



SUNDAY 25TH MAY, 2025.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER. YEAR C

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (John 14:23-29)

“Take from my heart all painful anxiety.” This is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Catherine McAuley. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus know that they need not be anxious or afraid “for perfect love casts out fear” (1 John 4:18). Today’s Gospel makes it clear that “love” finds expression in the keeping of God’s word.

In the prologue to the Gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the *Logos* who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God’s communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God’s word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God’s name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine.

The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and “kept” the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and “our common home” with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God’s Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as “advocate” carries a range of meanings. It literally means “one called alongside to help” whenever necessary. In other words, the disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them.

Earlier in this chapter of John’s Gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to “keep the word” of Jesus. Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace “that the world cannot give.”

In John’s Gospel, the “world” is first and foremost the tenting place of God’s Word: it is God’s creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to Jesus as God’s Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew *shalom*: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God’s creation.

As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also “coming to them” since the “Father” will send the Spirit to be with them. The Gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Fr. Paul Garland, Carmen Carabott and Stephen Aquilina** who died recently; and for **Lugrezia Rosaro de Bono, Luke Cuni, Andrew Badowski, Mario, Roza and Jordan Doblanovic** whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

KEEP THESE DATES FREE

JUBILEE CONCERT

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE AT 3PM

At St. Augustine’s Church Yarraville

This year is the centenary of St Augustine’s Church. Our first celebration will be in the form of a Concert in the church focusing on Liturgical Music over the last 100 years.

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE’S

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will be the main celebrant at St. Augustine’s. All past and present parishioners will be most welcome.

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

First Reading: Acts 15: 1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66:2-3, 5-6., 8. R. v. 4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem,

the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 14:23-29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and
I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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 083 347 Account No. 638052213.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:
BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

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a donation via **Credit card**.



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There are census cards at the back of the
church for new subscribers wishing to use
weekly envelopes. Record your contact details on the card
and put the card on the collection plate at Mass.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 1 June 2025, 11am at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we
celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with
the Jubilee of Families.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following
Anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th or 40 years
or above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

Registrations close on Sunday 25th May.

MASS COUNT

The annual Mass count at all weekend Masses
continues this weekend.

FIRST COMMUNION

This weekend, small groups of children will be
making their First Communion at each of the
Parish Masses. Please keep the following
children in your prayers as they receive their First
Eucharist this weekend.

5pm Mass, Saturday 24th May

**LENNY POLLWORTH
ATTICUS DI BATTISTA
ANAIIS CHIA
MATEO VALDERRAMA
OSCAR VALDERRAMA
GISELE RODRIGUES
KHYLEISHA DORAN
POPPY MOSES
LILA O'DONNELL**

9.30am Mass, Sunday 25th May

**MAYA MATASKA
ROSE McDONNELL**

11am Mass Sunday 25th May

**DANIEL DA CUNHA
BLAKE BORGONHA
HENRY DAGLISH
JAMES HELLARD
MAXIMILIAN PENNA
ARIA SWEETMAN
ALEXIS CHRISTOPOULOS
KAI KOVACS
EMILIANA HAMILTON**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Appeal will take place on the weekend of **Sunday 22nd June**. Funds raised will be used to provide
assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist
homelessness services and support people in need to
find and maintain secure housing.

SIX30 HOLY HOUR: Thursdays at 6.30pm

Thursday 29th May 2025 from 6.30pm – 7.30pm at St.
Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne.
Join with young Catholics across the city for a time of
adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an
opportunity for confession.

Future dates: **5, 12, 19, 26 June, 3, 10, 17 July**. Various
venues will be used so check details each week on the
events page of Melbourne Catholic. For information,
email udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Wednesday 11 June 2025 from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Venue: Level 2, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street
Fitzroy. Free entry. Mary Glowrey is one of two
Australians currently being officially considered for
sainthood.

PARISH PRIEST

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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 5th June at
11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

To receive an Email copy of our newsletter, scan the QR code below and fill in your details.



CORPUS CHRISTI JUBILEE

PROCESSION: Sunday 22 June 2025

Procession begins after 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and concludes at Federation Square. On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), parishes, schools and communities are invited to send a group.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

Saturday 7 June 2025. 9am – 12pm

Our Lady of Pentecost Parish will host a series of monthly pilgrimages at **Our Lady of Victories Basilica in Camberwell** on the first Saturday of each month, from May through to November 2025.

- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Celebration of the Eucharist
- Pilgrimage presentation
- Light refreshments

No registration required.

On Saturday 7th June, Very Rev Dr Brian Boyle EV (*Episcopal Vicar for Education in Diocese of Sandhurst & Lecturer in Biblical Studies at Catholic Theological College*) will explore the concept of Jubilee using his knowledge of Old Testament studies and its implication for the current context of the world.

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

(24th & 25th May)

6th Sunday of Easter C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmRose Thomas

9.30amAgnes Hopmans

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Val Taylor

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(31st May & 1st June)

The Ascension of the Lord C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmKrystyna Biront

9.30amAndrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

Counting.....Les Vella

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.