ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH YARRAVILLE

Corpus Christi Church KINGSVILLE

ANNUNCIATION CHURCH BROOKLYN

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER, 2026
ALL SAINTS. YEAR A

Reflection on the Gospel (Matthew 5:1-12)

We have become so familiar with the beatitudes that there is a danger of our listening only to the mellifluous flow of language and of failing to attend to the extraordinary present and future reversal that they offer to those who suffer injustice and to those who choose non-violent ways of addressing it.

With violence sweeping the globe and affecting the dispossessed quite disproportionately, it is time to listen anew to these opening words of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Jesus of Nazareth knew in his body the experience of displacement: from Bethlehem to Egypt; from Judaea to Galilee. He shared the experience of Galilean peasant farmers and artisans. His words are grounded in the stories, the music, the poetry, the law and the history of his people. They foreground the qualities of those whom we honour as saints, those who are remembered by name and those who are not.

The mountain setting establishes Jesus as wisdom teacher like Moses of old. God's favour rests on the poor/the humble/the "grounded", on the gentle, on those who grieve for the pain of the world, on serious justice seekers, on those who know how to mercy, on the pure or single-minded of heart, on peacemakers, and on those who suffer in the cause of right.

The repetition of "blessed are…" (a better translation of the Greek *makarioi* than 'happy') provides multiple links with Israel's collection of sacred songs, the Psalms. For Israel's lyricists, God's favour or blessing is on those whose hope is in God, on those whose delight is in God's way, on those who take refuge in God, on the guileless in spirit and on those whom God forgives.

The content of the beatitudes echoes the voice of Israel's prophets, especially Isaiah 61. God's spirit is upon Jesus of Nazareth. He brings the good news of God's present and future favour or blessing to the destitute and to those who mourn. The distinguishing mark of God's favoured ones is righteousness or right relationship.

God's favour or blessing comes in diverse forms: the *basileia* or empire of the heavens; comfort in the face of grief; the earth as a heritage to be protected; the joy of being mercied; face to face encounter with God; a great reward "in heaven".

If heaven is only a place to be enjoyed in the afterlife, it is little consolation for the desperately poor or for those who are persecuted or misrepresented to know that "the empire of the heavens is theirs" or that their "reward is great in heaven". "Heaven" is better understood as a way of talking about God or God's empire of justice and compassion in contrast with the heartless empire of Rome and its modern equivalents.

Maybe the most urgent invitation in our present context is to mourn strategically the displacement of so many of earth's inhabitants who, in these liminal times, long for the blessing of God's kingdom in the form of comfort and mercy and a just share in the earth's resources.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

ALL SOULS' DAY MASSES
Monday 2 November
10.00am Corpus Christi
11.30am Polish St Augustine's
6.00pm St. Augustine's

SICK, DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Anna Tran** who is sick.
For **Stan Badowski, Desmond Hansen and Rita Bradmore** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

MELBOURNE SYNOD
TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL

SYNODALITY PREVENTS ISOLATION

When leaders and communities walk together, no one carries the burden alone. Synodality builds shared responsibility.

First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1-6.

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
   the world and all its peoples.
   It is he who set it on the seas;
   on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
   Who shall stand in his holy place?
   The man with clean hands and pure heart,
   who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
   and reward from the God who saves him.
   Such are the men who seek him,
   seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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: Matthew 5:8-10
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PARISH CENSUS

Our parish is currently undertaking a Parish Census to help us better understand our parish community and support its ongoing life and mission. By completing the census form available at Mass, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also assist the parish to plan effectively for ministries, important events, and future parish initiatives. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you for your participation.

DONATIONS FOR ALTAR CANDLES

For some time now I have been searching for appropriate candle holders for our Altars at all three churches. To mark the beginnings of the next phase of our story as the people of God at St Augustine's Yarraville, Corpus Christi Kingsville and Annunciation Brooklyn, I have purchased and had refurbished 16 Altar Candle holders to mark the occasion. It is my intention to use them on the first Sunday of Advent 28/29 November, the date we officially become, Holy Spirit Parish. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the cost of these would be most welcome. The total cost of these was just over $5,000.00 but they will be a part of the patrimony of the Parish and will be a part of the regular celebration of the Mass for many years to come. All contributions, most welcome.
With thanks, Fr Werner

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD
ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Saturday 14 November, 10am – 1pm
Rev Rhys Lowther and Rev Dominic Lawes will be ordained to the priesthood. Mr Nicolas Calandra, Mr Andrew Tran, Mr Anthony Wright, Mr Bradley Proud, Mr Ryan Martin, Mr Francis Thomas and Mr Peter Nguyen will be ordained to the Diaconate.

COMMUNITY FAIR at CORPUS CHRISTI

Annunciation, Corpus Christi & St. Augustine's
Saturday 14th November 2026
10.00am to 4.00pm
Rides, entertainment, Stalls,
yummy food, Face Painting

NOVEMBER MASSES

November is traditionally the month at which we pray for all the faithful departed, especially members of our families and friends, for it is a good and holy thing to pray for those who have died. Anyone wishing to have a Mass said in remembrance of a loved one or a family member, please fill in one of the November Envelopes available on the pews and at the back of the Church. As of this weekend, there will be a Remembrance Book 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 the month of November.

FAITH IN ACTION: AN ELECTION GUIDE FROM THE BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026.
There is no Catholic political party, nor one required way for Catholics to vote. Our faith calls us to support those who seek to govern in ways that advance the common good, protect the vulnerable and build a just society.
The following issues deserve careful attention:

- Freedom of religion and conscience
- The place of faith communities
- Respect for life
- The family
- Care and protection of children
- Education and just support of our schools
- Health care
- Justice and social services
- Our common home
- Economic management
- Artificial intelligence

Copies of the Election guide are available in the churches and parishioners are encouraged to take one home to read.

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT

Where: Community Room, Annunciation Brooklyn
When: Saturday 12 December 2026
Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

More details will follow

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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

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:
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- **CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE & ANNUNCIATION BROOKLYN**

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:
BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315
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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**

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

31st Oct & 1st November 2026
All Saints A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pm …… Krystyna Biront
9.30am …… Gerald Bain-King
Sam Polzella
READERS: **Corpus Christi**
11am …… Cass Pelino
AJ Pelino
MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pm……..Kath Baker
9.30am…….. Phillip Marques
MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**
11.00am……. Joe Fusca
COUNTING: Phillip Marques

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

7th & 8th November 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pm …… Nic Fusca
9.30am …… Phillip Marques
Pina Guzzardi
READERS: **Corpus Christi**
11am …… Julianna Barr
Edith Fletcher
MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**
5.00pm……..Frank Galea
9.30am…….. Agnes Hopmans
MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**
11.00am……. Mary Huynh
COUNTING: Val Taylor

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Thank you to parishioners at Annunciation, Corpus Christi and St. Augustine's for your regular donation of food items placed in the churches each week.
In addition to **no-perishable food**, (cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti, tins of tuna, tinned fruit, rice, jam, biscuits), items such as **shampoo, soap, deodorant, washing powder/liquid, toothpaste and brushes** are also needed.

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.