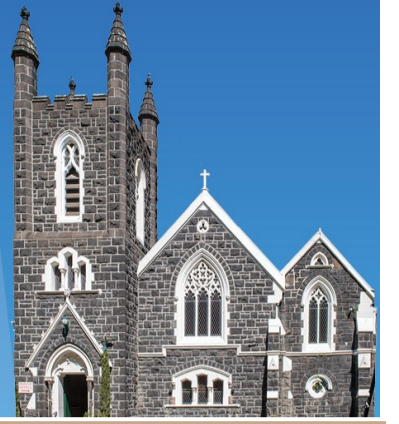


# St Patrick's Cathedral

and St Augustine's Church



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

SUNDAY 2 MARCH 2025

## REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

"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 that 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 the virtue of "attunement" to the natural world, a concept I am learning about from friend and moral theologian Richard Wade.

Finally, to be a disciple is to be a "good person", one who produces "good treasure" out of the abundance of one's heart. 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 must it be for us as we strive to be good disciples.



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL  
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## Grand Organ Recital

# Eleni Keventsidou

Acclaimed Athens-born organist Eleni Keventsidou visits St Patrick's Cathedral for a spectacular program of organ music by Bach, Liszt and Reger.

*Program includes the music of three Greek composers.*

**Friday 7 March, 6pm**  
St Patrick's Cathedral  
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

**Tickets \$30, Concession \$25**  
At door or [trybooking.com/BRYBS](http://trybooking.com/BRYBS)  
*Children aged 15 years and under admitted free*




**Project Compassion Sunday**  
1st and 2nd of March 2025

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**UNITE AGAINST POVERTY**  
this Lent

**Please donate today.**  
You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

**Or online at:** [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)  
**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413

*Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

**Entrance Antiphon**

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

**Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 451**

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts  
and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story till  
we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet  
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where  
there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great compassion  
to forgive as you forgave; may we still behold your image  
in the world you died to save.

Grant us vision, gracious Spirit to seek guests to share that  
feast where triumphant love will welcome those who had  
been last and least. There no more will envy blind us  
nor will pride our peace destroy, as we join with saints  
and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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**First Reading Sirach 27:4-7**

***Do not praise someone before they have spoken.***

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.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16**

***Response: 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 fruit  
when they are old, still full of 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**

***Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.***

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.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel Luke 6:39-45**

***A person speaks from what is in his heart.***

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 NICENE CREED**

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,  
*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.

### CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

#### Weekend Masses 1 & 2 March 2025

Saturday 6:00pm Vanessa Sammy & Ashley D'Monte  
 Sunday 8:00am Robert Muldeary & Meigs  
 9:30am Roselyn Coquet & Florence Luk  
 11:00am Alex Ushakoff & Liliane Rusek  
 6:00pm Arnold James & Ingrid van Dijken

### ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

#### Weekend Masses 2 March 2025

Sunday 10:30am Roman, Jennifer  
 MOC: Telmo Music: Evone and team Altar Server: Yonas, Madeline, Jeslyn  
 8.00PM Imelda  
 Music: TBA Altar server: Trevor

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES 5<sup>th</sup> March

St Patrick's : 7am, 1pm & 6pm  
 St Augustine's : 1.05pm & 5.30pm

### Lenten Devotions at St Patrick's

Stations of the Cross, Tuesday immediately after 1pm Mass  
 ( approx. 1.30pm)

Rosary praying for Peace, Wednesday, 12.30pm

Holy Hour every Thursday evening commencing at  
 6:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, 1:30pm

### Lenten Devotions at St Augustine's

Scripture Lenten Reflection, Monday 5.30pm – 6:30pm  
 Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March (Booklet \$8)

Stations of the Cross Friday, 5:15pm – 6.30pm  
 Commencing 7<sup>th</sup> March

### Save the dates: Fiat—A Weekend of Prayer

Fiat will be held on

**Friday 28 March to Sunday 30 March 2025.**

Coinciding with the 24 Hours of the Lord initiative during this Jubilee Year and held on the same week as the Feast of the Annunciation, it is the perfect opportunity for parishes and communities to unite for a whole weekend of prayer.

More details to follow.

