



SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2025. **22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C** **Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 14:1, 7-14)**

For the past few years, Catholics have accepted the invitation of Pope Francis to join with other Christians across the planet in celebrating the Season of Creation. This extended celebration of creation was launched in 1989 by the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and joined progressively by other Christian communities. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1 and concludes on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

Over this period, we might reflect on what is happening to our planet and pay particular attention to the eighth work of mercy, “care of our common home”. As a spiritual work, care of our common home calls us to “grateful contemplation of God’s world”. As a corporal work, it calls us to “simple daily gestures” that create a more sustainable and equitable world.

Today’s Gospel calls us to redress imbalances in the human community, imbalances that have ultimately affected the earth itself. Jesus is under scrutiny as he dines in the home of a leading Pharisee. In Luke’s Gospel, the Pharisees are generally depicted as hostile to Jesus. This portrait reflects the situation of the time the Gospels are being written when Pharisaic Judaism and Christian Judaism had parted ways.

At the time of Jesus’ ministry, the Pharisees were a minority group of well-respected experts in the Law. Despite the hostility from his host, Jesus is not deterred from expressing his opinion and as usual he does so in the form of a story that comes from the experience of his hearers.

He first addresses the guests and then the host. The guests are clearly not from the lower echelons of society. They are people who receive invitations to

wedding banquets where places of honour are reserved for the most distinguished guests. Jesus appeals to their fairly normal fear of being shamed before others. He also reminds them of the principle of reversal that operates in God’s kingdom where those who seek the first places find themselves last and the last are first.

Jesus’ advice for his host is more removed from first century Palestinian experience than is his advice for the guests: do not invite friends, family and wealthy neighbours; invite the destitute and those with disabilities. In other words, invite those considered unclean by observant Jews rather than those who have the capacity to return your hospitality.

This was a confronting suggestion in that culture. It embodied the inclusive values of the kingdom vision that Jesus had preached from the outset. It is confronting for us in our times. It is easy to welcome like-minded people into our land and our homes. It is not so easy to be open to those who see the world differently from us. We are invited to look on them with love rather than hostility and to secure a place for them in our hearts and in our common home.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died recently
and for **Maria and Charlie Sgroi**
whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in peace.

**Please Note: Change in Office Hours for
September while Fr. Werner is away.**
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays:
9.30am – 2.30pm

First Reading: 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should
behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

**(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home
for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them
new life. It was there that your people found a
home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the
poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the
senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total
darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the
great voice speaking which made everyone that
heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But
what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of
the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the
millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with
the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born
son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God
himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with
spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and
to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from
me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they
watched him closely. He then told the guests a
parable, because he had noticed how they picked the
places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites
you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the
place of honour. A more distinguished person than
you may have been invited, and the person who
invited you both may come and say, "Give up your
place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment,
you would have to go and take the lowest place. No;
when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest
place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he
may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way,
everyone with you at the table will see you honoured.
For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and
the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'
Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a
dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or
rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by
inviting you in return. No; when you have a party,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that
they cannot pay you back means that you are
fortunate, because repayment will be made to you
when the virtuous rise again.'

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 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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.

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated to the collection for the Archbishop's Campaign last weekend. If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church. The Campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or to donate online, visit melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

A Community of Care: supporting Melbourne's retired priests

Priests work hard, but around the age of 75, they can retire. The Priests Retirement Foundation, funded by the Archbishop's Campaign, provides a place to live – either at one of the two retirement villages in Melbourne or private rental. It also ensures that their health and well-being are taken care of.

JUBILEE MASS

This Sunday 31st August at 9.30am Mass we welcome His Grace, **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**, Archbishop of Melbourne who will be the main celebrant of the Mass.

Also Concelebrating the Mass will be

Fr. Werner Utri, Parish Priest,

Monsignor Peter Kenny who was Assistant Priest at Yarraville in 1970 & 1971,

Fr. Patrick Harvey who was also Assistant Priest at Yarraville in 1970 & 1971, leaving to work with Melbourne Overseas Mission in Papua New Guinea.

Fr. Joseph Giacobbe who has celebrated the Italian Mass each Sunday for many years at St. Augustine's.

Please make them welcome.

Many thousands of Masses, Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, First Communions and other liturgies and devotions have taken place in our present St. Augustine's Church Yarraville.

From 1894 -1925, the first church was a wooden church/school building on the corner of Avoca Street and Birmingham Street.

On 1st February 1925, the new church on Somerville Road Yarraville was blessed and opened by His Grace The Most Rev. Daniel Mannix. D.D., LL. D. Archbishop of Melbourne to cater for the growing congregation.

This year we give thanks to the clergy and parishioners who made this possible 100 years ago.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

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.

I will be away on annual leave from this Monday 1st September.

There will be no weekday Masses at Yarraville or Kingsville for the month of September.

Weekend Masses will be celebrated as normal with visiting priests helping out.

Please make them welcome.

Fr. Werner

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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

(30th & 31st August)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pmPeter Matheson

9.30amJohn Ryan,

Sam Polzella, Rose Thomas
Counting.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Mary Vella

Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Khanh Nguyen

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(6th & 7th September)

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pmGreg Buhagiar

9.30am Gerald Bain-king

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

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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