



SUNDAY 2ND MARCH, 2025. 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL (LUKE (6:39-45))

"Everyone who is *fully qualified* will be like the teacher," says the Lukan Jesus. What might it mean to become "fully qualified" for discipleship?

For Jesus, being fully qualified in the ways of discipleship is not so much a matter of acquiring book knowledge as it is a question of being like the teacher. This is not to discount the importance of acquiring a deep knowledge of the tradition. Jesus certainly knew his own tradition well. Luke presents him as literate, as capable of reading from the sacred scriptures in the Nazareth synagogue and of interpreting the prophetic texts for the assembled congregation.

In today's Gospel selection, Luke also presents Jesus as familiar with the secular wisdom of his age. The sayings about the blind leading the blind and the log and speck have clear parallels in ancient literature. Jesus' closest followers were educated business people with an appreciation of and commitment to their traditions. They were fully qualified in the sense that they had the personal resources to make a difference in the lives of those on the edge.

The primary qualification for the disciple is, however, to be "like the teacher". Jesus wants his followers to live out in their lives the pattern of his life of attentiveness to the pain of the world, his life of compassion and justice and mercy. Seeing with clarity (without a log in one's eye) is at the heart of the Gospel way of life he proclaims.

This theme of seeing permeates Luke's writings. Seeing and understanding one's own self is part of that, as is the capacity to see and to understand the rhythm of the forms of life that constitute one's habitat. The recurrence of agricultural images in Jesus' sayings is quite remarkable. Jesus grew up in Nazareth, a Jewish village in Lower Galilee, home to vines and olive trees, to goats and sheep and some four hundred human inhabitants. From early childhood, Jesus saw the processes involved in ensuring that the vines produced grapes.

He knew the importance of the water from the spring for nurturing the grain crops in the valley close to his home. He knew that brambles and thorns did not yield any edible fruit. It would seem that being "like the teacher" includes closeness to and appreciation of the natural world.

Finally, to be a disciple is to be a "good person" and good persons are those who produce "good treasure" out of the abundance of their hearts. In the Jewish tradition, the heart was the seat of wisdom and knowledge as well as the seat of emotions. In 1 Kings 12:3, for instance, God is said to give Solomon a wise and discerning heart/mind. The Hebrew word for heart (*lev*) is often translated into English as "mind". Heart and mind are as one. So it must be for us as disciples.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES:

We pray for the health of **Pope Francis** as he receives medical care in hospital.

We pray for **Billy Joe Jackson** who died recently;

and for Vlado and Vladimir Vranic
and **Milan Pernar** whose anniversaries
occur about this time.
May they rest in peace.

**This weekend
1st and 2nd of March 2025
CARITAS AUSTRALIA
Project Compassion Sunday**

Entrance Antiphon: Psalm 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First Reading: 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the
quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 91:2-3, 13-16, R. cf. v. 2
(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing sap when they are old,
still full sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put
on immortality, then the words of scripture will come
true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where
is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the
sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the
Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit
defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always,
knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in
vain.

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

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright
stars; you are offering it the word of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man
guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The
disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained
disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you
observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never
notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your
brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in
your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your
own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye
first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out
the splinter that is in your brother's eye.
'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor
again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every
tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs
from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good
man draws what is good from the store of goodness in
his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store
of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his
heart.'

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: Psalm 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with
me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord, Most High.

SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday,**
5th March. Masses will be as follows:

Tuesday 4th March

6pm Vigil Mass... St. Augustine's Yarraville

Wednesday 5th March

9.15am... Corpus Christi Kingsville

10.30am... St. Augustine's Yarraville

11.30am... Polish Mass St. Augustine's Yarraville

11.45am... Annunciation Brooklyn

Ash Wednesday is celebrated with a special ritual.
The ashes are usually burned palms from the
previous year's Palm Sunday. The mark of the cross
made with the ashes is a sign that we are willing to
go on our own journey of preparation, to cleanse our
heart through prayer, fasting and alms-giving. The
Sign of the Cross reminds us that our journey is to
the celebration of the gift of Jesus' death and
Resurrection.

LIGHT IN THE DESERT: Lenten program

We encourage you to be part of a weekly group
reflection on Thursday evenings during Lent
at 7pm at the Presbytery at St. Augustine's.

Week 1 commences next Thursday 6th March.

Each week includes an excerpt from the next
Sunday's Gospel, a short reflection and questions to
prompt deeper thought. The program is designed to
bring people together in prayer and conversation.

ORGAN RECITAL,

Friday 7 March 2025, 6pm -7pm, at St. Patrick's
Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place East Melbourne.

SAFEGUARDING

All volunteers are reminded to complete all
requirements ASAP. If you have difficulty in obtaining
any of them, please contact the Parish Office. We will
be unable to include people on the next roster if they
haven't completed the requirements.

PILGRIM PLACES IN MELBOURNE

Pilgrims are already flocking to **St Mary McKillop Church in Keilor Downs**, one of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's Pilgrim Places for Jubilee 2025. The airy, bright church is a great place to commune with Australia's first saint, after whom the church was named. But pilgrims also have an opportunity to pray for guidance from several other saints whose relics are housed there, including St Anthony of Padua, St Therese of Lisieux and St John Paul II.

Those making the journey to this Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim Place will see captivating paintings of the four patron saints of Mary MacKillop—Jesus, John the Baptist, Joseph and Mary—that have come from Belarus. And of course, there's a relic of St Mary MacKillop herself, a piece of her coffin, kept beneath a statue of the saint with two children, symbolising those the co-founder of the Josephites was so passionate about educating.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. **By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope**, you'll be answering the Gospels' call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable. Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need. You can support Project Compassion through the donation **boxes or envelopes** or **by calling: 1800 024 413**

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by scanning the QR code on the envelope.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

- Parents of children attending State Schools who require their children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation please contact Fr. Werner at the Parish Office.
- We are looking for volunteers to lead the Sacramental Preparation for children who are not attending our Parish Primary Schools.
- Volunteers will need the Working with Children Check and all the requirements from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

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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

Thursday March 6th at

11am at St. Augustine's

PARISH NEWSLETTER

To receive an Email copy of our newsletter, scan the QR code below and fill in your details.



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VIETNAMESE LEGION OF MARY

Meets at 3.00pm Saturdays

at Corpus Christi Kingsville

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Meets at 10.00am Thursdays

at St. Augustine's Yarraville

TRUE NORTH YOUNG ADULTS

Contact Kim: ktruong49@gmail.com

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.

ROSTERS FOR THIS WEEK

(1st & 2nd March)

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Kath Baker

9.30am Anthony Vassallo

Am Polzella

Counting..... Les Vella

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Val Taylor

Rachael Nguyen

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Greg Buhagiar

9.30am..... Thiago C. Ameida

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Imelda Gibson

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

(8th & 9th March)

1st Sunday of Lent Year C

READERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm Peter Matheson

9.30am Tere Tutai

Anna Messina

Counting..... Phillip Marques

READERS: Corpus Christi

11.00am Juliana Barr

Mandy Rodregues

MINISTERS: St. Augustine's

5.00pm..... Kath Baker

9.30am..... Gerald Bain-King

MINISTER: Corpus Christi

11.00am..... Joe Fusca

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Baskets are left in the churches for regular donations of non-perishable food for St. Vincent de Paul throughout the year.

Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta sauce, washing powder/liquid, baked beans, spaghetti, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and tooth brushes are always needed.

Many thanks for your generous support.