscito, Marcellus Ruscito** and **Mary Morrish** this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism and **Edith Fitcher** who will be fully received into the church. May they, their parents and Godparents be filled with the Holy Spirit.

ALL WELCOME NEXT SUNDAY **8TH JUNE AT 3PM**

PENTECOST JUBILEE CONCERT **at St. Augustine's Church Yarraville**

In the centenary year of St Augustine's
This celebration will be held in the church
in the form of a Concert
focusing on Liturgical Music
over the last 100 years.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2-3, 6-7, 8-9, R. v. 6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what

is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28:19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age,
alleluia.

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 083 347 Account No. 638052213.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:

BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE & ANNUNCIATION BROOKLYN

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:

BSB 083 347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account: BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413



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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 your contact details on the card
and put the card on the collection plate at Mass.

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S

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 to share on a
display board on the day?**

e.g. photos taken inside the church of 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.

If so, we would love to have them. It would be best if
you scan your photos, add details of names/date/
event etc. and email them to the parish at

yarraville@cam.org.au

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION**

Please keep in your prayers the following
Candidates from St. Augustine's,
Corpus Christi and Annunciation
who will be confirmed
by Bishop Martin Ashe
this Sunday afternoon, 1st June,
at St. Augustine's Church Yarraville.

We congratulate the candidates below

**Gabriel Concepcion, Hazel Drane,
Hayley Emmerton, Asha Hall,
Charlotte Jones, Frankie Lindsay,
Kiera Maltar, Khanh Matthews,
Pearl McIntosh, Stephanie Meares,
Aleksandra Palumbo, Oscar Rutherford,
Patrick Sutherland,
Annabelle Tadic-Woods,
Alessio Tamburro, Vivienne Thaus,
Oscar Valderrama, Pasquale Vartuli,
Owen Dundon, Joseph Misale,
Fred Lopez, Eve Smedley,
Evelyn Aguirre, Jax Bransgrove,
Jasper Colella, Benjamin Delovski,
Evie Doyle, Arianna Fezzoli,
Eva Fleet, Xavier Ho,
Isla Marevic-Adam, Theo Nicholls,
Oscar Ramos, Harry Randall,
Hugo Reanney, Oslo Ryan,
Ethan Phan, Lily Roberts,
Valerie Taranto,
Mariangel Zamrano Madariaga.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Appeal will take place on the weekend of **Sunday
22nd June**. Funds raised will be used to provide
assistance with food, clothing, household bills,
specialist homelessness services and support people
in need to find and maintain secure housing.

**For the up coming Winter Appeal, food items are the
most needed and we invite you to start purchasing
some extra food items in the days ahead when you
are shopping.**

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Wednesday 11 June 2025 from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Venue: Level 2, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street
Fitzroy. Free entry. Mary Glowrey is one of two
Australians currently being officially considered for
sainthood.

PARISH PRIEST

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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 MASS

Thursday 5th June at
11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CORPUS CHRISTI JUBILEE

PROCESSION: Sunday 22 June 2025

Procession begins after 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and concludes at Federation Square. On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), parishes, schools and communities are invited to send a group.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 7 June 2025. 9am – 12pm

Our Lady of Pentecost Parish will host a series of monthly pilgrimages at **Our Lady of Victories Basilica in Camberwell** on the first Saturday of each month, from May through to November 2025.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Celebration of the Eucharist
- Pilgrimage presentation
- Light refreshments

No registration required.

On Saturday 7th June, Very Rev Dr Brian Boyle EV (*Episcopal Vicar for Education in Diocese of Sandhurst & Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological College*) will explore the concept of Jubilee using his knowledge of Old Testament studies and its implication for the current context of the world.

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 THIS WEEK

(31st May & 1st June)

The Ascension of the Lord C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

Counting.....Les Vella

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(7th & 8th June)

Pentecost Sunday C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm John Ryan

9.30am Gerald Bain-King

Sam Polzella

Counting.....John Ryan

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Val Taylor

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.