



SUNDAY 10TH AUGUST, 2025.
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C
Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 12:32-48)

The longer form of today's Gospel brings together a number of loosely connected sayings of Jesus about trust and vigilance. Jesus addresses his disciples affectionately as a "little flock". He tells them that there is no need for fear. God, their "father", has delighted in giving them "the kingdom" and they are to be generous in their turn. They are to sell their material possessions and give "alms" or, in a more accurate translation of the Greek original, they are to use their resources to engage in "works of mercy" (*eleēmosunē*). Their security resides in Jesus' assurance: "Where your treasure (or treasury) is, there your heart will be also."

The parental and affectionate language of the opening verses is in sharp contrast with the violent imagery of the latter part of the Gospel reading. Contrary to what some have argued in the past, the murderous slave master who cuts recalcitrant slaves into pieces can never be understood as a Gospel image of God. In this problematic passage, the Lukan Jesus is engaging his hearers' experience of slavery in order to make a point about the need for attentiveness to the demands of the Gospel. The vigilant slave is said to be "blessed" or "happy" or "privileged". From a contemporary perspective, it seems strange indeed to speak of a slave as fortunate. As the story unfolds, we realise that the slave enjoys a relative happiness in comparison with the fate of the other slaves.

The shorter form of the Gospel in 12:35-40 presents a very strange teaching that would surely have been met with scepticism by its earliest hearers. The word picture that Luke paints is just not credible in a first century setting where slavery was taken for granted and where the respective roles of masters and slaves were characterised more by extreme violence than by mutuality of any sort.

The disciples are told to be like slaves who keep vigil all night as they await the return of their master from a wedding banquet. Their function is to open the door when he knocks and, if they are awake enough to perform this function, there will be an extraordinary reversal of roles: the slaves will sit down at table while the master assumes the role of slave and serves their meal.

The disciples are being prepared for Jesus' announcement later in the narrative that he is among them as one who serves. They need to understand that something extraordinary is happening, even more extraordinary than the slave-master banquet scenario might suggest. God's way of being in the world is full of healing experiences and life-enhancing surprises. The final verses of the shorter reading shift to the image of the thief in the night. These verses are also about vigilance, being watchful and alert so as not to be taken by surprise in the final reckoning.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Mary Buck and Bishop Peter Elliot** who died recently and for **Carmen, Doris & Tony Carabott** whose anniversaries occur at this time.
May they rest in peace.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Friday 15th August, the Feast of the Assumption, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will be Masses at:

Corpus Christi Kingsville at 9.15am
St. Augustine's Yarraville at 10.30am
Annunciation Brooklyn at 12.45 am

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one

man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.

You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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: Ps 147:12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of
finest wheat.

JUBILEE MASS

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 9.30AM

BACK TO ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

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

All past and present parishioners most welcome.

INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

If you can help before, during and/or after the
morning tea, please complete the sheet at the
back of the church so you can be contacted
regarding the tasks required.

WORKING BEE;

Volunteers are needed

**This Sunday, 10 August starting at 1pm
to clean up the Presbytery front yard.**

**NEXT TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST THERE WILL BE NO
EXPOSITION AT 5.30PM.**

The church will be open for private prayer prior to
6pm Mass.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Please pray for our priests and religious in
thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our
community. Pray also for vocations to consecrated
life and priesthood, especially from our community.

NEWMAN COLLEGE

OPEN DAY: Sunday 17 August 2025, 10am – Street
Parkville. Tours will run throughout the day.

SERVICE OF COMPLINE at Chapel of the Holy Spirit,
each Thursday, 8.30pm – 10pm - an evening ritual
with hymns, prayers, music and reflection.

MARY MacKILLOP SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

Friday 15 August 2025 9.30am – 3pm at St. Joseph's
by the Sea, 16 Esplanade
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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

No Mass in September

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.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:

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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](http://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements) or at the parish office.

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

(9th & 10th August)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmRose Thomas

9.30amTere Tutai

Sam Polzella

Counting.....Les Vella

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm.....Nic Fusca

9.30am.....Agnes Hopmans

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(16th & 17th August)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pmKrystyna Biront

9.30amAndrea Wilberger

Anna Messina

Counting.....John Ryan

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

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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