

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

**SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025** 

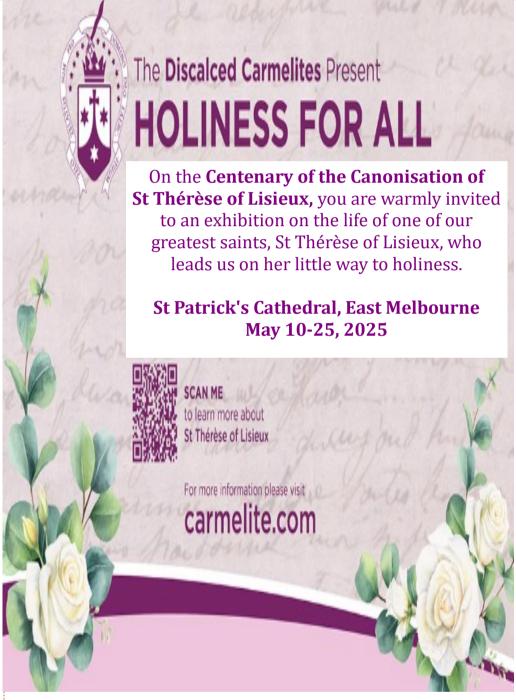
## **REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

The literary context for today's gospel reading is Jesus' final meal with his disciples. Jesus has washed the feet of his weary table companions whom he addresses affectionately as "dear friends" ("little children" in some translations) and has thus provided an example of what it means to love. What he has done for them, they are to do for one another. In other words, no form of service is too menial for a Christian disciple and privileged exemption from service of others has no place in gospel living or in gospel leadership. Pope Francis has witnessed powerfully to this from the beginning of his papacy and in diverse ways over the past twelve years of his papacy.

Jesus is said to be "troubled in spirit" (v. 21) at this meal. There is a sense of foreboding in this statement. He knows that membership of the group is no guarantee of fidelity or of sustained goodness. All are capable of betrayal and Judas, who has been one of his closest companions, is about to hand him over to the authorities and ultimately to death. Another of his disciples, Simon Peter, after protesting undying loyalty will proceed to deny him three times (vv. 37-38). Although troubled and no doubt disappointed by the failure of his friends and the dire consequences for himself, Jesus continues to teach the way of discipleship.

The betrayer's departure from the meal, Jesus informs them, signals the imminent arrival of the moment of glorification. Events have been set in train that will culminate in God's victory over evil and death. But this is not the end of their association with him. He will leave them very soon and they are to continue on the way of discipleship. His legacy to them is "a new commandment" – to love one another just as he has loved them. If they do that, everyone will know they are his disciples. To love as Jesus loved, however, is no small thing: it is to be willing to give one's life for the sake of "the other".

This new commandment to love one another is also Jesus' legacy to us, the successors of those early disciples. A dear friend of mine volunteered to care for the wounded in Ukraine last year. Countless medical professionals are laying down their lives for the beleaguered people of Ghazza, Ukraine, Myanmar and Sudan. Loving care of the broken-hearted, of the war-ravaged and displaced, of the sick and the weary; providing shelter for the homeless; attentiveness to those grieving the loss of loved ones or of livelihood; a restorative gesture or word; a change in lifestyle or a tree planted in the interests of planetary survival - these are some of the ways of love and of discipleship. In our times, we have come to realise that "the other" embraces the more-than-human and that love of all God's creation is part of the new commandment.



2025 marks the centenary of the canonisation of St Thérèse of Lisieux. To celebrate, the Secular Carmelite community of Melbourne is pleased to present Holiness for All – an inspirational exhibition on the life and spirituality of St Thérèse.

On Sunday, 18 May the centenary of the canonisation of St Thérèse will be celebrated at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Bishop Rene Ramirez will be the principal celebrant for this Mass.

All are welcome!

## **Wedding Congratulations**

Indah Sukma Wardhani & George Emmanuel Manolas Ma Isabel Miguel Bacud & John Benedict Rodriguez Mendoza

## **TODAY'S LITURGY - YEAR C**

## **Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

#### **Entrance Hymn (cathedral music)**

**CWB II 552** 

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore they temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley 1707-1788 alt. Tune: BLAENWERN 87D; William Penfro Rowland 1860-1937

# First Reading Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27 They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

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## Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

- 1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
- 2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.
- 3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; vour rule lasts from age to age.

