



SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER, 2025.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel (John 2:13-22)

My mother once told me never to replicate a mistake that she had made when she was first married. She received an unexpected £2000 bequest from a relative and found herself confronted with a choice between purchasing furniture for the house my dad had just built and investing in a Dobell painting that had come on the market and that she dearly loved. After a good deal of soul-searching, she opted for the furniture.

Reflecting on this decision many years later, she told us: "You can sit on kerosene tins or wooden cartons, but you cannot live without beauty or the symbolic in your life. Never make the mistake that I made."

That advice comes to mind again as I consider today's feast and as I reflect on those who, over the ages, have taken to heart the message of the prophet Haggai and have attended to the building of God's house of worship.

Why celebrate the dedication of a church?
Why does this feast override the sequence of Sundays in Ordinary Time?
Why is it so important?

It is not so much a question of the beauty of the Church of St John Lateran in Rome that makes it important. It is more to do with what this particular church signifies for Christians.

The first Lateran Basilica was built in the time of the Emperor Constantine. Many of the Church Councils from the 7th to the 16th century were held there. It was known as the "mother and head of all the churches of the city (Rome) and of the world." It is the Pope's church and the basilica of Rome.

As such, it has functioned as a sign of unity for all Christians from the 4th century and has the potential to function in this way for all Catholic Christians in our

times. The selection from John's Gospel presents Jesus driving the moneychangers and the merchants from the Temple precinct in Jerusalem. These people had a legitimate function there, but some were more interested in financial gain than in respect for the Temple as God's dwelling place and as a locus of worship.

Jesus affirms the Temple as God's 'house'. He goes on to speak of the temple of his body that God will "raise up" after three days. The Gospel is thus a subtle reminder that the building is God's house only if our lives are congruent with what the building signifies. In Paul's theology, the church and its members are "God's building".

The term "church" has come to designate both the architectural edifice and the believers who assemble for worship. The building plays a crucial role in raising our hearts and minds to God and in leading us to deep respect for all of God's creation. My mother was right about the power of the symbolic.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Fr. Jim Staunton and Domenica Genovese** who died recently.

We also remember **Rita Mallia, Nicola Romano, Domenico, Giovanna, Rolando & Emma Picucci, Glen Antonovich** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

REMEMBRANCE BOOK:

A book is at the front of each 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. There are also envelopes available for those wanting a Mass said for deceased relatives or friends.

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v. 5

R. The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R)
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R).
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
The redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R).

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

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

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on

which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

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

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

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: 1 Peter 2:5

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a
holy priesthood.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES

This week, 10 - 15 November, there will be no weekday
Masses at Yarraville or Kingsville as Fr. Werner is away
on retreat.

ST. CECILIA'S EVE ORGAN RECITAL

Featuring Dion Henman, a classically trained pianist and
organist with extensive experience, on **Friday 21
November 2025 from 6pm – 7pm at St. Patrick's
Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.**

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

**Saturday 22 November 2025 from 7.30pm –
9.30pm** at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard
Street West Melbourne. Entry is by donation
and all proceeds go to supporting the St. Mary's
Star of the Sea restoration project.

FORUM INVITATION - 'TRUTH BE TOLD':

Responding to Yoorrook as a Catholic community

A forum to consider the process of truth-telling, what
Yoorrook has brought to light, how truth-telling
connects with treaty and how we can respond.
11.30am - 2.30pm, 12 November 2025 Venue: ACU,
Greg Craven Centre, Level 7, St Teresa of Kolkata
Building, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC **and** online.
Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/DGWXR>

PRISON VOLUNTEERS –HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP

If you're interested in assisting in this ministry, please
contact the senior Catholic Prison Chaplain, Deacon Jim
Curtain: Jim.Curtain@catholiccarevic.org.au
Please include your phone number so that Deacon Jim
can discuss the ministry with you.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP AND MASS

The weekly Italian Prayer Group and monthly Italian
Mass are on hold until further notice.

CAKE STALL

This weekend, **Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 November**, after
all the Masses there will be a cake stall. All proceeds will
go towards the entry costs of the youth of the Parish
who will be attending the **Australian Catholic Youth
Festival from 30 November – 2 December 2025**. The
Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young
people established by the Australian Bishops more than
ten years ago. There will be a range of presenters and
performers and opportunities to engage with other
young people.

HOSPITALITY

Next Weekend, **15 & 16 November** there will be
Hospitality after the **5pm and 9.30am Masses**.
Parishioners are invited to stop after Mass for a cuppa
and chat with fellow parishioners.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

2026 Enrolments are open. *Study scripture, theology,
pastoral ministry and spirituality.* For more information:
contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au

PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT

**12 November 2025 at St. Patrick's Cathedral Grounds,
East Melbourne, 11.30am – 12.00pm. Daily Mass will
be celebrated at 1pm for those who wish to remain.**

The **Year of Jubilee** is a time of mercy, renewal, and
reconciliation — a call to set right what has been broken
in our relationships with God and one another.

In response to the profound suffering endured by
survivors of abuse within the Church, Archbishop Peter
A. Comensoli has called for an inaugural *Prayer Service
of Lament* to be acknowledged in the Archdiocese of
Melbourne on **Wednesday 12 November 2025**. The
Service will primarily be held for survivors and their
families to hear this **Prayer of Lament** from the Church.
The gathering expresses our shared lament for the
abuse that has occurred as well as our commitment to
those who have suffered abuse within the church.

This service has been developed not as a single event,
but as the beginning of an evolving initiative.

READERS, MINISTERS AND ALL VOLUNTEERS in our
parishes are required to have a current Working with
Children Check, signed the Code of Conduct and
completed the Safeguarding Essentials Module. If you
have a WWCC for your work, or VIT Registration, you
also have to inform WWCC that you are a volunteer at
St. Augustine's or Corpus Christi. Give the address, 71
Somerville Road Yarraville, so WWCC can mail a photo
copy of your card/registration to the parish for our
records.

PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Werner Utri

PARISH SECRETARY: Emilia Balkan**PHONE:** 0401 158 113;

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

9.30am till 2.30pm

PARISH WEBSITE:www.melb catholic.org/yarraville**SAFEGUARDING:** Pat Mc Laughlinpatmac766@gmail.com**PARISH CHURCHES****ST AUGUSTINE'S**

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CORPUS CHRISTI

376 Geelong Road, Kingsville

ANNUNCIATION

4 Nolan Avenue, Brooklyn

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

On hold until further notice

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:

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 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(8th & 9th November)**Dedication/Lateran Basilica C****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Phillip Marques

Anna Messina

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

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....George Puckering

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK(15th & 16th November)**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time C****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

COUNTING..... Val Taylor**READERS:** **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Phillip Marques

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Khanh Nguyen

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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