



**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE, 2025.**

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY. YEAR C**

**REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (Luke 9:11-17)**

The Gospel for today brings together elements that have traditionally formed part of Christian worship. In the first part of the story, Jesus welcomes those who follow him. He then speaks to them of God's kingdom and heals those in need of healing. In the second part, he takes the loaves, blesses them, breaks them and puts them before the disciples who distribute the bread to the assembled people. All eat and are satisfied.

The second part of the story is full of Eucharistic symbolism. The setting is a "desert" place, recalling the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai. The hunger of the people recalls God's care of Israel in the wilderness. God feeds God's people in the deserts of life, but only if those called to be disciples recognise their responsibility to be the hands of God. "Send them away" is one solution, clearly not the one preferred by Jesus. Rather, he says, "You give them something to eat". When the people sit down in circles and share their food, they find there is more than enough for everyone. They gather up the broken pieces, just as we must remember to gather up the pieces that so often go to waste.

Jesus' actions and words over the bread [and the fish] are echoed in the account of his final meal with the disciples: the bread broken and shared becomes his body broken and "given" for them. In the celebration of Eucharist, bread broken and wine poured out change their meaning.

While all analogies fall short, we might begin to understand this mystery by thinking of the Eureka flag. The flag is constructed of fabric and thread, but it is no longer simply the sum of its material parts, precious as they are. The restored flag is housed in a special place and protected with the utmost care. Because of its associations with the

Eureka rebellion and what that stands for in Australian history, it has taken on a meaning other than the goodness of the materiality of fabric and thread.

In the celebration of Eucharist, the God-given gifts of bread and wine likewise become more than their material parts. They are life for us, the shared life of the Risen Christ. Eucharistic life is covenanted life. Recognition of another level of meaning does not discount the integrity and goodness of the underlying material reality, but rather affirms it.

Sharing in Eucharist means giving life for the sake of the many, sometimes to the point of heroism, sometimes simply by sharing our resources or our left-over pieces with others in need. Finally, it is important to remember that the healing is the prelude to the sharing of the bread. We are called to ensure there is a place at the table for those so often excluded from community by disability, ill-health or any kind of prejudice.

**By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM**

## **DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for **Maria Thi Mung Nguyen, Sisay Haile and Elfinesh Haile** who died recently; and for those whose anniversary occurs about this time.  
May they rest in peace.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Psalm 80:17

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

**First Reading:** Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 109:1-4. R. v. 4

**(R.) You are a priest for ever,  
in the line of Melchizedek.**

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:  
‘Sit on my right:  
I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **(R.)**
2. The Lord will send from Zion  
your sceptre of power:  
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**
3. A prince from the day of your birth  
on the holy mountains; from the womb  
before the daybreak I begot you. **(R.)**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.  
‘You are a priest for ever,  
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 6:51-52

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

**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:** John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

#### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

**The Appeal will take place this weekend 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
June in each of our churches.**

Donations of non-perishable food, and/or cash  
donations would be greatly appreciated.

#### **CASH DONATIONS**

**There will be an extra collection for cash donations.  
Envelopes are available in the church.**

#### **NON PERISHABLE FOOD**

Non-perishable food in tins or packets can be left at  
the back of the church in or near the Vinnies basket.  
(See back page for list of suitable items).

#### **OTHER DONATIONS**

Clothing and blankets can be taken directly to St  
Vinnies stalls, bins or shops.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) Winter  
Appeal 2025 focuses on providing support to  
individuals and families at risk of or experiencing  
homelessness, or struggling with the rising cost of  
living. It aims to help people access essential services  
like food, shelter, and support with utility bills.  
The appeal helps people break free from the cycle of  
poverty and homelessness, providing them with the  
resources they need to rebuild their lives.

Our local St. Vincent de Paul volunteers provide  
practical help, including food vouchers, basic  
supplies, furniture, and assistance with utility bills,  
especially in the local area. Volunteers from our  
parish regularly take food to those in need in the local  
area not just on this weekend.

**If you are interested in becoming involved in the  
work of St. Vinnies please leave your contact details  
with Fr. Verner after Mass.**

#### **FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI**

##### **Hospitality Sunday at Kingsville**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast Day of  
Kingsville's Corpus Christi Church,  
Parish and School.

After 11am Mass at Corpus Christi,  
all are invited to stay to mingle and chat with  
fellow parishioners, whilst enjoying a "Cuppa"  
and delicious food.

In 1942, the original St. Augustine's Church,  
(which had been used as a Hall at Yarraville  
after the new church was built in 1925) was  
moved to Kingsville to be used as a  
church/school.

The church was dedicated to St. Flannan.  
In 1954, Fr. Leonard was appointed as the first  
Parish Priest of Kingsville and the name of the  
church and parish changed to Corpus Christi.

In Australia, the Feast of Corpus Christi, also  
known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy  
Body and Blood of Christ is celebrated this  
Sunday, 22 June 2025.

It is a feast day commemorating the real  
presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI JUBILEE PROCESSION**

**Sunday 22 June 2025. 11am – 3pm.**

Procession begins after 11am Mass at St. Patrick's  
Cathedral, commencing from the Cathedral, making  
a pilgrimage through Melbourne CBD in prayer and  
song before concluding with Benediction at  
Federation Square on the Solemnity of the Most  
Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

#### **ACU'S BIG SING FOR A BIG CAUSE 2025**

Friday 27 June 2025; 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Venue 1: St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place,  
East Melbourne.

Venue 2: Preston Market, 30 The Centreway, Preston  
Two fundraising concerts for mental health and  
wellbeing. Proceeds will benefit non-profit health  
organisations Orygen and Headspace.

#### **ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MASS**

Sunday 6 July 2025 at St. Patrick's Cathedral,  
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. On the first  
Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in  
Australia, observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Sunday. On this day we gather as one to  
honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and  
contributions of the First Nations peoples to our  
Catholic Church.

## **PARISH PRIEST**

Rev Fr Werner Utri

Mobile No. 0401 158 113

Parish Website:

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## **PARISH CHURCHES**

### **ST AUGUSTINE'S**

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### **CORPUS CHRISTI**

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### **ANNUNCIATION**

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### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

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



## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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](http://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**

(21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June)

### **The Body & Blood of Christ C**

**READERS: St. Augustine's**

5.00pm .....Peter Matheson

9.30am .....Pina Guzzardi

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Krystyna Biront

**READERS: Corpus Christi**

11.00am .....Julianna Barr

9.30am.....Mandy Rodriques

**MINISTERS: St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

**MINISTER: Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

## **ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

(28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June)

### **Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles C**

**READERS: St. Augustine's**

5.00pm .....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am .....Pat McLaughlin

Anna Messina

Counting.....Val Taylor

**READERS: Corpus Christi**

11.00am .....Imelda Gibson

9.30am.....Natasha Fernandes

**MINISTERS: St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Nic Fusca

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

**MINISTER: Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Kahn Nguyen

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Baskets are left in the churches for donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout 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 tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.