



SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST, 2025.
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 13:22-30)

Some people seem to have an ingrained sense of entitlement. They put themselves first without regard for the sensitivities or rights of others. Whether their behaviour derives from childhood experiences of over-indulgence or from some other source, it can be quite divisive and even destructive of family or workplace or community. Those who put themselves first will often find themselves last in that they are tolerated at best rather than welcomed into most circles.

As Jesus moves from town to town on his way to Jerusalem, “someone” puts a question to him. The question is about salvation: “Are only the few saved?” Jesus treats this as a rhetorical question that presupposes an affirmative answer. His answer could be interpreted as affirmative, even if it is a far cry from the expected response. The questioner rightly assumes that God is the one who saves. Jesus responds with a reminder that God’s saving action cannot be taken for granted. One must “strive to enter the narrow door”. Hard work is involved in ensuring that God’s saving power is there for God’s world.

While the question comes from one person, Jesus’ response is “to them”. The insistence of people in the crowd that they have eaten with him may suggest they are among those who have been following him from Galilee. They may even be those who objected to Jesus’ table companions, the tax-collectors and sinners (Luke 7:34). The text makes it clear that they have heard his teaching: “You taught in our streets”.

Jesus’ reply indicates that the tables have turned. It would come as no surprise to a Jewish audience to hear Jesus stating that the kingdom belongs to Israel’s ancestors and to all the prophets. Jesus’ assertion that it also belongs to those who come from far and wide, “from east and west and north and south”, might be less than palatable to those who see themselves as “first” in the schema of salvation.

Those who share in the banquet in God’s kingdom, the “saved”, have prevailed in the struggle to enter through the “narrow door”. Entry is by no means restricted to Israel’s forebears. It belongs to all who hear the word of God and put it into practice. The inclusion or “salvation” of outsiders will cause grief among “evil-doers”. These flawed individuals include those who have eaten with Jesus and who have heard his teaching without effect and who, consequently, have failed to commit themselves to the struggle to establish God’s reign of justice and peace and reconciliation.

There is no privileged access to salvation on the basis of birth or race or any other contingency. While the “door” to salvation may be “narrow”, the Lukan Jesus has already declared that it is open to all who hear the word of God, to those who “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (8:15).

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

BAPTISM

We pray and welcome this weekend **Gabriel Leon Bottiglieri** through the Sacrament of Baptism –

May he, his parents and Godparents
be filled with the Holy Spirit.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Francesca Catroppa** and **Anthony Moore** who died recently and for **Henry Bradmore, Lazar Kuka, Pasquale Morelli and Dean – Dino Anton Dellabernardina** whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in peace.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116. R. Mark 16:15

**(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

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: Ps 103:13-15

The Earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA

At the Parishes of St Augustine's, Corpus Christi and Annunciation we welcome people who are searching for spiritual meaning in their lives or for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. The RCIA is a process of discernment and learning for those who are not baptised and wanting to find out more about Catholic faith and for those already baptised in another Christian tradition who now desire to further their faith journey with the Catholic Church. A new group will begin early September, if you would like further information about joining us please contact Fr Werner or the Parish Office at yarraville@cam.org.au (03) 9314 7710 **Parishioners you can help!**

Perhaps you know someone who is asking questions about faith or about becoming Catholic, you might like to invite them to contact Fr Werner and accompany them in finding out a bit more about what Catholics believe, how we celebrate our faith and live our lives.

JUBILEE MASS

NEXT SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

Many thousands of Masses, Baptisms, Confirmations, Marriages, First Communions and other liturgies and devotions have taken place in our present St. Augustine's Church Yarraville.

From 1894 -1925, the first church was a wooden church/school building on the corner of Avoca Street and Birmingham Street.

On 1st February 1925, the new church on Somerville Road Yarraville was blessed and opened by His Grace The Most Rev. Daniel Mannix. D.D., LL. D. Archbishop of Melbourne to cater for the growing congregation.

This year we give thanks to the clergy and parishioners who made this possible 100 years ago.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

All past and present parishioners most welcome.

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

Campaign envelopes and brochures are available in the churches explaining the approach to fundraising in the Parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. **Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible** and go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports

- The Corpus Christi College Building Fund,
- The Priests' Retirement Foundation,
- The John Pierce Centre,
- Melbourne Overseas Mission,
- University of Divinity Building Fund

as well as Catholic community agencies and service organizations through annual grants.

Non-taxable-donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects.

- Seminarian Education
- Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign or to donate online, visit melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

HELP NEEDED NEXT WEEKEND

Next Sunday we anticipate a large congregation of family, friends and past parishioners attending the 9.30am Mass. For catering purposes, we need the help of our parishioners. If you can bring a plate of food, such as sandwiches, scones, slices, cakes or your own choice, it would be helpful and most appreciated.

Bring your plate of food, covered in wrap or foil, to the presbytery before Mass. After Mass, our volunteers will serve the food amongst the crowd present in the foyer of the church and in the presbytery garden area.

If you can help before Mass, during and/or after the morning tea, please complete the sheet at the back of the church so you can be contacted regarding the tasks required.

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

Online information session Tuesday 24th September 2025, 7.00 – 8.00pm via ZOOM. Attendance will be by invitation. To express your interest, email Deacon Kevin Pattison, Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. A link will be sent during the week before the session.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER



To receive an Email copy of our newsletter, scan the QR code.

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

No Mass in September

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

(23rd & 24th August)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pmNic Fusca

9.30amPina Guzzardi

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Phillip Marques

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(30th & 31st August)

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pmPeter Matheson

9.30amJohn Ryan,

Rose Thomas, Anna Messina

Counting.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Mary Vella

Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Khanh Nguyen

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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