



SUNDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2025.
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 12:49-53)

There is a sense of urgency in today's Gospel. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed in 3:16 takes effect.

Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy descends on all God's people (Acts 2:18-19).

Those who have experienced the effect of the all too frequent bush fires in Australia or the wild fires of California can appreciate the power of this image. Climate change is undoubtedly increasing the risk of destructive fires. Drier conditions wither plant life that then becomes fuel for the fires. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake.

Linked with the image of fire is that of water: Jesus has a "baptism with which to be baptized". Once more, a sense of urgency is expressed as the power of water is evoked. Like fire, water has power to destroy and power to save. Fire and water become metaphors for the hard won Gospel path to peace. Jesus seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (Luke 1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the families they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect

members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

The Lukan Jesus is almost certainly describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the Gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the Gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We need to struggle with its ambiguity.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Trang Nguyen, Rosie Devey** and **Trini Emmanuel Nettar** who died recently and for **Cristina & Modestino Santucci, Joseph Pham & Maria Teresa Pham** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

This week Fr. Werner will be attending a Clergy Conference so there will be **NO WEEKDAY MASSES** this week (Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August).

HOSPITALITY

After 5pm and 9.30am Masses this weekend.
All welcome to stay for a Cuppa and chat.

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross,

disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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: Ps 129:7

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA

At the Parishes of St Augustine's, Corpus Christi and Annunciation we welcome people who are searching for spiritual meaning in their lives or for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. The 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. A new group will begin early September, if you would like further information about joining us please contact Fr Werner or the Parish Office at yarraville@cam.org.au

(03) 9314 7710 Parishioners you can help!

Perhaps you know someone who is asking questions about faith or about becoming Catholic, you might like to invite them to contact Fr Werner and accompany them in finding out a bit more about what Catholics believe, how we celebrate our faith and live our lives.

PRAISE THE LORD - FREE CONCERT

Friday 22nd August at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 8pm.

The combined choirs of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Francis' Church with the Symphonia of Melbourne. A celebration of the life of John Henry Byrne, singer, composer & passionate advocate for church music. Walk-ins on the day are welcome or you can assist by registering in advance via trybooking.com/BRYBS
melbournecatholic.org/cathedralmusic

VALE BISHOP PETER ELLIOTT

A Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for the repose of Bishop Emeritus Peter John Elliott will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 18 August at 10.30am.

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

If you can help before Mass, during and/or after the morning tea, please complete the sheet at the back of the church so you can be contacted regarding the tasks required.

All past and present parishioners most welcome.

Thank you to those who came to the working bee last Sunday and did a wonderful job on the front garden of the presbytery.

NEWMAN COLLEGE

OPEN DAY: Sunday 17 August 2025, 10am – Street Parkville. Tours will run throughout the day.

SERVICE OF COMPLINE at Chapel of the Holy Spirit, each Thursday, 8.30pm – 10pm - an evening ritual with hymns, prayers, music and reflection.

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of August 23/24.

Campaign envelopes and brochures are available in the churches explaining the approach to fundraising in the Parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. **Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible** and go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests' Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organizations through annual grants. **Non-taxable-donations** go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects – Seminarian Education and Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign or to donate online, visit melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

EMBARKING ON AN AWAKENING JOURNEY INTO AN ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

Reflection day **Thursday 28 August 2025, 9.30am – 3.00pm** at St. Joseph's by the Sea, at 16 Esplanade Williamstown hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Facilitator: Peter Hay.
For more information, call (03) 9397 6012.
To register: email - admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au
Attention: Reflection days

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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

No Mass in September

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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

(16th & 17th August)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

Counting.....John Ryan

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Val Taylor

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(23rd & 24th August)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Pina Guzzardi

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Phillip Marques

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

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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