



SUNDAY 10TH MAY, 2026 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A Reflection on the Gospel (John 14:15-21)

Those who defend themselves in court run the risk of being outsmarted by clever and sometimes unscrupulous adversaries. It is never a good idea to be too self-reliant even in a country with a basically sound legal system such as ours.

Today's Gospel implies that the disciples need a defence attorney or lawyer. Jesus has acted in that capacity for them in their struggles with the anti-gospel forces arrayed against them.

Now he is close to death and he gives them instructions that begin and end with reference to loving him and keeping his commandments. Jesus has given them a new commandment, namely that they love one another: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (13:34). Later in this discourse (15:12-14) the reader of the Gospel learns what the actors in the drama already know about Jesus' commandments. "This is my commandment," says Jesus, "that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you." This is no small command, to be prepared to die for one another.

Given the opposition they are likely to face, the disciples cannot live out such a commitment on their own. Neither is Jesus leaving them "orphans" who have to fend for themselves. He will ask his "Father" to provide "another" defender or advocate who will act on their behalf, an advocate who will always be there. This new advocate is the "Spirit of truth". As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy thus points us towards Pentecost and the gift of God's Spirit.

It is good to know we are never on our own. It is also good to reflect on the capacity we have to make the love of Christ present in our world. Many of us will never find ourselves in a situation where our love is tested to the point that we have to give life for others.

During the COVID crisis that ushered in the present decade, we did not have to look far to find countless people who gave their lives for the sake of others. Health professionals, cleaners, truck drivers, flight attendants,

shop assistants, school teachers, lecturers, ordinary people everywhere lay down their lives for others.

The Gospel calls us to put the well-being of others, even their survival, before our own comfort. With life-style changes and movement of peoples precipitated by war and by the climate crisis, we find ourselves called to "lay down our lives" for the sake of our friends, humankind and other-kind, across the planet. The Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC) is one powerful interfaith-based avenue for action. We can, despite opposition, continue to advocate together for climate action and for those displaced by rising sea levels, by war or by persecution. With the help of the Spirit, our Advocate, we can surely rise to the challenge.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for those who have died recently; and for **Reinaldo Ayala, Mila Kolobavic and Norma Bereran** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles—it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7, 16. 20. R. cf. v. 2

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

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

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CARE

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parishes during last week's Sunday Appeal. Our generosity means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue their mission; to empower communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your compassion and generosity ensure individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Thank you for helping open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

CatholicCare envelopes can be placed this weekend, on the collection plate at Mass.

HOSPITALITY

All are invited to stay awhile after the **5pm and 9.30am Masses next weekend, 16th & 17th May** to enjoy a Cuppa and chat and get to know more fellow parishioners. Please bring a plate to share.

CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB

We invite you to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Catholic Walking Club. For more information, visit our website: <https://www.catholicwalkingclubvic.org.au/WP/wordpress/> or contact Rose Thomas 0400166 589

MOTHER'S DAY

What makes a Mum special?
It's the love she always shares,
The many little delightful things
That show how much she cares.....
When you're little, she protects you,
She tucks you in at night,
And when you feel unhappy
She's the one who hugs you tight,
And when she knows you're ready.....
A Mum steps aside,
But still watches over you
With tender loving pride.



JOSEPH'S CORNER

Thank you to all who attended the High Tea last Sunday at Mount St. Joseph's Girls College, Altona to support the work of Joseph's Corner. It was a great day and very well attended.

CRAFT AND PLANT STALL

At St. Augustine's Church
on Saturday **30th May** and **Sunday 31st May**,
there will be a Craft and Plant Stall
Before and after 5pm and 9.30am Masses

You can explore our collection of hand-made knitwear, quilts, knitted and crochet throws, soft toys and a wide variety of plants, all crafted with love by Joseph's Corner volunteers. All proceeds support free counselling sessions for those in need. Visit our stall, find the perfect gift, and support a great cause.

Joseph's Corner at 3 Birmingham St, Yarraville is a not-for-profit support service, based in the Western Suburbs of Melbourne, for families living with alcohol and drug addiction. It offers counselling with a qualified counsellor, referral information and support sessions. Founded by the late Sr. Jeanne Dwyer rsj, Joseph's Corner helps families and individuals to cope with a person in their life who is struggling with addiction. Contact 03 9315 2680

PENTECOST CONCERT

**All welcome on Sunday 24th May 2026
at St. Augustine's Church, starting at 3pm.**

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**Sacred music celebrating
the presence of the Holy Spirit amongst us.**

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**Featuring our regular weekend musicians
and guest artists.**

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 commenced last weekend at Brooklyn, Kingsville and Yarraville at each Mass and will be repeated this weekend and each weekend during May.

PARISH PRIEST:

Rev. Fr. Werner Utri

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9.30am till 2.30pm

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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:**
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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.

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 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**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK**16th & 17th May 2026**The Ascension of the Lord A****READERS:** **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Gerald Bain-King

Sam/Anna

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11am Cass Pelino

AJ Pelino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Frank Galea

9.30am.....Phillip Marques

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am..... John Santos

COUNTING: Les Vella**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