



SUNDAY 6TH JULY, 2025.
14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20)

It is not unusual for a crisis to function as the catalyst for the development of new initiatives. In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is first and foremost the People of God and the Body of Christ and not primarily a hierarchical institution.

While there is little doubt that we are living in the time of the laity in the Church, it has taken a drastic reduction in the numbers of clergy and religious for lay Catholic women and men to recognize that they are called, by virtue of their baptism, to much more prominent roles in the life and mission of the church. The so-called “crisis of numbers” is also leading many priests and religious to rediscover the heart of their respective calls either to leadership in faith or to prophetic challenge.

Prior to Vatican II, access to theological and biblical education was largely restricted to the formation of clergy. That has changed and will need to change even more dramatically if lay women and men are to be properly resourced to take their rightful place in the Church. Instead of bemoaning the crisis and looking for interim measures to “fill the gaps”, we might look for signs of the Spirit at work in leading us into new ways of being Church.

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus chooses “seventy others” and sends them out in pairs. Thirty-five couples or “pairs” constitute a formidable resource for the mission. They are authorized to be bringers of peace and healing, proclaimers of God's kingdom. They are to travel light and accept the hospitality offered them.

Given the presence of women in the inner circle of Jesus' followers (Luke 8:1-3), it is likely that at least some of these pairs were married couples.

Further support for this comes from Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, which features a married couple, Priscilla and Aquila, as prominent itinerant missionary associates of Paul. They are Jewish refugees who find a home in Corinth in the aftermath of Emperor Claudius' expulsion of the Jews from Rome. They are tent makers and offer hospitality to Paul when he comes to Corinth. When Paul leaves for Syria, they accompany him as far as Ephesus. In Ephesus, Priscilla is presented as a confident woman theologian who takes the initiative in calling aside the eloquent and well-educated Jewish teacher, Apollos of Alexandria, who has an “accurate” but “incomplete” knowledge of Jesus.

In our communities, there are faith-filled, talented, and courageous couples like Priscilla and Aquila, as well as countless single lay women and men, who commit their talents and personal resources for the sake of the Gospel mission. Many of them are prepared to do more if they can find the acceptance to function effectively. They need the authorization of the present leadership and the unfailing support of the local communities.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Will Hart** who died recently and for **Giovanna Greco, Patrick Kane, Giuseppe and Eleonora Recupero** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20. R. v. 1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to

become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Colossians 3:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

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 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB

Do you have a love for the outdoors?

The Catholic Walking Club of Victoria invites you to join them on some upcoming Day Walks:

- **Sunday 20 July:** Boar Gully 14km circuit through forest in Brisbane Ranges National Park. Grade: Medium
- **Wednesday 23 July:** Williamstown station to Yarraville, along the Bay, then along the Maribyrnong River. Approx 12km. Grade: Easy
- **Sunday 3 August:** Domino Rail Trail. A 12km return walk, following the old railway line from Trentham to Lyonville in the Wombat State Forest. Grade: Easy

For more information, visit the website:

<https://www.catholicwalkingclubvic.org.au/WP/wordpress/> or contact **Rose Thomas** 0400 166 580

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

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?

Photos taken inside or outside the church at 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.

We would like to prepare a display board for the day of our Centenary Mass, if we can get enough photos.

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. Or you wish to lend the photos to us, include your contact details for their return.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY THEME: SENT FORTH IN STRENGTH AND HOPE

We gather as one in Christ – Celebrating the deep faith, culture and gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to the 2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Masses. Marking the start and end of NAIDOC Week (6-13 July), the following Masses are an opportunity to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MASS

Sunday 6 July 2025, 11am – 12.00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. On the first Sunday of July, the Catholic Church in Australia, observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of the First Nations peoples to our Catholic Church.

2025 NAIDOC MASS AT ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH

Sunday 13 July, 11.00am – 12.00pm

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria invites you to Mass at St. Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale Street Melbourne, marking the end of NAIDOC Week (6 – 13 July).

COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal for Peter's Pence last weekend. The total amount collected at the Masses was \$688.15.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER



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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 7th August at
11am at St. Augustine's

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.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(5th & 6th July)

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Kath Baker

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Les Vella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(12th & 13th July)

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Rose Thomas

9.30am Agnes Hopmans

Anna Messina

Counting.....John Ryan

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Joe Fusca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year. 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 tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.