



SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER, 2025.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 21:5-19)

Fifty years ago there was no Sydney Opera House. A hundred years ago there was no Harbour Bridge. It is hard to imagine a time when they did not exist or a time when they will cease to be, such is the status these monuments have acquired over a very short span of history. They are a source of wonder for tourists and locals alike. They have their counterparts elsewhere in our contemporary world. Twenty years ago, New York's World Trade Centre was another such icon, seemingly indestructible and holding the pride of an economically and politically dominant nation, even if less aesthetically engaging than Sydney's monuments.

In first century Palestine, the newly refurbished Jerusalem Temple was both aesthetically stunning and symbolically charged. It functioned primarily as the centre of religious worship. It was also an important locus of financial and political power. Its significance can hardly be exaggerated and its destruction at the hands of the Romans in 70CE was a devastating blow for the Jewish people.

Luke is writing some twenty years after this event. He wants to tell his communities that the destruction of the Temple did not signal the end of the world, though that is how it might have seemed at the time. There is life to be lived and there are struggles to be endured before God's final advent. Luke wants to offer hope and encouragement in the face of conflict and persecution and family division. He wants to offer his readers a caution not to listen to everyone who claims to know the time, the *kairos*, of God's visitation.

Like Jesus, disciples can expect to be "handed over" and brought before political authorities. They are to find in this an opportunity to give witness or "to testify". In his second volume, Luke has Jesus

commissioning the disciples to be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). They don't have to worry about what to say in their own defence: "I will give you words and wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict."

Endurance or patience is the way to life. The Greek term used here evokes the parable of the sower: "as for that [the seed] in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15).

In our own times, when the life of our planetary home is at stake, when the political systems we have trusted are so often manipulated by the greed of the few and when families are torn apart, we are called to witness to a Gospel way of life, to hold the word of God fast in honest and good hearts and to trust that we are not alone in the everyday struggles of life.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Val Finnigan** who died recently. We also remember in our prayers **Marie Wood** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they rest in peace.

NOVEMBER MASSES.

There is a **Remembrance Book** placed at the front of the Churches for parishioners to write down the names of deceased relatives and friends they wish to be remembered and prayed for during November. There are also **November Envelopes** available on the pews and at the back of the Church for those wanting a Mass said for deceased relatives or friends.

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun or righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**
3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were no idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at

now — the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master', they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived', he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he", and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name— and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair on your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

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 72:28

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in
God the Lord.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Sunday 30 Nov – Tuesday 2 Dec. 2025

**Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre,
1 Convention Place, South Wharf.**

ST. CECILIA'S EVE ORGAN RECITAL

Featuring Dion Henman, a classically trained pianist and
organist with extensive experience, on **Friday 21
November 2025 from 6pm – 7pm at St. Patrick's
Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne.**

SACRED MUSIC CONCERT

**Saturday 22 November 2025 from 7.30pm –
9.30pm** at St. Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard
Street West Melbourne. Entry is by donation
and all proceeds go to supporting the St. Mary's
Star of the Sea restoration project.

HOSPITALITY

This Weekend, **15 & 16 November** there will be
Hospitality after the **5pm and 9.30am Masses**.
Parishioners are invited to stop after Mass for a cuppa
and chat with fellow parishioners.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

2026 Enrolments are open. *Study scripture, theology,
pastoral ministry and spirituality.* For more information:
contact: registrar@ctc.edu.au

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Discover Palms International volunteering **online** in
two special **sessions** where you will hear how skill-
exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our
Southeast Asian region.

1. Gap year opportunities for 18-25yr olds, year 12
graduates, University students.

Thursday 4 December, 6pm or 9pm

2. Timor-Leste encounter information session
Monday 8 December, 7.30pm – 8.30pm, for
placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.
Venue online. Register at 02 9560 5333 or
palms.org.au/events

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

As has been the custom for many years, volunteers
from our local St. Vincent de Paul will soon be setting
up a Giving Tree in the foyer of the church.

Parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable
Christmas food items and place them in the baskets
under the tree in the coming weeks.

Volunteers will prepare Christmas Hampers and
distribute them to those in need prior to Christmas.

Items needed are – Christmas puddings, Christmas
Cakes, Christmas tarts, shortbread biscuits, cheese
crackers, custard, soft drink, lollies and chocolates.

ROSTER FOR READERS, MINISTERS, COUNTERS

Rosters for St. Augustine's readers, ministers and
counters are available in the foyer of the church.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24 December

5.00pm MassSt. Augustine's Yarraville

8.00pm Mass.....Corpus Christi Kingsville

10.00pm Polish Mass.....St. Augustine's Yarraville

Midnight Mass.....St. Augustine's Yarraville

Christmas Day Thursday 25 December

8.00am Mass.....Annunciation Brooklyn

9.30am Mass.....St. Augustine's Yarraville

11.00am Mass.....Corpus Christi Kingsville

11.30am Polish MassSt. Augustine's Yarraville

ST. AUGUSTINE'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

It is with sadness that I need to convey the news that
we have recently been the target of vandalism and
thieves who have removed the Plaques in the Pope John
Paul 11 Memorial Garden.

We first noticed that some were missing on Saturday 2nd
November (All Souls Eve) after the 5pm Mass. (About 13
plaques were missing at that time). I contacted the
police and reported the incident on the Sunday after the
Masses. On Monday 3rd November parishioners noticed
the rest of the plaques had also been removed bar 1 or
2. These were the actions of unthinking and very sad
people to desecrate a memorial to our deceased loved
ones.

In checking the parish records, I suspect that our list of
plaques that were placed on the memorial wall, is
incomplete. If any parishioners, who had family or
friends remembered on a plaque, would like to contact
the parish office with the details of who were
remembered, that would be very helpful in moving
forward. Please contact Emilia Balkan, our Parish
Secretary, at yarraville@cam.org.au (03) 9314 7710

With kind regards, Fr. Werner

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP AND MASS

The Prayer Group and Italian Mass are on hold until
further notice.

PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Werner Utri

PARISH SECRETARY: Emilia Balkan**PHONE:** 0401 158 113;

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EMAIL: yarraville@cam.org.au**ST. AUGUSTINE'S OFFICE HOURS:**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

9.30am till 2.30pm

PARISH WEBSITE:www.melbatholic.org/yarraville**SAFEGUARDING:** Pat Mc Laughlinpatmac766@gmail.com**PARISH CHURCHES****ST AUGUSTINE'S**

71 Somerville Road Yarraville

CORPUS CHRISTI

376 Geelong Road, Kingsville

ANNUNCIATION

4 Nolan Avenue, Brooklyn

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 MASSThursday 6th November at

11am at St. Augustine's

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

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 or contact the Parish office for a set of envelopes.

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(15th & 16th November)**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

COUNTING.....Val Taylor**READERS:** **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Phillip Marques

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Khanh Nguyen

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK(22nd & 23rd November)**Christ the King Year C****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

COUNTING.....Les Vella**READERS:** **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Julianna Barr

Edith Fletcher

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

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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