## **Second Reading**

## **Revelation 21:1-5**

## He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another. When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one

another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in one 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.

## CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 17 & 18 May 2025

Saturday 6:00pm Glanda Anderson & Peter Ling

Sunday 8:00am Roselyn Coquet & Peter August

9:30am Nimanthi Weliwati & Jacqueline Lewis

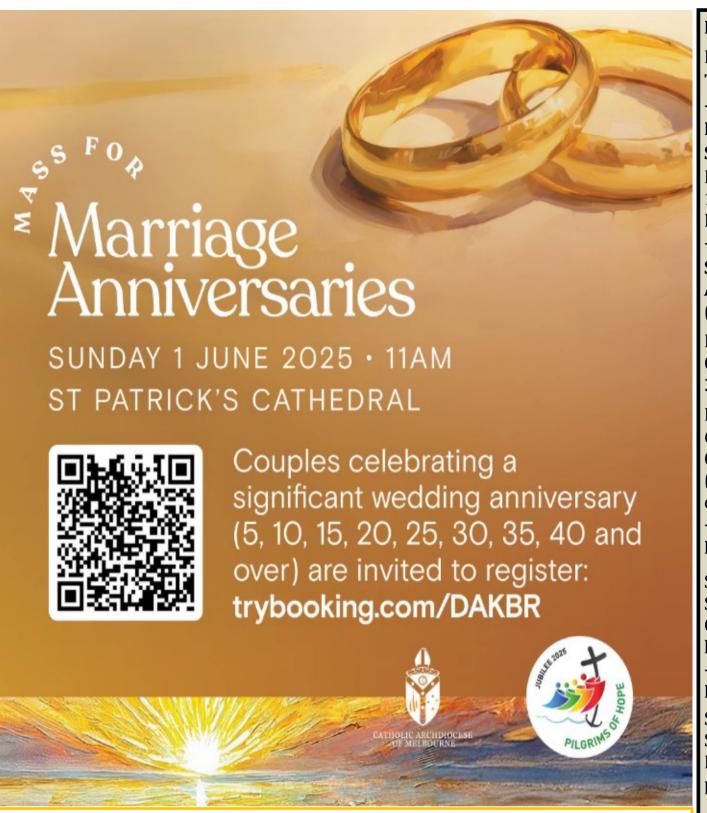
11:00am Rosa Gonzalez & William Ng

6:00pm Pauline Ryan & Arnold Jordan

#### ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 18 May 2025
Sunday 10:30am Christine & Evelyn
MOC: Philip Music: Emmanuel Community
Altar Server: Melinda, Natasya & Elvan
8.00PM Sebastian

Music: Jesus Youth Altar server: Trevor



## Safeguarding: Feel safe and be Safe at our Cathedral Church

The Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral has the responsibility to ensure that parishioners and visitors can safely worship without feeling threaten or intimidated. The Cathedral employs security to monitor and to respond to incidents or to individuals who present in a manner that is intimidating or who disturbs the ambiance of the liturgy. Recently we have had one individual who presents himself in what has been described in 'satanic' attire; wearing flowing black robes with reflective accoutrements attached to him. He is known to VICPOL and has mental health issues. When he approaches the cathedral, we do not know if he is under the influence of any substance or intoxicants, nor do we know of any 'triggers' that may cause him to react in a violent way, nor do we know if he is in procession of a weapon under the flowing robes. With these concerns, Security has been instructed to deny this individual access to the Cathedral when he presents in such a manner, and if he refuses, then to inform VICPOL for assistance. While we would like to welcome everyone to the cathedral, there are occasions when entry will be denied, and if necessary VICPOL will be called upon to assist. If you have any concerns, please contact Monsignor Stuart Hall.

