



SUNDAY 18TH MAY, 2025.
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER. YEAR C
REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (13:31-35)

The literary context for today's Gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his foot-weary table companions, and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another.

In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple, and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in Gospel living or in Gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past years.

Jesus is troubled in spirit (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death.

Another, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Though troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death.

But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Anne Aris** who died recently; and for those whose anniversary occurs about this time. May they rest in peace.

KEEP THESE DATES FREE

JUBILEE CONCERT

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE AT 3PM

At St. Augustine's Church Yarraville

This year is the centenary of St Augustine's Church and we are planning our first celebration close to the date of the laying of the Foundation Stone of St. Augustine's Church. It will be in the form of a Concert in the church focusing on Liturgical Music over the last 100 years.

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S

On the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Augustine, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will be the main celebrant at St. Augustine's. All past and present parishioners will be most welcome.

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Entrance Antiphon— Psalm 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v. 1

**(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to people your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Apocalypse 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears

from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When Judas had gone Jesus said:
'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

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: John 15:1, 5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

NEXT TUESDAY 6pm MASS

On Tuesday there **will not be** the usual Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Augustine's from 5.30pm until 6pm Mass. However the church will be open for parishioners to come for private prayer before Mass. The 6pm Mass on Tuesday will be celebrated by Bishop Martin Ashe. Please make him welcome.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CARE

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parishes during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The total amount raised was \$1147.90.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to parishioners for your generosity during the Lenten Season to Project Compassion. The amount raised from our parishes was \$2,048.70

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.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 1 June 2025, 11am at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families.

Couples who register and are celebrating the following Anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th or 40 years or above – will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations close on Sunday 25th May.

FIRST COMMUNION

Over the next two weeks, small groups of children will be making their First Communion at each of the Parish Masses. Please keep the following children in your prayers as they receive their First Eucharist this weekend.

5pm Mass, Saturday 17th May

EMILY HAMILTON

RUBY ROACHE

HUGH HARRIS

CELIA CADD

POPPY LEWIS

RAPHAEL GALLINA

EVELYN MORELLI

ALICE ROSE MONTGOMERY

8.00am Mass, Sunday 18th May

INDIA RAI

RIVER RAI

9.30am Mass, Sunday 18th May

IVY INNELLA

11am Mass Sunday 18th May

OSLO RYAN

ZELIE RYAN

ARLO DALLIGAN

ALINA ROSE PHILLIPS

ZAHRA OSMOTHERLY

PHOEBE XI BILOG

KATHERINE VIEGAS

ANTHONY BOU ABDALLAH

HARPER ROSE SMITH

ELENA TASKE

OPEN DAY AT MOUNT ST. JOSEPH GIRLS' COLLEGE

Date: **Sunday 18 May**. Time: **10:00am - 2:00pm**

During your visit, you will have the chance to:

- Take a guided tour of our facilities
- Meet our dedicated teachers and student leaders
- Learn about our academic programs, co-curricular activities, and faith-based values
- Discover how we nurture students to become confident, compassionate and capable young people. Please register your intention to attend.

ST. VDP WINTER APPEAL

The Vinnies Winter Appeal will take place on the weekend of **Sunday 22nd June**. Funds raised through the appeal 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.

MASS COUNT: The annual Mass count at all weekend Masses continues this weekend.

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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 5th June 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.



PALMS – VOLUNTEER ABROAD

Date: **Thursday 22 May 2025**; Time: **6pm – 7pm**. Join Palms online for a special session showcasing how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Register at palms.org.au/events. 02 9560 5333; palms@palms.org.au ; 02 9560 5333

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 as we joyfully bear witness to Christ in this public way.

PILGRIM PLACES

Locally, the Archdiocese of Melbourne has nominated 12 churches, with St. Patrick's Cathedral being the primary Pilgrim Place, for pilgrims to set out on their own pilgrim journey during the Jubilee Year.

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.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(17th & 18th May)

5th Sunday of Easter C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmPeter Matheson

9.30amTere Tutai

Anna Messina

Counting.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Julianna Barr

Mandy Rodrigues

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Kahn Nguyen

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(24th & 25th May)

6th Sunday of Easter C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmRose Thomas

9.30amAgnes Hopmans

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Val Taylor

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Imelda Gibson

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.