



## **SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2025.**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT      YEAR A**

#### **Reflection on the Gospel - Matthew 24:37-44**

“Where is the Life we have lost in living?” asks the Chorus in T. S. Eliot's *The Rock*. The Jesus of Matthew's Gospel is implicitly asking the same question as Eliot's Chorus. He is making much the same observation as Henry David Thoreau, “Most [people] lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them.”

We are invited to find Life in our living and to sing the songs that are in us. We are to be agents of our own future rather than unthinking participants in the destruction of our planet. Right now, the human community is challenged in unprecedented ways to restore the life we have lost by living beyond our means and by destructively exploiting the riches of the Earth.

As we begin a new liturgical year, Matthew's Jesus invites us to contemplate the ultimate realities even as we attend to the demands of the present. He tells us to be “awake”, to be “ready” all the time, not because death or the end of the world are around the corner, but because we need to recognise the multiple “advents” or arrivals of the Christ, the Human One, who calls us beyond self-absorption to Life. He reminds us that we are no different from our forebears who from earliest days have gone about their daily business without being sufficiently attentive to what really matters.

In our times, we have allowed thieves to break in and plunder our planet, our common home, because thieves come in guises that we fail to recognise. They so often look just like us and do the things we do. It may be that we must first be attentive to our own ways of plundering the house that is home to all of God's creatures.

We spend much of our time looking back. That has its place, since our history informs our present and helps us in shaping our future, though all the while we

know with Auden that ‘[t]he past is foreign country: they do things differently there’.

Advent invites us to look forward rather than back and to dream Gospel-inspired dreams that will enable creative change in our own lives and in the life of our planet. It invites us to be awake, to be ready for any eventuality. Dreams and visions have always been the precursors to effective and life-giving change. We need the grace to see visions and to dream dreams that make for justice and peace and that permit us to walk more freely in the light of God's ways. We seek the grace to “see” God's word as did the prophet Isaiah in the First Reading (Isa 2:1-5). We need to put our energy into creating life-generating systems that enable us to move forward in the paths of gospel compassion and love.

**By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM**

#### **DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for **Luigi Panetta** who died recently.

We also pray for **Elisa Franze** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

#### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH  
YARRAVILLE**

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Starting 6pm**

**Keep the date free**

**Please bring a plate for supper  
afterwards**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 2:1-5 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1.

**(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

**Gospel Acclamation:** Ps 84:8

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**During Advent and the Christmas Season**  
**we will be saying the Apostles' Creed**

### **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.

### **ADVENT WREATH**

#### **FIRST CANDLE ----THE CANDLE OF HOPE**

There are four candles on the wreath,  
one for each Sunday of Advent.

**Today we light the first purple candle.**



As we celebrate the season of Advent we think again of the love of God for us, endless and ever new, symbolised in this circle of greenery.

The candles of the wreath signify how this eternal and all-embracing love has been manifested in time, and will be manifest forever when the Lord appears in glory. Today we light the first of the candles, looking forward to the Day of the Lord.

**Response: Come, Lord Jesus**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### **VENERABLE MARY OF THE SACRED HEART GLOWREY**

The cause for sainthood for Australian-born doctor and missionary in India has advanced after Pope Leo XIV recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21 November 2025. Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, as she will now be titled, is just the second Australian, after St. Mary Mackillop, to be accorded this status. Pope Leo's decree marks the second major step in the formal process toward sainthood. The next phase, beatification, will require the approval of a miracle attributed to her intercession.

### **ADVENT CAROL SERVICE**

Sunday 21 December 2025 from 3pm – 6pm at St. Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne.

### **ADVENT MEDITATION SHEETS**

Each week during Advent there will be a sheet for reflection on Sunday's Gospel and prayer, available for meditation. Parishioners are encouraged to take home a sheet each week for use individually or as a family group.

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

#### **GIVING TREE**

Each year volunteers make up Christmas hampers to assist families in need. In the foyer of the churches a Giving Tree is set up with name tags containing the names of items suitable for including in the hampers. Please read the name tags and buy some extra Christmas items at your next supermarket shop to add to the hampers, e.g. Custard, puddings, Christmas cakes, mince tarts, short breads, chocolates/lollies/ soft drinks. Bring your donations to church and place them under the tree by the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December. The hampers will be prepared on 17<sup>th</sup> December. We are very grateful for your support.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

#### **Christmas Eve      Wednesday 24 December**

5.00pm Mass .....St. 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 Mass ...St. Augustine's Yarraville

### **AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

All are invited to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 November as we welcome more than 6000 young pilgrims from across Australia and the Pacific for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The Festival has reached full capacity. Let us gather together as the local Church in Melbourne to share in their joy and offer a truly warm Melbourne welcome.

#### **Cathedral Program:**

**1.30pm** – Melbourne Catholic Festa: A joyful celebration of the diversity and beauty of our faith communities, gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.

**2.30pm** – Reception of the WYD Cross and Icon: These powerful symbols of faith have travelled the world.

**3.00pm** - Pilgrimage Walk: Led by the Cross and Icon, journeying 5kms from the Cathedral to Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (only ticketed pilgrims can enter MCEC). A shorter 3km Cathedral → Birrarung Marr → Return route is also available.

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Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays

9.30am till 2.30pm

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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**

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**

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](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.

**ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK**(29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> November)**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A****READERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm ..... John Ryan

9.30am ..... Gerald Bain-King

Sam Polzella

**COUNTING**.....John Ryan**READERS:** Corpus Christi

11.00am ..... Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

**MINISTERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Kath Baker

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

**MINISTER:** Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Joe Fusca

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK**(6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December)**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A****READERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm ..... Kath Baker

9.30am ..... Pina Guzzardi

Anna Messina

**COUNTING**.....Phillip Marques**READERS:** Corpus Christi

11.00am .....Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

**MINISTERS:** St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

**MINISTER:** Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Val Taylor

**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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