



SUNDAY 29TH JUNE, 2025.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES. YEAR C

REFLECTION

My favourite place of worship is the church in Buninyong, dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul, where our local community gathers each Sunday. It is our feast this weekend and we'll be there to celebrate at 10.30 on Sunday morning.

While the Gospel stories for both the Vigil and the morning Mass focus on Peter, we also honour Paul whose letters to the earliest Christian communities offer a wealth of insight into the birth of our faith tradition.

In the Gospel reading for the Vigil Mass from John 21, Simon Peter has a higher profile than in the preceding chapters. It is as though the author responsible for the final edition of John's Gospel wants to bring Peter to prominence in line with the traditions found in the other Gospels.

In the previous chapter (John 20), it is not at all clear that Peter has come to resurrection faith, while there is no such doubt about Mary Magdalene. In John 21, the focus is clearly on Peter, his role as leader, and his need to repair his relationship with Jesus. Peter has announced his intention to go fishing and several of the other disciples join him. They catch nothing. At dawn they see the figure of Jesus on the shore but do not immediately recognise him. They follow his instructions and find themselves overwhelmed with their catch. At his invitation they breakfast on bread and fish. This provides the setting for the rehabilitation of Peter and his three-fold profession of love of Jesus in the wake of his three-fold denial. Sheep and shepherding are important symbols in the passage.

Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus has identified himself as the 'good shepherd' and the gate to the sheepfold. The lambs and the sheep are his and Jesus is entrusting them to Peter's care. As we reflect on this Gospel reading, we might simply listen to Jesus' question and take it to ourselves: 'Do you love me?'

We can all say with Peter: 'You know that I love you.' Peter's example reminds us that discipleship is possible despite the failures of the past.

The Gospel reading for Sunday morning from Matthew 16 speaks of the power of God at work in Peter leading him to a profound understanding of the identity of Jesus. Peter has faltered in the past and will falter again, even to the point of denying any knowledge of or association with Jesus. He finally arrives at deep insight, however, and when asked "Who do you say that I am?", he proclaims his faith in Jesus as Christ/Messiah and son of the living God.

Insight is a gift, and God can work wherever there is openness and goodwill. Peter is presented here as having both. He is declared "blessed" on account of this gift of insight and entrusted with the "keys" of God's reign. Today we remember our faith leaders, especially Pope Leo XIV whose insight and wisdom have so much to offer our war-torn world.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

BAPTISMS

We pray and welcome this weekend through the Sacrament of Baptism –
Willow Bell, Sadie Darcy, Hamish Darcy, Maeve Darcy, Lucy Harper and Arlo Ceravolo.

May they, their parents and Godparents be filled with the Holy Spirit.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

We congratulate **Jovan Cukic and Samantha Ferraro** who will be celebrating their marriage this weekend.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Bridie Twomey, Mary Murphy, Emilia Golebiowski and Henry Janczewski** who died recently and for **Raffaele Lerardo** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they be raised in the Spirit of Jesus to share eternal life with him.

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-9. R. v. 5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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.
To the Mass at St
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: Peter said: You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God. Jesus answered: You are
Peter, the rock on which I will build my church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal last weekend, 21 and 22 June, through the donation of food items and cash donations. The total amount collected at the Masses was \$1231.25.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS

Your support for the Catholic Mission appeal on the weekend of 14 and 15 June raised a total of \$1196.95. Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE

On **29 June** the church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, and on this occasion, the customary **Peter's Pence collection** takes place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church.

Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity.

This weekend there will be an extra collection taken up at all Masses for Peter's Pence. Donations support the Holy Father's charitable initiatives, humanitarian projects and the support of the Holy See.

NEW SECRETARY

We welcome Emilia Balkan, our new Parish Secretary. She will be working in the Parish Office at Yarraville on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make her welcome. Emilia has 10 years' experience as Parish Secretary at St. Christopher's Parish, Airport West.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MASS

Sunday 6 July 2025, 11am – 12.00pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral. On the first Sunday of July, the Catholic Church in Australia, observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of the First Nations peoples to our Catholic Church.

2025 NAIDOC MASS AT ST. FRANCIS' CHURCH

Sunday 13 July, 11.00am – 12.00pm

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria invites you to Mass at St. Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale Street Melbourne, marking the end of NAIDOC Week (6 – 13 July).

DEACON JOHN VESPA ORDAINED BY POPE LEO XIV

On Friday 27 June, Deacon John Vespa was ordained to the priesthood by Pope Leo XIV at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. 30 seminarians around the world were chosen to be ordained by the Pope during the Jubilee Year.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF HOBART

Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Anthony Ireland as the new Archbishop of Hobart. Currently an auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Bishop Ireland is replacing Archbishop Julian Porteous who is retiring after almost 12 years as Archbishop of Hobart.

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay as the new Archbishop of Brisbane. Currently Bishop of Sandhurst, he is replacing Archbishop Mark Coleridge who is retiring after 13 years in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB

Do you have a love for the outdoors?

The Catholic Walking Club of Victoria invites you to join them on some upcoming Day Walks:

- **Sunday 20 July:** Boar Gully 14km circuit through forest in Brisbane Ranges National Park. Grade: Medium
- **Wednesday 23 July:** Williamstown station to Yarraville, along the Bay, then along the Maribyrnong River. Approx 12km. Grade: Easy
- **Sunday 3 August:** Domino Rail Trail. A 12km return walk, following the old railway line from Trentham to Lyonville in the Wombat State Forest. Grade: Easy

For more information, visit

website: <https://www.catholicwalkingclubvic.org.au/WP/wordpress/>

Or contact Rose Thomas 0400 166 580

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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 3rd 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

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

(28th & 29th June)

Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pmGreg Buhagiar
9.30amPat McLaughlin
Anna Messina

Counting.....Val Taylor

READERS: **Corpus Christi**
11.00amImelda Gibson
Natasha Fernandes

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pm.....Nic Fusca
9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**
11.00am.....Kahn Nguyen

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(5th & 6th July)

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pmKath Baker
9.30amTere Tutai
Sam Polzella

Counting.....Les Vella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**
11.00amJoe Fusca
Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pm.....Mary Vella
9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi
MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**
11.00am.....Hong 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.