



SUNDAY 28TH JUNE, 2026 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (Matthew 10:37-42)

Today's Gospel reading concludes the so-called Matthean missionary discourse in which Jesus instructs his disciples on what it means to be a disciple. While some of the nuances of those instructions are lost in translation, Jesus' words to the disciples can still speak to contemporary disciples. What price are we prepared to pay to create a just, equitable and healthy planetary community? That question is at the heart of today's Gospel reading. That was, in essence, the question that Jesus of Nazareth put to his disciples and the question that Matthew put to his community some fifty or sixty years after Jesus' death.

We seem to be at a turning point in world history, with a climate crisis, a pandemic earlier this decade that claimed the lives of some 6.8 million people worldwide (*statista.com*), a growing consciousness of the discrimination experienced by people of colour and a plethora of mindless wars.

What price are we prepared to pay to change the way we live so that the lives of those hitherto discounted might matter to everyone without exception? What price are we prepared to pay that we might meet the needs of all within the means of the planet? We have the witness of countless health professionals who have died from diseases contracted from their patients. We have the witness of parents who have one meagre meal per day so that their children might be sheltered and nourished. There are courageous people across the globe taking up their respective "crosses" and laying down their lives for suffering others.

In following the way of Jesus and living the Gospel of truth and justice and compassion, we can be faced with excruciating choices. We cannot always satisfy family if we want to be true to what we believe or if we want to expose injustice and dishonesty: there is often a deeper commitment that transcends the bonds of family relationship. We may even be called to relinquish, for the sake of a greater good, work that we love or income on which we depend. In other words, there is deep suffering in the way of discipleship, suffering that comes

from being true to a mission that brings life to others despite the cost to ourselves.

Taking up the cross is a powerful metaphor for being willing to endure whatever hardships are involved in realising the vision of God's empire as opposed to the brutal empire of "Rome". God's empire finds expression in our times in every attempt to enshrine just policies and practices in law. It finds expression in every attempt to free the most marginalised from the impact of unjust policies and practices.

Words are not enough: we are to live out in our lives the pattern of Jesus' life, a life characterised by hospitality and attention to the vulnerable. A cup of cold water for "the little ones" becomes the emblem of discipleship and, in our post-industrial times, the little ones include all God's thirsty creatures, human and other-than-human.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

BAPTISMS

We welcome and pray for **Matthew Lehtonen, Sienna Kasinski, Jayda Hanna, Mieka Hanna, Hugo Poynter, Poppy Poynter and Nate Bremner** through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Brock Anderson, Frances Marieca, Jose Toribo, Chris Thorne and Linda Cutropia** who died recently; For **Raffael Levardo** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May they rest in peace.



SYNODALITY AND LEADERSHIP

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.
(R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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 102:1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YARRAVILLE Winter Appeal

This weekend a collection will be taken up at all the Masses to support the work of St. Vincent De Paul's Yarraville Conference.

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION NIGHT

For Parents and Children

St. Augustine's Church Yarraville

Wednesday 15 July at 6pm.

The Confirmation Program is about to begin and families need to register ASAP. Application forms can be found on the Parish website -

www.melbcatholic.org/yarraville and returned to the Parish Office prior to the Information evening.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11am, St. Patrick's Cathedral

Growing a Vibrant, Vital and Viable Parish

Every parishioner has a role in building a missionary parish. In the coming weeks, we will undertake a second round of Parish Consultations to help shape a vibrant, vital and viable parish community for the future. We encourage all parishioners to participate.

The *Take the Way of the Gospel* initiative calls us to become more effective in sharing the Gospel so that our parish communities are filled with missionary disciples of Jesus Christ who fully embrace their baptismal calling and go forth with joy and hope to share Christ's love.

Vibrant

A vibrant parish is a community of committed followers of Jesus Christ united by a shared vision for the growth of God's Kingdom. It is characterised by a growing participation in evangelisation, worship, fellowship, faith formation, service and outreach.

Vital

A vital parish understands the needs, culture and aspirations of its local community. It recognises that people are seeking deeper spiritual meaning and that approaches which served the parish well in the past may not always meet present and future needs. Vital communities welcome new people, new ideas and new opportunities for ministry while honouring their heritage and looking to the future with hope.

Viable

A viable parish has the people, leadership, facilities and financial resources necessary to sustain and advance its mission. It manages these resources responsibly, maintains buildings that support ministry, and generates sufficient income to serve the community effectively and sustainably. Parishioners' contributions are valued and used with transparency and prudence.

As we gather, our focus will be on **Who we can become** as our Parishes join together as one. The sessions will be held after Mass and will be 45mins – 1 hour.

Session dates and times:

Sunday 5th July – Annunciation Church, 8:45 – 9:45am (following 8:00am Mass)

Sunday 5th July – Corpus Christi Church, 11:45 – 12:45pm (following 11:00am Mass)

Saturday 11th July – St Augustine's Church, 5:45- 6:45pm (following 5:00pm Mass)

Sunday 12th July – St Augustine's Church, 10:15 – 11:15am (following 9:30am Mass)

Please visit the Parish website for further information. There are feedback boxes at each Church for your questions or contributions at this stage or you can email the Parish directly at: yarraville@cam.org.au

ANNUAL MAY MASS COUNT. YARRAVILLE/KINGSVILLE/BROOKLYN

We have included the average of annual May Mass count figures for your information and consideration.

Please note that some figures were higher than normal due to

- A large number of Baptisms on the Weekend of 3rd Sunday of May
- 1st Communion at all Masses of the 4th Sunday of May

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 5.00pm - 122; 8.00am - 37; 9.30am - 142; 11.00am - 141; 11.30am - 37.

Regular Mass attendances are closer to

5.00pm ... 80 - 100; 8.00am ... 25; 9.30am ... 150; 11.00am ... 80 – 100; 11.30am ... 37.

PARISH PRIEST:

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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

On hold until further notice

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The annual Peter's Pence collection supports the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal church. A collection will be taken up on the weekend of **18/19 July** at each of the Masses.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Wed 08 Jul—

Can a Scientist Believe in God?

7pm-9pm at St James Church,

336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

This session will explore the so-called "conflict myth" between science and Christianity and examine how many scientists throughout history—and today—have understood scientific discovery and religious faith as complementary rather than contradictory.

Wed 15 Jul—Artificial Intelligence & Transhumanism:

A Christian Response

7pm-9pm at St James Church, 336

Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly changing our world. At the same time, movements such as Transhumanism envision a future where technology enhances, modifies, and perhaps even surpasses human capabilities. What do these developments mean for Christians? To help us prepare for these sessions, kindly register your attendance.

Email: hopperscrossingnorth@cam.org.au

**ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MASS**

Sunday 5 July 2026,

11am at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

2026 NAIDOC MASS

Sunday 12 July 2026

**11.00am at St. Francis' Church,
326 Lonsdale Street Melbourne,
marking the end of NAIDOC Week.**

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

27th & 28th June 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Phillip Marques

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Nic Fusca

9.30am..... Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Hong Nguyen

COUNTING: Phillip Marques

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

4th & 5th July 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am..... Mary Joseph

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Mary Huynh

COUNTING: Val Taylor

**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.