



SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 2025. 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 17:5-10)

The strength to remain faithful in the face of adversity, the capacity to forgive, and the courage to do what we ought to do without seeking recognition or reward are perennial challenges for most people.

According to the Lukan Jesus, it takes faith to meet such challenges. The devastating fires in the Amazon forests and in north-eastern Australia are testing the faith of those who have devoted much of their energy, even their whole lives, to speaking truth to power about the need for action to offset the effects of global warming. And yet these people remain faithful, finding the strength to forgive and the courage to do what must be done for the sake of our common home.

Today's Gospel reading brings to closure the central section of the long journey narrative that recounts the teaching of the Lukan Jesus on his way from Samaria to the final events of his life in Jerusalem.

The "apostles" ask Jesus to increase their faith. Their request is in itself an act of faith. He has been telling them to be on their guard. He has been emphasising the importance of endless and unconditional forgiveness. These disciples are well aware that to keep on forgiving those who offend repeatedly is not easy. It is in this context that they ask him to increase the faith.

Jesus responds by insisting that even the smallest amount of faith can work wonders. His metaphorical language stretches the imagination. Even transplanting a mulberry tree from land to sea becomes possible through the power of a faith-infused word! They have no answer to this.

Luke seems to be invoking "faith" in much the same way as does Habakkuk in today's First Reading which closes with a comparison between the proud whose "spirit is not right" and the just who "live by faith" (Hab. 2:4).

The Hebrew word for faith in this passage is probably better translated as "fidelity" or "faithfulness". For the Lukan Jesus, a little fidelity or faithfulness goes a long way. Among other things, it enables us to keep on forgiving even wilful ignorance and to keep on acting for justice.

Finally, Jesus puts a number of questions to his disciples, questions that align their status with that of slaves in the service of a master. His questions provide a stark contrast with an example he has offered earlier in the Gospel where the slave master serves the faithful slaves (12:37).

These questions are consistent, however, with his insistence that true disciples do not seek the reward of honour or recompense for their service. Jesus' followers must admit that their service is "unprofitable" in that it is no more than is required of them.

Power, status, wealth acquired at the expense of others, refusal to forgive, all run counter to the path of Gospel fidelity. To live by faith in our times is to be humble, forgiving, just and unremittingly attentive to the cry of the earth.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Fr Ted Burns, Sr Johanna Pleban and Lucia Marchione** who died recently and for **Grgo Doblanovic, Jan Biront and all** whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

Entrance Antiphon--- Esther 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

(R.) If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for the Lord is our God and we
the people who belong to God's pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your ancestors put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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: Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Wednesday 29 October from 10am – 3pm

Level 2 Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

Visit the museum to learn more about the life and legacy of Australian-born medical missionary in India and Servant of God, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ

HOPE AS AN ANCHOR

Monday 13 October, 7pm – 8.30pm at St. Mary of the Sea Church, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne. Everyone invited to a special Jubilee event. Beginning with adoration and Benediction, the evening will also include an international rosary, candlelight procession and international Mass.

ENGAGING YOUR FAITH

Engaging your faith is a series of short, online presentations that invite participants to reflect on what it means to be people of faith in the contemporary world. Experienced academics from Catholic Theological College present on a variety of topics. Below are a few of the presentations.

EUCCHARIST Sacrament of Hope against Hope.

With Very Rev Dr Kevin Lenehan

How do we participate in this paschal hope for the sake of this world and the life of glory to come?

Thursday 16 October 7pm – 8.30pm online

Bookings close Tuesday 14 October at 5pm.

How does 'Living/walking by the Spirit' in St. Paul's Letters encourage Us as Pilgrims of Hope?

With Dr Rosemary Canavan

Monday 20 October 7pm – 8.30pm online

Bookings close Thursday 16 October at 5pm.

Pope Leo XIV and the Historical Significance of Papal Names with Dr Max Vodola

Thursday 23 October 7pm – 8.30pm

Physically Distant, Spiritually Close: How St. Paul Kept in Touch with the Churches He Founded.

With Dr. Catherine Playoust

Wednesday 29 October 7pm – 8.30pm

Bookings close Monday 27 October AT 5PM

Visit the website, ctc.edu.au, for a full description of all sessions in the Engaging Your Faith series and book for online sessions. Contact: 03 9412 3309; registrar@ctc.edu.au, 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL 2025

Sunday 30 November 2025 – Tuesday 2 December 2025 at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf. The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a fun and faith-filled national festival. It provides young people from Year 9 to 25 years old with the opportunity to come together, connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the church in Australia. To register go to: acyf.org.au/registration

CATHEDRAL CONCERT Song of This Land 2025

Sunday 12 October 2025 - 2.30PM – 4PM

This free concert honours the spiritual foundations and cultural heritage of our Archdiocesan family, as people of faith in a vibrant multicultural city. The concert will be preceded by a rosary in different languages (2.30pm) followed by the free concert at 3pm. Walk-ins on the day are welcome. You can register in advance via trybooking.com/BRYBS

REFLECTING ON 30 YEARS OF EVANGELIUM VITAE

The Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher OP will deliver the oration, marking the 30th anniversary of the promulgation of Pope St. John Paul's encyclical.

The oration and dinner at 7pm on Friday 17 October at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade East Melb will be preceded by 6pm Mass at St John the Evangelist Church in East Melb, celebrated by Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A Comensoli.

The Mass will be open to the public.

JOSEPH'S CORNER

A Craft and Plant Stall will be set up at St. Augustine's Church on Saturday 11th October 4.30pm - 6pm and Sunday 12th October, 9am – 12 noon.

After 5pm and 9.30am Masses next weekend you can explore our collection of hand-made knitwear, quilts, knitted and crochet throws, soft toys and a wide variety of plants, all crafted with love by Joseph's Corner volunteers. All proceeds support free counselling sessions for those in need. Visit our stall, find the perfect gift, and support a great cause.

Joseph's Corner at 3 Birmingham St, Yarraville is a not-for-profit support service, based in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne, for families living with alcohol and drug addiction. It offers counselling with a qualified counsellor, referral information and support sessions. Founded by the late Sr. Jeanne Dwyer rsj, Joseph's Corner helps families and individuals to cope with a person in their life who is struggling with addiction. Contact 03 9315 2680

Website: <http://www.josephscorner.org.au/>

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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 6th November 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.

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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

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

(4th & 5th October)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

COUNTING.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(11th & 12th October)

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

COUNTING.....Val Taylor

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Mary Vella

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Kahn 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.

Mary Mackillop Spirituality Centre

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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.