



SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST, 2026 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A

Reflection on the Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33)

Our beautiful planet is presently battered by waves of life-threatening weather events: the summer heat in Europe has already taken many lives and it seems that there is little prospect of change in direction without drastic human intervention.

Our church is likewise “battered by the waves”. Over its two millennia history, countless church members have died for their faith, while others have been and are being denied the freedom to practice their religion. In recent decades, it has been “battered” by terrifying waves of its own creating. Only God can bring order out of the chaos and God works through the courageous witness and action of faith-filled disciples.

In today's Gospel, Matthew writes of Jesus astride the waves like the God of Israel in the Book of Job (9:8). In Israel's mythology, the sea represents chaos. To walk on water is to have power and authority to bring order out of the chaos. Matthew presents Jesus as exercising the power of God over the potentially destructive chaos. Jesus makes his claim to divine power explicit in words that echo God's words from the burning bush: “It is I” (literally “I am”). He tells the frightened disciples to take heart and not to be afraid. Peter, leader of the group, continues to doubt. He asks for a sign and is then prepared to take a risk in order to come to Jesus on the water. He begins to falter when he takes his eyes off Jesus and focuses instead on the threatening wind. Jesus reaches out his hand to rescue Peter. In a lovely gesture, Jesus takes him by the hand and holds him firmly in his grip. Jesus names Peter's hesitation as a response of limited faith.

Matthew weaves the story of Peter into an earlier story from Mark's Gospel. We can only speculate on the reasons for this. Were Matthew's communities going through hard times? Were they battered by the waves of conflicting loyalties as they found themselves excluded from Pharisaic Judaism? Was the pressure of separation from the synagogue too great for some, even for those in leadership? This is a telling story for anyone who exercises leadership at any level in the church. It is a reminder to us to keep our

eyes firmly fixed on the source of hope in times of struggle and uncertainty and on the crucial issues that face our planetary home.

Finally, this story invites us to consider the threatening waves created by the violence of war, by cold and heat, by fire and flood, and by food insecurity. The members of the human community, which is largely responsible for the climate crisis, must join hands to save what can be saved.

The growing commitment to renewable energy provides a contemporary image of a saving hand reaching out to Earth communities that are in danger of being submerged by flood, overwhelmed by hunger and violence or destroyed by scorching heat.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Augustino La Bbozta, Rafael Lopez and Elizabeth Pollifroni** who died recently and for **Trang Nguyen, Joe & Roger Montebello, Abraham George, Banabe Do Trung Ruyen and Banabe Do Anh Tuan** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

FUNERAL

The funeral for **Elizabeth Pollifroni** will be on Friday 14th August at 12 noon at St. Augustine's



Synodality and Scripture

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. 2The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation: Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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.

WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK

This week Fr. Werner will be attending a
Clergy Conference so there will be
NO WEEKDAY MASSES this week
(Monday 10th – Friday 14th August).

**CENSUS 2026 SHAPE THE FUTURE:
BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS.**

Australia's national Census will be held on
11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to
mark "Catholic" in the question on religion.
Census data supports Church pastoral planning
and contributes to Government decision-making,
guiding resource and funding allocations.

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION**

Please keep in your prayers the following
Candidates from St. Augustine's,
Corpus Christi and Annunciation
who will be confirmed
by Bishop Martin Ashe
this Sunday afternoon, 9th August,
at St. Augustine's Church Yarraville.

Archer Alush,	Emma Amati Da Cunha,
Felix Bilog,	Vedder Blair,
Yorke Chia,	Gus Cosentino,
Jerome Cowhey,	Daisy Coyne,
Xavier Dalligan,	Aria Davis,
Adrijana Dragovic,	Liam Fitzsimon,
Alexander Franze,	Jack Gibbins,
Dray Grima,	Lachlan Hamilton,
Lucrezia Hamilton,	Rose Harrop,
Hugo Hebrard,	Elsie Hollis,
Edward Hollis,	Cooper Holzer,
Max Innella,	Stella Jones,
Thien-Luong Khong,	Heidi Madden,
Isabella Marino,	Esther McCluskey,
Gemima McDonnell,	Greta Michael,
Caellum Mulvaney,	Ines Orr,
Jameson Ogilvie,	Sofia Palumbo,
Jacob Phan,	River Rai,
Alexandra Sestich,	Solange Tang.

2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

**A special collection will be taken up at all Masses
next weekend 15 and 16 August 2026.**

Campaign envelopes and brochures are in the
churches explaining the approach to fundraising in
the Parishes across the Archdiocese of Melbourne
to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese.

The Fund supports the Corpus Christi College
Building Fund, the Priests' Retirement Foundation,
John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission,
University of Divinity for Catholic Theological
College, CatholicCare Chaplaincy Program as well as
Catholic community agencies and service
organizations through annual grants.

**Tax deductible and non deductible donations can
be made** via the QR code on the back of the
brochure, the supplied campaign envelopes, via
cash into the collection plate, or to donate online
visit melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Next Saturday **15th August** is the Feast of the
Assumption. Mass will be at Corpus Christi at
9.30am

**MARY MACKILLOP TODAY FUNDRAISER
AUCTION AND FUNDRAISING LUNCH**

Sunday 30 August 2026 from 12.00pm – 4.00pm
Mount St. Joseph Girls' College,
133 Maidstone Street Altona Vic 3018.
RSVP by Friday, 21 August 2026
**See flyer on the church noticeboards for further
details.**

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK
2 - 9 AUGUST 2026**

In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us
pray that our parish community may always be
welcoming and encouraging of vocations to
marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

HOSPITALITY

All parishioners are invited to stay awhile after the
5pm and 9.30am Masses next weekend.
Enjoy a Cuppa, whilst catching up with friends and
getting to know more parishioners.
If you can bring a plate to share, it would be
appreciated.

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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

SAVE THE DATE:

COMMUNITY FAIR

Annunciation, Corpus Christi

& St. Augustine's

Three Schools, One Community

Saturday 14th November 2026

10.00am to 4.00pm

Rides, entertainment, Stalls,

yummy food, Face Painting

Location: Corpus Christi School,

380 Geelong Road Kingsville 3012

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.

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 **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), items such as **shampoo, soap, deodorant, washing powder/liquid, toothpaste and brushes** are also needed and appreciated.

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

8th & 9th August 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Rose Thomas

9.30am Agnes Hopmans

Pina Guzzardi

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Nic Fusca

9.30am..... Pat McLaughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Nathan Lane

COUNTING: Krys Biront

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

15th & 16th August 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Andrea Wilberger

Sam Polzella

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Paloma Kelly

9.30am..... Phillip Marques

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Hong Nguyen

COUNTING: John Ryan

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