



SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2025.
6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (LUKE (6:17, 20-26))

We are unlikely to consider ourselves blessed or happy when we cannot pay our bills or put food on the table. We are likewise slow to count our blessings, much less dance for joy, when we find ourselves in tears or when we are excluded, rejected, and treated with contempt. We are more likely to consider ourselves blessed when we do not have to be constantly worried about money or food and when others treat us with respect.

So why does Luke's Jesus declare the poor and suffering happy or blessed? And why does he seem to be so hard on those who enjoy economic security and the respect of others? What does the Gospel say to those of us who are somewhere between the destitute who are declared blessed and the wealthy who are told to watch out? What does this gospel offer to those who attract neither praise nor blame? There are no easy answers to any of this, beyond the clear evidence that Luke's Sermon on the Plain engages the theme of reversal that permeates this Gospel.

The poor are told that the reign of God is theirs. In others words, it is a present rather than a future reality. The poor can at least know that they are acceptable to God in ways that may be incomprehensible to the wealthy who, in their turn, are challenged to share their wealth. It is not much consolation for the hungry or those who weep to know that their "reward will be great in heaven" if heaven is a place enjoyed only in the afterlife.

"Heaven" is better understood as a way of talking about God's empire of justice and compassion. Reversal is expected in this life rather than the next. Weeping is usually connected in the prophetic literature with the disasters that flow from "ungodly" decisions. In our times, there are many weeping over "ungodly" decisions in relation

to asylum seekers and carbon emissions. Laughter seems a remote possibility for many displaced people of our world. We are reminded today of the Gospel imperative to work and pray that war-torn and climate affected countries will once again resonate with the sound of happy laughter.

Finally, our experience makes us wary of those who flatter us or put us on pedestals. It is generally only a matter of time before we fall from favour and find ourselves on the receiving end of criticism or even attack. It is ultimately better to be misunderstood and to be at peace with one's conscience in the pursuit of compassion and justice than to be the object of adulation and praise. I suspect it is only in handling life's challenges with dignity, grace, and single-minded focus on the Gospel that we find blessing or happiness.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Maureen Byrne** who died recently; and for **Francesco Morda** whose anniversary occurs about this time.
May they rest in peace.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis symbolically opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, marking the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year.

Jubilee years happen every 25 years and are times of reconciliation and renewal. The theme of this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope.

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.

He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots
to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

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 77:29-30
They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the
Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what
they craved.

SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins on
Ash Wednesday, 5th March.

Masses will be as follows:

Tuesday 4th March

6pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday 5th March

9.15am Corpus Christi Kingsville

10.30am St. Augustine's Yarraville

11.30am Polish St. Augustine's Yarraville

11.45am Annunciation Brooklyn

VISIT LOCAL PILGRIM PLACES

If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, we invite you to join us on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time.

Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration.

SAFEGUARDING

We ask that all volunteers, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, Counters, Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Musicians, please provide a copy of your WWCC card and complete the online training program ASAP. If you have difficulty in obtaining any of the above, please contact the Parish Office.

We have new rosters coming up soon and we will be unable to include people who haven't completed the requirements.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

- Parents of children attending State Schools who require their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation please contact Fr. Werner at the Parish Office.
- We are looking for volunteers to lead the Sacramental Preparation for children who are not attending our Parish Primary Schools.
- Volunteers will need the Working with Children Check and all the requirements from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

JUBILEE AND CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 3.00pm

Jubilee Concert (Sunday closest to laying of the foundation stone of the church). Focusing on Liturgical music over the last 100 years.

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST 9.30am

Jubilee Mass

Main Celebrant: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli
Back to St Augustine's. All past and present parishioners will be most welcome.

Sunday closest to the Feast of St Augustine.

SATURDAY 20TH DECEMBER 6.30pm

Jubilee Christmas Carols

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA EMERGENCY

APPEAL

In the two weeks following the ceasefire, 76 Caritas trucks crossed the border into Gaza carrying vital supplies, including food, bedding and shelter supplies. Included in the relief efforts is the delivery of 8000 winter clothing kits, all supported by funds from the Caritas Australia Gaza Emergency Appeal. These supplies are crucial in the harsh winter conditions.

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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 March 6th at

11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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VIETNAMESE LEGION OF MARY

Meets at 3.00pm Saturdays

at Corpus Christi Kingsville

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Meets at 10.00am Thursdays

at St. Augustine's Yarraville

TRUE NORTH YOUNG ADULTS

Contact Kim: ktruong49@gmail.com

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

(15th & 16th February)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Pina Guzzardi

Sam Polzella

Counting..... M. Fracalossi

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Imelda Gibson

Natasha Fernandes

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Frank Galea

9.30am..... Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Kahn Nguyen

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(22nd & 23rd February)

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Pat Mc Laughlin

Anna Messina

Counting..... Krystyna Biront

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Edith Fletcher

Robyn Miller Portillo

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Joseph De Bono

9.30am..... Gail Pearson

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Hong Nguyen

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.