



SUNDAY 26TH JULY, 2026 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52)

New Zealand poet Anne Powell proposes four journeys of seeking and finding treasure. She puts it this way:

“Go down, down, down to the place in you where fire and silence dwell - the place of power.

Go down, down, down to that pool in you of weedless water - the place of knowing....

Go down, down, down to the last strawberry-freshness of God”.

The place of power within, the place of knowing, the place of song, the freshness of God will be there for those prepared to take the journey into the depths of their being.

Matthew's Jesus has another way of saying something very similar. Three parables and a summary statement conclude Matthew's parable chapter. They constitute a timeless Gospel treasure chest that features lengthy statements about God's kingdom of the heavens.

In the first parable, Matthew's Jesus likens the kingdom, not just to “treasure”, but rather to treasure hidden in a field that someone, possibly a slave or day labourer, finds and hides before going joyfully to sell everything in order to buy the field and acquire the treasure.

The parabolic image comprises the whole complex of actor, objects and actions (the finder; the finding, the selling and buying; the joy; the treasure and the field). The details pose endless questions.

Who had right to ownership of the treasure?
Is this a case of theft?

Whatever the answer to these questions, this parable invites us to pause and consider what constitutes the real “treasure” in our lives and ask to what lengths we would go in order to secure that treasure.

The second parable tells of a merchant who seeks fine pearls, finds one of great value, then goes and sells all possessions in order to acquire that one pearl.

What is of such value to us that we would give up everything else in order to have that one thing, that one relationship?

Jesus proceeds to liken the kingdom of the heavens, not just to a net, but to a net thrown into the sea that catches fish of every kind and is drawn to shore by fisher-folk who sit down and sort it, putting the good into baskets and throwing away the bad. This parable foreshadows God's universal reign over all creation when good will finally triumph over evil.

The summary statement tells us that we need to be “scribes” educated in the ways of God. We need to bring out of the treasury of our traditions “what is new and what is old”, wisely discerning what to keep and what to relinquish.

Parables help to subvert our presuppositions. They disturb our complacency if we allow them to do so. The parables of the buried treasure, the priceless pearl and the net remind us that Gospel discipleship demands an all-embracing investment of heart and spirit. We search our hearts to know where our treasure lies and join with others who show us how we might claim it for the common good of the entire Earth community.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

BAPTISMS

We welcome and pray for **Leon Dutta, Elise Pisani** and **Noah Doyle** through the Sacrament of Baptism.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep **Sr. Nirmala Nettar** in your prayers.

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

Marcello Martinuzzo, Doris Medina and Scarlet Daisy who died recently and for **Adelina Persic** whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.

FUNERAL: Marcello Martinuzzo

Rosary 7pm Tuesday 28 July at Corpus Christi
Requiem Mass Wednesday 29 July at 10.30am
at Corpus Christi

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130.

R. v. 97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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 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 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

WE ARE CALLED - VOCATIONS EXPO

ACU Campus Ministry and Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood and Married life.

Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

Saturday 1 August from 9am – 1pm

Greg Craven Centre

Level 7, St. Teresa of Kolkata Building

ACU, Melbourne

Free Event Book via [bookings.com/DNKHK](https://www.bookings.com/DNKHK)

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who donated to the annual **Peter's Pence collection** last weekend to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal church. Your generous donations which **totalled \$1,099**, directly support the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable ministry, providing vital assistance to those suffering from war, poverty and natural disasters around the world.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS
& THE ELDERLY**

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was instituted by Pope Francis in 2021. It is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. This year it lands on the 26th July and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and give thanks for our grandparents and all the Elderly that we come across. The theme that Pope Leo has chosen for the 2026 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is
"I will never forget you." Isaiah 49:15



Why the Church is embracing synodality now

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.

Synodality is a conversion

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

REGIONAL SYNOD CONSULTATION SESSIONS

July & August 2026

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will host these gatherings which will be an important opportunity to prayerfully listen, discern and contribute to the Archbishop's consultation with the People of God across the Archdiocese.

While every local community of faith is strongly encouraged to engage in consultation locally, the regional consultation sessions will bring together people from different communities across the region to listen to one another, strengthen awareness and engagement of the Synod as a local Church, and foster a shared commitment to our missionary future.

Parish Representatives from Yarraville and Kingsville will attend and participate actively in the conversation and bring back the fruits of the consultation to our parish community.

In each consultation session, parish representatives will have the opportunity to be engaged in the consultation through spiritual conversation with a table made up of other parish representatives from the same region on a single Archdiocesan Synod theme. The conversations will be based on the Synod theme papers: **Missionary Leadership, Formation and Participation, and Young Discipleship.**

We pray for the Melbourne Synod -

**That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision making, courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another. May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action.
Amen.**

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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

ST. JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA RETREATS

Step aside from the busyness of everyday life and spend time in quiet reflection. Here at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, 16 Esplanade Williamstown, we have a wonderful selection of retreats coming up, each designed to nourish your faith and renew your spirit. For information contact (03) 9397 6012 or williamstown@mmsm.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: SEOULFEST

- One year to go to

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

Thursday 20 August 2026 at 6.30pm

St. Patrick's Cathedral East Melb.

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli and hundreds of young people from across the Archdiocese as we launch our pilgrimage to South Korea.

The evening will begin with Six30 Holy Hour with Adoration and Benediction in St. Patrick's Cathedral, followed by food, music and celebrations in the Cathedral grounds. Share this event with young people in your community for your invitation can open the door to a life-changing encounter with Christ.

SIX 30 HOLY HOUR:

6.30pm – 7.30pm

St. Patrick's Cathedral,

1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne.

Thursdays 6, 13, 20, 27 August.

For more information, email

vocations@cam.org.au

or call 9926 5677

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.

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

25th & 26th July 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Kath Baker

9.30am..... Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... John Santos

COUNTING: Phillip Marques

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

1st & 2nd August 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Nic Fusca

9.30am Phillip Marques

Pina Guzzardi

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Natasha Fernandes

Imelda Gibson

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am..... Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Khanh Nguyen

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