



SUNDAY 27TH JULY, 2025.
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 11:1-13)

This Sunday's Gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. There are two teachings on prayer forming a frame around an enigmatic parable. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the saving power of God over against the destructive power of the Roman emperor.

The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than is needed, but for just as much as is needed to sustain Earth's beings.

The final petitions in the prayer are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiving, from being forgiven and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change.

The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is it about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is avoidance of shame. This makes sense in a culture where anyone would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could

well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night.

Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo.

Here Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of the Earth.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

BAPTISMS

We pray and welcome this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism – **Thomas Ireland, Parker and Ryland Vihm-Gilbert, Henry Miller, Florence, Audrey and Jude Allen.** May they, their parents and Godparents be filled with the Holy Spirit.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Shirley Clark** who died recently and for **Alfonzo Franze, Joseph Dinh Nguyen, Joachim Ky Dinh, Joseph Dinh Nguyen and Maria Tuyet Nguyen** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8. R. v. 3

**(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' "

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all its benefits

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****

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

We would like to prepare a display board for the day.

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.

**Happy Grandparents’ Day
To all our grandparents**

WALKING GROUP

A parishioner and member of the Catholic Walking Club, wishes to form a walking group in our local area. If you are interested, or would like more information, please phone or text Peter, on 0405 555 334

23 July 2025: STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI

On 7 July, members of the Shia Muslim faith community in Melbourne engaged in a religious procession through the streets of Melbourne. This was a peaceful event that has occurred annually for over a decade.

This procession has been misrepresented in some quarters as an attack on Christians and, specifically, on St Patrick’s Cathedral. This is simply not the case. Like all Victorians, the Islamic community is entitled to exercise freedom of religion. As Catholics, we expect nothing less.

I am now aware of a rally being organised for this weekend which appears to be a protest against the procession. Such a rally does nothing for peace and harmony, nor for promoting religious freedom.

I strongly urge people not to attend the rally and hope the organisers have the wisdom to call it off.

Instead, I urge Catholics and all people of good will to take up the call of Pope Leo to pray for peace in our world, for an end to war and suffering.

As Catholics, we place our trust in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. May He reign in all our hearts.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli Archbishop of Melbourne

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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

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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

(26th & 27th July)

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmJohn Ryan

9.30amGerald Bain-King
Anna Messina

Counting.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Julianna Barr

Mandy Rodrigues

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Khanh Nguyen

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(2nd & 3rd August)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmKath Baker

9.30amPhillip 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

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.