



## SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2026 PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (Acts 2:1-11; John 20:19-23)

Pentecost Sunday is often called the birthday of the Church. The earth itself features powerfully in the imagery associated with this feast: harvest, mountain, earthquake, thunder, fire. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning “fiftieth”) was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the opening of the harvest. When the Jerusalem Temple was built, this harvest festival was transformed into a pilgrimage feast to celebrate the covenant that Israel had made with God on Mount Sinai.

Several decades after the death of Jesus, the early Christians reflected on their origins and chose this feast to mark the birth of God’s new covenant with God’s people. In today’s First Reading (Acts 2:1-11), Luke tells the new Pentecost story in symbolic language that evokes the story of Moses and the people of Israel receiving God’s Law on Mount Sinai. Just as God’s presence to Israel was marked by earthquake and thunder and fire, so God’s Spirit enveloping the people of the new covenant in the upper room appears in a mighty rush of wind and tongues of fire. Luke’s account also evokes early rabbinic teaching that the voice of God on Sinai divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received God’s Law in their own tongue.

For the wisdom at the heart of the new covenant, we turn to the Gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The resurrected Christ appears to the disciples who are huddled behind locked doors. He offers the simple greeting: “Peace be with you,” the greeting we offer each other with a simple gesture at every Eucharistic celebration. Jesus sends his disciples on a mission of peace in continuity with his own God-inspired mission. He breathes on them the gift of the Holy Spirit and tells them that God will forgive those whom they forgive, and will “retain” or “seize hold of” the transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they “retain”.

To seize hold of wrong-doing is to expose it and deal with it. Sometimes it is best to forgive and simply allow everyone to move on. In other situations, an easy amnesty only exacerbates the problem. We might learn from Pope Leo who teaches the way to peace in every word and every action.

Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of both church and civic leaders to know how to deal with transgression.

The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our capacity to deal with the perpetrators of violence. The Holy Spirit is likewise the source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance and our power to ensure restoration and healing.

In our times, the earth itself cries out for forgiveness, for restoration and for healing. As we celebrate this feast of the Holy Spirit, we might consider engaging in a “values inventory” by looking at how much of our personal and collective resources we invest in the things that make for peace.

**By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM**

### **DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for **Guise Nguyen and Ada Falzon** who died recently;  
and for **Pasquale Carullo and Carmen Carabott** whose anniversaries occurs at this time.  
May they rest in peace.

There are copies of **MELBOURNE CATHOLIC DIGEST, Easter 2026** available in the churches for parishioners to take home.



### **Synodality and bishops**

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34. R. v. 30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit**

**and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
Lord God, how great you are,  
How many are your works, O Lord!  
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
returning to the dust from which they came.  
You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**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:** Acts 2:4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

### **FIRST EUCHARIST**

Congratulations to the following children who will be making their First Eucharist this weekend.

**5.00pm on Saturday 23 May, at St. Augustine's**

Avaya Thor, Ned Harrop, Quinten Brodrick,  
Sadie La Torre, Frederick McCluskey,  
Chloe Randle, Eabha Hannigan, Dray Grima,  
Fosco Deane, Victoria Nemer.

**8am on Sunday 24 May at Annunciation**

Adrian George, Christopher Murray, Oisin McBride

**9.30am on Sunday 24 May at St. Augustine's**

Sophie Tiernan, Willow Bell, Marlo Hoban,  
Jude Hall, Patrick McIntosh, Monique Bordignon

**11.00am on Sunday 24 May at Corpus Christi**

Greta Michael, Harriet Nicholls, Samuel Le,  
Thomas Minh Reaney, Ethan Mendes,  
Josie Gibbins, Helene Khouzi,  
Penelope Coles, Michael Abboud,  
Remi Wohling.

### **MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**Sunday 12 July 2026, 11am, St. Patrick's Cathedral**

Couples and their families are invited as we celebrate the gift of marriage and families.

Couples who are celebrating the following anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations will open shortly.

