



SUNDAY 3RD AUGUST, 2025.
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 12:13-21)

Our tradition tells us that “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God” (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. The Iraq war should have been a lesson to the world. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was much coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more.

Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life’s end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”.

Jesus is addressed as “teacher”, and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law.

His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the landowner inwards rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place....I will do this....I will I will I will”

The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, “*You* fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner’s self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today’s reading from the letter to the community at Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god (Col 3:5).

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God’s people, not just to the privileged few.

In refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”. This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to “be on your guard, be ever vigilant” in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Peter Dang Van Lan, Maria Nguyen Thi Sa, Danuta Kurkowski and Maureen Matthews** who died recently and for **Manfred Lerch and Khalil Achkar** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

Entrance Antiphon----Psalm 69:2, 6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off

your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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: Wisdom 16:20
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every
taste.

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

**THERE ARE FLYERS IN THE CHURCH,
ADVERTISING THE JUBILEE MASS.**

Please take one and give to family and friends.

**DO YOU HAVE ANY PHOTOS OF LITURGICAL EVENTS
CELEBRATED IN ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH?**

e.g. Baptisms, Confirmations, Weddings

We have received photos of Polish ceremonies and
Italian feast days.

REQUIRED FOR JUBILEE MASS

If you are able to help before, during and/or after the
morning tea on Sunday 31st August, please record your
name, phone number and email address on the sheet at
the back of the church so you can be contacted
regarding the tasks required. Thank you.

WORKING BEE

Volunteers are needed

**Next Sunday, 10 August starting at 1pm
to clean up the Presbytery front yard.**

CATHOLIC MISSION

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks our parish
communities for our generous and compassionate
support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal.
Your contribution of \$1,244.95 has been gratefully
received and will help provide vital care for mothers in
Zambia, and empower local Church workers across
more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world.
Through your partnership, countless families will find
not only practical help, but also spiritual
accompaniment, hope, and dignity. Your gift is more
than charity - it is a concrete act of solidarity, and a sign
of God's love reaching out to those on the margins.
Thank you for being a living witness of Christ's mission
to the world.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

3 – 10 AUGUST

Vocations come from families, communities and
parishes. Strong families and communities are the
place where vocations are first nurtured. In this
National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all
families in our parish, and for those preparing for
marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community
may always be welcoming and encouraging of
vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated
life.

'IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP'

The national pilgrimage of the Sisters of Saint Joseph
of the Sacred Heart journey will begin in East
Melbourne on **Tuesday 9 September 2025** and will
conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on
Saturday 20 September 2025.

During this time pilgrims will visit many places
associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry
across Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales,
offering a unique perspective into aspects of Mary's
whole life. For more information, see the website
[www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-
spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage/)

ENCOUNTER

Saturday 9 August 2025, 7pm - 9.30pm at Cathedral
Hall, Australian Catholic University, 22 Brunswick
Street Fitzroy. Age: Year 9 - 25 years.

A powerful night of prayer, talks and live music.

Note: Parents/guardians of under-18 participants will
be required to 'sign in' and 'sign out' their children.
Sign-in commences at 7.00pm.

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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 ST AUGUSTINE'S

AUGUST - NOVEMBER

available in the foyer

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(2nd & 3rd August)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Kath Baker

9.30am Phillip Marques
Anna Messina

Counting.....Val Taylor

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Edith Fletcher
Val Taylor

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Liam Mc Ewen

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Joe Fusca

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(9th & 10th August)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Rose Thomas

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Les Vella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Natasha Fernandes
Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Nic Fusca

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks for your donations of non-perishable food during 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 brushes are always needed.