



## SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2025. PENTECOST SUNDAY. YEAR C

### REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (John 20:19-23)

Pentecost Sunday is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. For the ancient Israelites, Pentecost (meaning 'fiftieth') was a harvest festival celebrated fifty days after the harvesting of the first sheaf.

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 Mt Sinai. The Jews of the first century, including Christian Jews, celebrated the great pilgrimage feast of Pentecost.

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 Mt. 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 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 the Law in their own tongues. In other words, the dispersion and division created by the hubris of those who built the Tower of Babel is symbolically reversed with this outpouring of God's Spirit.

For the content of the new covenant, we turn to the Gospel reading from John 20:19-23. The risen Christ appears to the disciples huddled behind locked doors. He "shows them his hands and his side". In other words, he provides incontrovertible evidence that he is the crucified one. He offers the simple greeting: "Peace be with you," the greeting we offer each other at every Eucharistic celebration. The disciples respond with joy. He sends them 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 sins or transgressions of those whose sins or transgressions they "retain".

To seize hold of evil-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, amnesty only exacerbates the problems. Much of the enduring conflict in our world derives from the inability of ordinary people and of leaders to know how to deal with transgression.

The Holy Spirit is the unique source of our power to forgive, of our power to refrain from vengeance, and of our capacity to deal with or "seize hold of" the sins of the perpetrators of violence and abuse in our Church and in our world. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us in the way of truth and give us the courage to deal with evil-doing in our midst.

**By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM**

#### **DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for **Fr. Vincent Piele, Alicia Salaverria, Domenica Costa and Gikovanna Greco** who died recently; and for **Antonino Recupero** whose anniversary occurs about this time.  
May they rest in peace.

#### **ALL WELCOME THIS SUNDAY** **8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 3PM**

#### **PENTECOST JUBILEE CONCERT** **at St. Augustine's Church Yarraville**

In the centenary year of St Augustine's this celebration will be held in the church focusing on Liturgical Music over the last 100 years. This is a free concert and will include performances by the Melbourne Vocal Ensemble and more.

**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 forever!  
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.

## **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 083 347 Account No. 638052213.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:  
BSB 083 347 Account No. 638051413

### **CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE & ANNUNCIATION BROOKLYN**

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:  
BSB 083 347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account: BSB 083 347 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 your contact details on the card and put the card on the collection plate at Mass.

## **JUBILEE MASS**

**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST AT 9.30AM**

**BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S**

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will be the main celebrant at St. Augustine's.

All past and present parishioners most welcome.

### **INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**Do you have any photos of liturgical events celebrated in St. Augustine's Church to share on a display board on the day?**

e.g. photos taken inside the church of Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Weddings; other religious traditions or ceremonies, e.g. Novenas, Polish blessing of bread, Italian feast days – St. Lucy, St. Nicholas; World Youth Days in the Diocese, photos of priests, etc.

If so, we would love to have them. It would be best if you scan your photos, add details of names/date/event etc. and email them to the parish at [yarraville@cam.org.au](mailto:yarraville@cam.org.au)

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

The Appeal will take place on the weekend of **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. Funds raised will be used to provide assistance with food, clothing, household bills, specialist homelessness services and support people in need to find and maintain secure housing. Food items are the most needed and we invite you to start purchasing extra food items when you are shopping.

### **MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY**

**Wednesday 11 June 2025 from 10.00am – 3.00pm.**

Venue: Level 2, Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy. Free entry. Mary Glowrey is one of two Australians currently being officially considered for sainthood.

### **2025 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL**

As the Australian agency of the international Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Mission works on behalf of the Pope to support church-run mission programs around the world.

This year parishioners are invited to support vulnerable people through the work of Sr Jane Kaputa at the Women's Cooperative and midwife, Kayula, at the Chilonga Mission Hospital in Zambia.

Through the Women's Cooperative, Sr Jane supports women facing drought and painful choices of selling crops for survival or feeding their children. The women are gaining farming skills and resources to increase production and generate income.

Through your support, the Mission Hospital can receive crucial upgrades to equipment and facilities and expectant mothers, who endure dangerous journeys for medical care only to face limited resources, will receive the care they need for themselves and their babies.

**The appeal will be held on the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June at each of the Masses at St Augustine's, Corpus Christi and Annunciation churches.**

**QUIET DAY: Saturday 21 June 10 am – 2 pm**

This Quiet Day, led by Ros Harris and Clara Rizzi, **at St Joseph's by the Sea: 16 Esplanade, Williamstown** includes two sessions of group meditation, optional walking meditation and an opportunity for you to enter a personal time of stillness. You may choose to spend your time reading, drawing, sitting quietly, or praying through Lectio Divina (sacred reading) or Visio Divina (sacred gazing). This is a free event; however, if you wish to make a donation to assist in covering costs, it would be appreciated. Please bring your own lunch, pens and paper. Tea and coffee are provided. Free parking in Cole Street. *You are welcome to arrive at 9:30 am for a cuppa and stay after 2 pm to share your reflections or insights.*

**RSVP by 14 June:** Ros: [harrisroslyn61@gmail.com](mailto:harrisroslyn61@gmail.com)

Clara: [clarariz@bigpond.com](mailto:clarariz@bigpond.com)

### PARISH PRIEST

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### **PARISH CHURCHES**

#### ST AUGUSTINE'S

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[yarraville@cam.org.au](mailto:yarraville@cam.org.au)

#### CORPUS CHRISTI

376 Geelong Road, Kingsville

#### ANNUNCIATION

4 Nolan Avenue, Brooklyn

(03) 9314 5613

[kingsville@cam.org.au](mailto:kingsville@cam.org.au)

### 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

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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



### CORPUS CHRISTI JUBILEE

#### PROCESSION: Sunday 22 June 2025

Procession begins after 11am Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and concludes at Federation Square. On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), parishes, schools and communities are invited to send a group.

#### THROUGH OUR EYES

**10am Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025 – 3pm**

**Friday 4 July 2025.** Venue - ACU Gallery, 26 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

Closed weekends and Thursday 26 June.

VMCH's debut photography exhibition is celebrating the talents of people with disability and giving an unfiltered glimpse into their everyday lives.

This is a free event. All welcome.

#### SIX30 HOLY HOUR

**Consecutive Thursdays**

**Thursday 12 June 2025, 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne. Join with young Catholics across the city for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and opportunity for confession. Check venue details each week online on the Events page of Melbourne Catholic as venues may change. More info, call 9926 5677

### 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

(7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June)

#### Pentecost Sunday C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm .....John Ryan

9.30am .....Gerald Bain-King

Sam Polzella

Counting.....John Ryan

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am ..... Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Val Taylor

### ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June)

#### The Most Holy Trinity C

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm .....Nic Fusca

9.30am .....Phillip Marques

Anna Messina

Counting..... Phillip Marques

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am ..... Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Joe Fusca

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed. Many thanks for your generous support.