



SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, 2025.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 23:35-43)

Sadly, there have always been those who scoff at others or make fun of them, generally because they themselves feel threatened in some way. Those who suffer such bullying behaviour often feel powerless and demeaned.

There may be some comfort for such people in today's Gospel. We find here a serious case of bullying and two dignified responses that undermine the destructive power of those who taunt or deride. The first response is that of Jesus who refuses to retaliate when the soldiers mock him or when another convicted criminal ("one of the criminals hanging there") derides him. Another dignified response comes from "the other" criminal. This man has the insight to recognise that Jesus is innocent. He also has the courage to challenge the injustice of what is going on around him. Having offered his challenge, he then turns to Jesus and addresses him by name: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

His request reveals his faith in Jesus as the human face of God. It also reveals his knowledge of Jesus' mission, first announced in Galilee: "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God" Jesus points to God and God's reign or empire. Jesus' criminal companion points to the reign or empire of Jesus. The reign of God and the reign of Jesus are one and the same. In turning to Jesus and putting his request, this criminal becomes a disciple and receives the assurance of a share in Jesus' life with God: "Today you will be with me..."

"Jesus, remember me" is a fitting prayer in the face of all life's struggles. It is a prayer for mercy. Next time we sing these words or pray them in our hearts, we might spare a thought for the one who first uttered them, a convicted Jewish criminal who had the courage to rise above his own suffering and to challenge the unjust oppression of an innocent neighbour. Like Jesus, this criminal was and continues

to be an instrument of God's reign. His capacity to challenge the injustice of Jesus' execution might be a source of inspiration for us as we struggle to find mercy and justice for the Earth as well as for the innocent ones who seek asylum in our midst only to find themselves subjected to the torture of exile and hopelessness.

The title of today's feast reminds us of the boundless nature of God's rule or reign: we celebrate Christ Jesus as ruler of the universe, of all that is and of all that will be. As our understanding of the universe expands, we find ourselves caught up in the ever creative and saving presence of a compassionate, merciful God. This feast might serve as a reminder to us to allow the peace of Christ to reign in our hearts even in the face of derision.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

BAPTISMS

We welcome this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism – **Roman Boulis, River Di Battista, Xander Gladman, Sienna Dalton, Oliver Deak, Lenny Bosna, Willow Bosna, Mason Allport and Rosie Allport.** May they, their parents and Godparents will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

WEDDING

We congratulate **Matthew Condo and Stephanie Guzzardi** who are celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage this Saturday.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Dom Brian Keogh** who died recently and for **Michelle Fraser, Philip Biront, Phaxico Xavie Nguyen, John Pearson, Seaton D'Rozario, Rufus Nettare, Linda Joan Nettare, Joseph & Maria Nguyen** and **Gene Nieborski** whose anniversaries occur at this time. **We also remember those whose anniversaries are recorded in the Remembrance Book.** May they rest in peace.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-5. R. cf. v. 2

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Sunday 30 Nov – Tuesday 2 Dec. 2025

Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Place, South Wharf. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is hosting the Festival and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. The Festival is a national gathering and 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.

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Discover Palms International volunteering **online** where you will hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. **Thursday 4 December, 6pm or 9pm**

Gap year opportunities for 18-25yr olds, year 12 graduates, University students.

2. **Monday 8 December, 7.30pm – 8.30pm**, Timor-Leste encounter information session for placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026. Venue online. Register at 02 9560 5333 or palms.org.au/events

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December

5.00pm Mass St. Augustine's Yarraville
8.00pm Mass.....Corpus Christi Kingsville
10.00pm Polish Mass.....St. Augustine's Yarraville
Midnight Mass.....St. Augustine's Yarraville

Christmas Day Thursday 25 December

8.00am Mass.....Annunciation Brooklyn
9.30am Mass.....St. Augustine's Yarraville
11.00am Mass.....Corpus Christi Kingsville
11.30am Polish Mass St. Augustine's Yarraville

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING
A PERMANENT DEACON?**

The permanent diaconate is a God-given calling to ordained ministry, open to married and single men, in the service of the Liturgy, the Word and Charity. Applicants should be between 30–55 years of age.

Websites: melbournecatholic.org/permanentdiaconate.
www.ausdeacons.asn.au. Speak with your parish priest or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate: Phone: **03 9412 3357**. Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – GIVING TREE

A Giving Tree will soon be set up in the foyer of the church. Parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable Christmas food items and place them in the baskets under the tree in the coming weeks. Volunteers will prepare Christmas Hampers and distribute them to those in need prior to Christmas. Items needed are – Christmas puddings, Christmas Cakes, Christmas tarts, shortbread biscuits, cheese crackers, custard, soft drink, lollies and chocolates.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH
YARRAVILLE**

Saturday 20th December 2025

Starting 6pm

Keep the date free

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, **including \$2,638.75 contributed by The Catholic Parishes of Yarraville and Kingsville**. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

ROSTER FOR READERS, MINISTERS, COUNTERS

Rosters for St. Augustine's readers, ministers and counters are available in the foyer of the church.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

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

RED NOVEMBER

During November, Aid to the Church in Need (CAN) invites everyone around Australia and New Zealand to remember and pray in a particular way for Christians who suffer persecution for their faith. St. Patrick's Cathedral will be lit up in red from 18 to 24 November.

ENCOUNTERING BEAUTY SACRED MUSIC SERIES:

'THE MESSIAH IS NIGH'

Held in the beautiful setting of St. Peter's Catholic Church, 581 Toorak Rd Toorak, on **Friday 28 November** from **7pm – 8pm**, this night of sacred music will mark the eve of Advent. It is a contemplative concert offering space for prayer and reflection and offering opportunities to take part in shared prayer, Scripture and song. Admission by donation. All welcome.

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9.30am till 2.30pm

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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(22nd & 23rd November)**Christ the King Year C****READERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

COUNTING.....Les Vella**READERS:** Corpus Christi

11.00am Julianna Barr

Edith Fletcher

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK(29th & 30th November)**1st Sunday of Advent Year A****READERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm John Ryan

9.30am Gerald Bain-King

Sam Polzella

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

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Joe Fusca

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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