#### **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**

St Augustine's every 1st & 3rd week Saturday of the month. **Contact Robin:** ktm.melbourne@gmail.com

#### **INDONESIAN YOUTH**

St Augustine's every 2nd & 4th week Saturday night from 5.00pm in Indonesian. Contact Diptya: pdkkimelbourne@gmail.com

#### **IESUS YOUTH**

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

## **BONDS OF MARIAN LOVE (BOML)**

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

#### **LEGION OF MARY**

St Augustine's, Fridays 6.30pm-8.30pm Contact Mable: 0493 592 615 or mablets@gmail.com

## 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



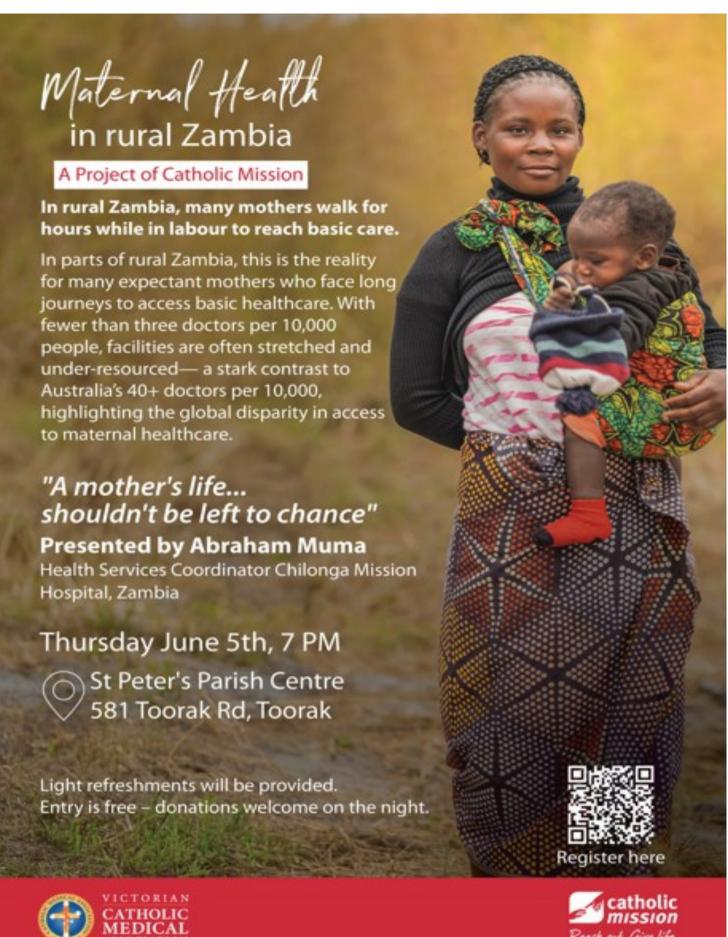
## **St Patrick's Cathedral Thanksgiving Online donations** can be made by visiting CDF Pay - Online Payments & Donations for Parishioners.

select Archdiocese of Melbourne, search St Patrick's Melbourne Cathedral or visit the https://melbourne.cdfpay.org.au/details/?id=129

Alternatively, EPTPOS terminals are located at each Cathedral entrance.

The first display gives you 4 choices or visit the next page and enter the amount you desire to donate.

Thank you for your generosity.







#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

We pray for the sick, especially Angelo Conti, Domenica Licastro, Ernesto Dicristofaro and for all who have asked for our prayers.

#### St Patrick's Cathedral

We pray for all those who have died recently especially Ellen Murphy, Linda Selleck, Antonio Orbase, Danny Corr and Jocelyn Rubia and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Georgia Fonseca, Editha Digap, Mary Twoomey, Max Lyons, Maureen Jeremiah, Julio Manrique, Salvatore & Giuseppina Petulla and Carmelo Licastro.

#### St Augustine's Church

We pray for all those who have died recently especially Peter Walker 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) 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 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

## **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

## St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

in partnership with

## St Kevin's College, Toorak

## **Cathedral Singers**

**Christopher Mason** 

Director

**Thomas Grubb** 

**Organist** 

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#### SAFEGUARDING.

Child Protection Officer:

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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melbournecatholic.org/

safeguarding.

## St Augustine's Church Melbourne

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