



SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2025.

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 14:25-33)

The Vatican's Dicastery for Integral Human Development issued a letter about the Season of Creation. It noted that during this season Christians across six continents work to put into practice Pope Francis' encyclical on integral ecology, *Laudato Si'*, and "participate in community events to deepen their love for Creator, creation, and each other".

As we move into the second week of the Season of Creation, we might renew our commitment to the Gospel call to reverence for all that constitutes our planetary home.

As we turn to the Gospel reading for today, we are confronted by the pain involved in living a way of life that respects the rights of all created beings. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God.

By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the Gospel and the one who embodies its values?

Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of others.

In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of their execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is thus shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (*misein*) in this context seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or to the Hebrew that underlies this biblical notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside".

Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a Gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message.

Finally, there is a call in this Gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In a time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a Gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others, or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Peter Callea** and **Maria Trung Thanh Bach** who died recently and for **Elisa Franze**, **Maria Do Thi Thoan** and **Maria & Charlie Sgroi** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL THE FATHERS AND
GRANDFATHERS TODAY**

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had
you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

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 into 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 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: Philemon 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything

without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.
(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

NICENE CREED

**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 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
 so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
 my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: RCIA

At 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.

JUBILEE MASS

Thank you to all who attended and participated in last Sunday's Jubilee Mass at St. Augustine's. Thank you to the volunteers who brought and/or served plates of food. It was most appreciated by all.

MASSES DURING SEPTEMBER

While Fr. Werner is away on annual leave there will be no weekday Masses at Yarraville or Kingsville for the month of September.

On Saturday 6th September

Fr Robin Lomangkok, CSsR will celebrate
 5.00pm Mass at St. Augustine's

On Sunday 7th September,

Fr Trevor Tibbertsma will celebrate
 8.00am Mass at Annunciation,
 9.30am Mass at St. Augustine's
 11.00am Mass at Corpus Christi.

**Please make Fr Lomangkok and
 Fr. Trevor Tibbertsma welcome.**

**Please Note: Change in Office Hours for
 September while Fr. Werner is away.**

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays:
 9.30am – 2.30pm**

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
 7-13 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Every conversation matters

**The Catholic Church in Australia will observe
 Safeguarding Sunday on 14th September.**

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years. Online information session Tuesday 24th September 2025, 7.00 – 8.00pm via ZOOM. Attendance will be by invitation. To express your interest, email Deacon Kevin Pattison, Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. A link will be sent during the week before the session.

CBC YARRAVILLE REUNION

Our association commenced in 1964 and we have held gatherings each year, other than during Covid times, since then. Our annual reunion of students who attended Christian Brothers' College Yarraville will be held at the Yarraville Club in Stephen St Yarraville from 12.30 on Saturday October 4th. We subsidise the cost and also we make a donation to the primary school each year. The cost to attend is \$45, banking details can be obtained by email to
Paul Baulch: cbcyarravilleoldboys@gmail.com

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On **Saturday 20 September 2025 from 10am -1pm** at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Deacons Joshua McDermid, Tuong Nguyen and Ian Vergel will be ordained to the priesthood. Please pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of God in the Archdiocese.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER



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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

No Mass this week

WEDNESDAY MASS

No Mass this week

THURSDAY MASS

No Mass this week

FRIDAY MASS

No Mass this week

SATURDAY MASS

No Mass this week

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

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

(6th & 7th September)

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READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Gerald Bain-King

Sam Polzella

COUNTING.....Val Taylor

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Julianna Barr

Mandy Rodrigues

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Joe Fusca

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(13th & 14th September)

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm John Ryan

9.30am Agnes Hopmans

Anna Messina

COUNTING.....Les Vella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am.....George Puckering

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Val Taylor

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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