### **NOVENA DAY FOUR TO SAINT JOHN PAUL 11**

**Thursday 28 May 2026 at 7pm** – Mass, followed by Novena Prayers, Benediction and Fellowship.

All welcome to join us as we commemorate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his visit to our parish in 1986.

### **ANNUAL MASS COUNT ATTENDANCE**

The number of parishioners in attendance, including babies, will be recorded during the **month of May** at all Weekend Masses.

### **FRANCISCUS:**

**Celebrating 800 years of St. Francis of Assisi.**

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars are hosting a **2-day Conference** at St. Anthony's Hawthorn, 182 Power Street Hawthorn, on the weekend of **30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May** to celebrate this **Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi**. Light lunch provided. No registration fee but there will be the opportunity to donate to support the running of the Conference. For more details, and to Register:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DMBUF>

### **TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL – PARISH RENEWAL PROCESS**

Our second round of consultations for the Take the Way of the Gospel Parish Renewal Process will be held in early July. Our focus will be on **Who we can become** as our Parishes join together as one.

In the coming weeks we will provide you with further information about our Parishes that will assist our planning for a Vibrant, Vital and Viable Parish for the future. Please visit the Parish website for more information.

There are feedback boxes at each church for your questions or contributions at this stage or you can email the Parish directly at [yarraville@cam.org.au](mailto:yarraville@cam.org.au)

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YARRAVILLE**

As we approach the winter months, we are preparing for our Winter Appeal. The winter Appeal is an opportunity to raise funds that support the broader work of St. Vincent de Paul Society. During winter, many individuals and families face increased pressure due to the rising living cost, housing stress and the need for essential items such as food.

We appreciate any help. Thank you.

Yarraville Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

### **JOSEPH'S CORNER**

At St. Augustine's Church on Saturday **30<sup>th</sup> May** and **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**, there will be a Craft and Plant Stall. **Before and after 5pm and 9.30am Masses.**

All proceeds support free counselling sessions for those in need.

### **PENTECOST CONCERT**

All welcome to this free concert of sacred music this **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026** at St. Augustine's Church, starting at **3pm**, featuring our regular weekend musicians - True North Young Adults' Group, Sr. Geraldine Larkins RSJ, and Melbourne Vocal Ensemble.

### **ORGAN RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm.**

**Lumen Christi music of praise and thanksgiving**

An inspiring concert of Catholic music through the ages from ancient Gregorian chant through Tallis, Bach and Vierne to popular modern composers. There will be organ solos as well as items with a guest choir. Entry is free with donations invited to the Cathedral's renewal and restoration project Light into the City. For further information, see the poster on the noticeboards of the churches.

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**ANNUNCIATION**

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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**

On hold until further notice

**COLLECTIONS**

**THE FIRST COLLECTION** supports the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.

**THE SECOND COLLECTON** (includes envelopes), supports the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.

To set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, use these account details.

**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 Church Account:**  
**BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315**

**Presbytery Account:**

**BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413**

**TAP AND GO CONTACTLESS**

**DONATION TERMINALS**

in the foyers of the churches.

Follow the prompts and choose your nominated amount to donate.

**Codes for one off donations via credit card**



Unique to the Parish of St. Augustine's



Unique to the Parish of Corpus Christi

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 or contact the Parish office for a set of envelopes.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Donations of food items appreciated

- Long Life Full Cream Milk
- Pasta and Pasta sauce
- Small packets of rice
- Tins of soup/Cup a soup
- Baked beans
- Coffee/Tea bags

**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**

23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Pentecost Sunday A**

**READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm ..... Kath Baker

9.30am ..... Andrea Wilberger  
Sam/Anna

**READERS:** **Corpus Christi**

11am ..... Natasha Fernandes  
Imelda Gibson

**MINISTERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

**MINISTER:** **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Julianna Barr

**COUNTING:** Les Vella

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK**

30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

**The Most Holy Trinity Sunday A**

**READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm ..... John Ryan

9.30am ..... Pina Guzzardi  
Sam/Anna

**READERS:** **Corpus Christi**

11am ..... Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

**MINISTERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

**MINISTER:** **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Mary Huynh

**COUNTING:** Phillip Marques

**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)