



SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER, 2025. 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 17:11-19)

Every day we hear news of race riots, ethnic violence and discrimination somewhere in our world, often quite close to us. Even those who do not resort to violence can tend to be suspicious of those who have different origins and different ways from them.

The worst atrocities are frequently perpetrated between those who have differing understandings of the same faith. We have seen elements of this in the protracted Syrian conflict, even if religion is only one component of the conflict. We are seeing, there as elsewhere, the end product of a failure to recognize the shared humanity of all people.

Today's Gospel story invites us to reflect on the potential goodness of everyone. It continues last week's focus on the saving power of faith. Just four Greek words make up the most telling sentence in the story: "And he was Samaritan!" A new element has entered into the narrative: faith is not the sole preserve of the Jewish people. A despised half-Jew can have faith, faith buried deep within and actively at work like the life in the mustard seed.

Jesus is approached by ten lepers in a village in border territory. All have been excluded from participation in village life on account of their skin disease. All beg for inclusion, expressed in terms of mercy (eleos). All follow the prescription of the Law of Moses to show themselves to the priests (Leviticus 13-14). All are declared "clean". Only one turns back, praises God in the market place, falls at Jesus' feet and thanks him.

Readers do not know to this point whether the village and its inhabitants are Galilean or Samaritan. They only know that the village is situated in the region between Galilee and Samaria. Now the shocking truth is revealed: one is a Samaritan, doubly marginalised as a "foreigner" or "stranger" and it is this one alone that gives thanks to Jesus and honour to God. This one alone receives the now familiar affirmation: "your

faith has saved you". Jesus tells the Samaritan to rise up and continue on his way, on his journey of faith. The other nine are healed, presumably because they too have some limited faith. They have nonetheless forgotten the source of their healing and abandoned the journey to life.

One measure of our faith is our capacity to acknowledge and to celebrate the source of our well-being when life is good and we have no felt need for healing. A more telling measure is our capacity to say a simple word of thanks to all those who mediate to us the goodness of a compassionate and merciful God, whatever our circumstances. We might also take time this week to focus on and give thanks for the wonderful diversity of life in our world, diversity within the other-than human as well as within the human community.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We pray for **Domenica Genovese** and all
In the parish who are sick and those
who care for them.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Joseph Fehir and David Kristitz**
who died recently.

We also pray for **Joseph Attard** and all
whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they rest in peace.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
The Lord's right hand and holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
The Lord has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal — but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

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

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Thess 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

WELCOME

This weekend Staff and Students from Emmanuel college will be attending the 9.30am Mass at St. Augustine's. Please make them welcome.

PRISON VOLUNTEERS – HOSPITALITY AND WORSHIP

A number of prisons in the Archdiocese have regular Masses and other services. At these Masses and services, there's an opportunity for volunteers to assist with setting up the worship space, assisting the prison residents who attend, to follow the service, and then sharing a social 'cuppa' with them afterwards.

The expectation is that volunteers will be rostered on once every four weeks. If you're interested in assisting in this ministry, please contact the senior Catholic Prison Chaplain, Deacon Jim Curtain by email: Jim.Curtain@catholiccarevic.org.au and please include your phone number so that Deacon Jim can discuss the ministry with you.

TAIZE PRAYER

An initiative of the Association of Pastoral Ministry Leaders Melbourne in supporting ministry in parishes, prisons, aged-care facilities, emergency ministry and hospitals.

Where: St. Augustine's Church Yarraville

When: Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

Prayer will begin at **7.30pm** and last approximately 45 minutes to an hour. Supper will be provided afterwards.

Taize prayer comes from the monastic community formed by Brother Roger in the French village of Taize in 1940. We are invited to pray through silence, scripture readings, quiet music and chants composed by the brothers of Taize.

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Wednesday 29 October from 10am – 3pm

Level 2 Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. Visit the museum to learn more about the life and legacy of Australian-born medical missionary in India and Servant of God, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Next weekend, after the 5pm and 9.30am Masses at St. Augustine's, all welcome to stop for a cuppa and chat after Mass.

NEW SETS OF ENVELOPES

The next sets of Stewardship Envelopes to commence the beginning of November, are available from this weekend at St. Augustine's and Corpus Christi for parishioners to collect.

Stewardship or planned giving is about sharing our resources with the parish community to enable prudent planning for the maintenance and improvement of our buildings and the ongoing pastoral care of our faith communities as well as outreach to the wider community.

If you are not currently contributing to our stewardship program we encourage you to join by **setting up a direct debit or filling in a parish census card** available at the back of the churches. You can place the form on the collection plate or contact the Parish Office for a **set of envelopes**. Many thanks for your ongoing and generous support. Fr. Werner.

JOSEPH'S CORNER

A Craft and Plant Stall will be set up at St. Augustine's Church this Saturday **11th October from 4.30pm - 6pm and Sunday 12th October, 9am – 12 noon. After 5pm and 9.30am Masses** you can explore our collection of hand-made knitwear, quilts, knitted and crochet throws, soft toys and a wide variety of plants, all crafted with love by Joseph's Corner volunteers. All proceeds support free counselling sessions for those in need. Visit our stall, find the perfect gift, and support a great cause.

Joseph's Corner at 3 Birmingham St, Yarraville is a not-for-profit support service, based in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne, for families living with alcohol and drug addiction. It offers counselling with a qualified counsellor, referral information and support sessions. Founded by the late Sr. Jeanne Dwyer rsj, Joseph's Corner helps families and individuals to cope with a person in their life who is struggling with addiction. Contact 03 9315 2680

Website: <http://www.josephscorner.org.au/>

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

Online Information Session

Monday 27 October at 7pm.

Learn more about study options at Catholic Theological College (CTC). Meet our Course Advisors and learn about our wide range of courses and units. Contact the Registrar for more information and enrolment appointments. registrar@ctc.edu.au 9412 3309; 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne. Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session. Registration is essential.

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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 6th November 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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

(11th & 12th October)

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

COUNTING.....Val Taylor

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Kahn Nguyen

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(18th & 19th October)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm John Ryan

9.30am Phillip Marques

Sam Polzella

COUNTING.....Les Vella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Julianna Barr

Edith Fletcher

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi

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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