



SUNDAY 3RD MAY, 2026 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (John 14:1-12)

“Take from my heart all painful anxiety” is a Gospel inspired prayer. It is the prayer of the first Sister of Mercy, Venerable Catherine McAuley. Like Jesus, Catherine knew in her being that a troubled heart is always a possibility. Even if we don’t have any serious concerns in the present, we are often anxious about the future. There is a difference, of course, between having concerns and having a troubled heart. The difference lies in how we deal with the inevitable problems and challenges that come our way.

If ever there was a time with potential for troubled hearts, it is right now as we deal with the effects of war, with volatile world leadership, with extreme weather events and with the pain of uncertainty such as the world has rarely experienced.

Freedom from anxiety is the constant message of the Gospels. “Do not let your hearts be troubled” is Jesus’ word to his friends in John’s Gospel. The verb, here in passive mood (“be troubled”), is used of Jesus’ spirit when he finds his friend Mary and her companions weeping over the death of Lazarus (11:33). It means literally to shake or to stir up. Jesus is really shaken by grief in that situation. As he faces his own death, he does not want his friends to be troubled of heart or spirit. He speaks here from his own experience.

Jesus shows the way to an untroubled heart: “Believe into God, believe also into me.” The faith of the disciples is to be grounded in his care for them both in the present and into the future: “I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and will take you to myself”. In this context, Jesus makes three claims: “I am the way and the truth and the life.”

The prologue to the Gospel, which functions as an overture to the Gospel, has introduced the notion of the incarnate Word as “full of grace and *truth*” and the bringer of “grace and *truth*” (1:14, 17). The Word is the *life* that is the light of all (1:4), the bread of *life*, even the resurrection and the *life*. Jesus’ claim to be “the way” is foreshadowed in the parable of the gate: “I am the gate for the sheep (10:7).”

If the disciples know Jesus, then they also know the way to God whom Jesus images in tender parental terms as “Father.” If Philip does not believe in their mutual indwelling, then maybe he can believe on account of the “works” of Jesus, works that are also the works of God.

Those who believe have the power to do these and even greater works. This seems extraordinary, but it is really a matter of believing with untroubled hearts that the power comes from God. Let us not underestimate the power of prayer at this time of distress or the power of action, no matter how small, to help those whose hearts are troubled.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Fr. Peter Foley** who died recently; and for **Florezilla Ventura** whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they rest in peace.



Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

PENTECOST CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 24 MAY 2026

3pm

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH YARRAVILLE

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. 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.)**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

**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.

PARISH VISITATION BY THE MOST REV. MARTIN ASHE, AUXILIARY BISHOP, WESTERN REGION OF MELBOURNE

Over the three days of 13 to 15 February the Parishes of Yarraville and Kingsville were privileged to host a visit by Bishop Martin Ashe who met with the schools and Parishioners and led the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the three churches.

Bishop Martin has prepared a report on his visit to St Augustine's, Corpus Christi and Annunciation schools and churches. The Report speaks very positively about our communities. Bishop Martin noted that the two parishes have been working together for quite a number of years with the one Priest as your Parish priest and that we are working together to form a unified Parish.

In his report, Bishop Martin Ashe wrote:

"The Transition teamwas put together recently in response to the ongoing Archdiocesan process of Take the Way of The Gospel Parish Renewal. Both St Augustine's Parish and Corpus Christi Parish have been requested to work more closely with each other by the Archdiocese.

"Currently, in order to ensure that your communities are Vibrant, Vital and Viable communities of faith into the future, you are engaging in a process to amalgamate your two Parishes with its three distinct communities into one consolidated Parish. Your Transition team with Parishioners from both Parishes are assisting you with this process at the present time. Support is also been given by the Archdiocese.

"Having listened to a number of you and your ideas, you are very positive hoping that you can move forward together into the future. I do hope that through your prayer, listening to each other and sharing with each other, you will embrace a more unified future for the benefit of all. By being united together you will be able to embrace more fully the missionary renewal of your Parishes and be able to proclaim the gospel more effectively within the broader community of Kingsville, Brooklyn and Yarraville. Financially, you will also be able to respond more effectively to the evolving needs of the Parish and its mission."

"You are going through the various steps that are needed to be addressed in the amalgamation process. I commend you for making time for parishioners to be able to meet and to be able to discuss your future plans together.

"The process of "Take the Way of the Gospel" is the call to become a more missionary and outward looking community in the proclamation of the Gospel. It is to be disciples of Jesus at the service of those in need around us. When we merge and unite together, we do so to be even more vibrant in our response to what is happening around us. We are strengthened by being together and placing our gifts at the service of the community of faith and for the world around us."

PARISH VISITATION Continued

"It is also to be able to accompany and invite others who are thirsting for something deeper for their lives and as disciples of Jesus our faith-filled Christian example can become a way to provide new hope for their lives.

I commend all who are generously sharing their time and gifts for the sake of others and especially for those in need.

It would be good to encourage others to come forward to share their gifts to be willing to assist in missionary outreach on behalf of the Parish. This is especially so if the two Parishes are seeking to become one in the near future."

The positive and supportive comments from Bishop Martin Ashe are an encouragement to all Parishioners to participate in the second round of consultations in Take the Way of the Gospel process which will occur in the next couple of months.

A full copy of Bishop Martin Ashe's Report can be found on the Parish website. www.melbcatholic.org/yarraville

Thank you all for making Bishop Martin Ashe
so welcome in our Parishes.

Fr Werner Utri and the Parish Transition Team

CATHOLIC CARE APPEAL

This Weekend, 2nd & 3rd May, there will be an extra Collection for Catholic Care in each of the churches. Envelopes are available in the churches.

This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope. Please donate to Catholic Care Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our church, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT ATTENDANCE

The number of parishioners in attendance, including babies, will be recorded during the **month of May** at all Weekend Masses throughout the Archdiocese. This annual count is important for pastoral planning, comparisons to be made across years, as well as maintaining an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese, in parishes and migrant community centres. The count commences this weekend at Brooklyn, Kingsville and Yarraville at each Mass and will be repeated each weekend during May.

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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

COLLECTIONS**THE FIRST COLLECTION** supports the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.**THE SECOND COLLECTON** (includes envelopes), supports the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.To set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, use these account details.**St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:****BSB 083347 Account No. 638052213.****St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:****BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413****Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:****BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315****Presbytery Account:****BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413****TAP AND GO CONTACTLESS****DONATION TERMINALS**

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Follow the prompts and choose your nominated amount to donate.

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Unique to the Parish of St. Augustine's



Unique to the Parish of Corpus Christi

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 or contact the Parish office for a set of envelopes.

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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK2nd & 3rd May 2026**5th Sunday of Easter A****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Rose Thomas

9.30am Agnes Hopmans

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am ... Julianna Barr

Edith Fletcher

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Joseph De Bono

9.30am.....Pina Guzzardi

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Nathan Lane

COUNTING: Val Taylor**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK**9th & 10th May 2026**6th Sunday of Easter A****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Phillip Marques

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Joe Fusca

Mary Huynh

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Nic Fusca

9.30am.....Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... Hong Nguyen

COUNTING: Krystyna Biront**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.