### St Patrick's Day Masses (17<sup>th</sup> March)

**7am & 1pm**

**5:30pm – Celebrant  
 Archbishop Peter  
 Commensoli**

**All welcome**

### HOLY HOUR

In the Cathedral held every Thursday night from 6.30pm

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the 1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Exposition until 2.15pm.

### ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (SPCYAM) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Cathedral Room, CKC Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Last Saturday of each month; 6pm mass, followed by meal. Contact Fr. Jaycee Napoles (Jaycee.Napoles@cam.org.au) or info.spcyam@gmail.com

### HOLY TRINITY COMMUNITY

At St Augustine's every 1st & 3rd week Saturday of the month.

Contact Robin: ktm.melbourne@gmail.com

### INDONESIAN YOUTH

At St Augustine's every 2nd & 4th week Saturday night from 5.00pm in Indonesian

Contact Diptya: pdkkimelbourne@gmail.com

### JESUS YOUTH

At St Augustine's every Friday from 7pm Contact Theophil: 0430 823 347 for access

### BONDS OF MARIAN LOVE (BOML)

At St Augustine's every Wednesday from 7.00pm in Spanish Contact office: 9412 8426

### St Augustine's City Church

**Stewardship:** Donations to assist in St Augustine's maintenance and outreach ministry can be made through direct debit - banking details are St Augustine's Catholic Church BSB: 083 347 ACC. NO: 68 321 8227 or by using the QR Code



### Wedding Congratulations



*Stella Ristovski & Matson Lynch  
 Sarah Wilson & Benjamin Bateman  
 Bianca Vardanega & Raul Cristian Kanalas  
 Agnes Change Ee Leng & Franklin Philip Shepherdson*

## Rite of Election 2025

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate this significant annual occasion in the life of the local Church in Melbourne. The liturgy is a significant moment for catechumens and candidates as it marks the beginning of their final preparations to receive the sacraments of initiation.

Parish priests and RCIA coordinators have received a link to the TryBooking registration form, which they must submit on behalf of their catechumens and candidates attending.

Come along and support our catechumens and candidates for 2025!

**Event Date:**

Sunday 9 March 2025

3.00pm–4.00pm

**Venue:**

St Patrick's Cathedral

1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

**Archbishop**

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

**Dean of**

**St Patrick's Cathedral**

Monsignor Stuart Hall

**Chief Master of Ceremonies for the Archbishop**

Rev. Michael Buck

**Cathedral Master of Ceremonies/ Assistant Priest**

Rev. Jaycee Napoles

**Priest in Residence**

Rev. Philip Mathew

*Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital*

**Director of Music**

Dr. Philip Matthias

**Cathedral Organist**

Dion Henman

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*in partnership with*

**St Kevin's College, Toorak**

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Thomas Grubb

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**SAFEGUARDING.**

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Rev Jaycee Napoles

Please refer to the two new posters

'Rights and Responsibilities' and

'Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church'

at the entrances of the Cathedral

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**SATURDAY  
15 MARCH 2025**

ST ROCH'S, GLEN IRIS  
LED BY FR MICHAEL GALLACHER

**Lenten  
Retreat**



Sometimes in order to hear the still, small voice of God in our lives, we need to do as Christ did in the Gospels – remove ourselves from the crowds and withdraw to a quiet place.

Join us for a faith filled morning that includes Holy Mass, Adoration, Spiritual Talks, and Confession. Morning tea included.

**Date**

Saturday 15 March 2025

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

**Location**

St Roch's Catholic Church

198-200 Burke Rd,

Glen Iris Victoria 3146

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER****St Patrick's Cathedral**

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Anna Palladino, Rafael Ma Guerrero, Conception Suficiencia, Dass Dorairaj, and Thelma Joyce Carbis and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Antonija Saceric, Maria Pham, Mica Nguyen and Giuseppe Palladino.

**St Augustine's Church**

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We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Fr Peter Carrucan and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time.

**CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES**

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm

(1.00pm live streamed - Link:

[www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb))

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and

6.00pm. (11.00am televised on C31.

and live streamed on CAM) Link:

[www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to

Friday at 12pm - 12.45pm and on Saturday

mornings at 8.30am.

**ST AUGUSTINE MASS TIMES**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 1.05pm

Sunday 10.30am and 8.00pm

Reconciliation will be held only on

Wednesday at 12.30pm - 12.50pm