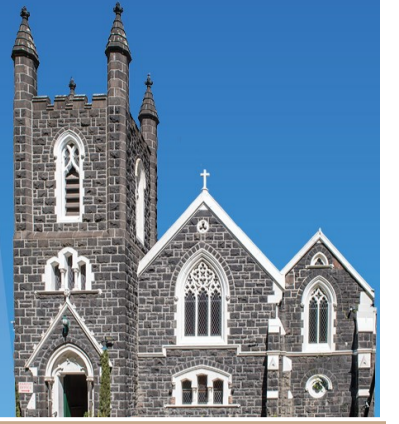


# St Patrick's Cathedral

and St Augustine's Church



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

SUNDAY 6 APRIL 2025

## REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Today's gospel story breaks the flow of John's narrative. It is a stand-alone story about restoring dignity to a woman and rebalancing the power structures that operated in that world. Historian Gerda Lerner has demonstrated that patriarchy emerged some 3000 years ago with the invention of weapons of war and the consequent gender division of labour. By the first century CE, when the gospels were written, every woman in the Roman world knew that she was the possession of a man, initially of her father, and then of her husband or of successive husbands. Slaves, both men and women, were the property of and sexually available to the head of the patriarchal household. Even free women had fewer choices than men in regard to the choice of life partners and social contact outside the family. In Second Temple Judaism, a woman's sexual liaison with another man was a sin against her husband who was also her proprietor. Her shame was of less consequence than her husband's loss of status and honour.

We are told nothing of the precise circumstances of the woman said to be "taken in adultery". She could not have been "taken" alone: there is a man somewhere in the wings who is at least as guilty as the woman. But only the woman is "brought" to Jesus in the public arena, a spectacle for the assembled crowd. Ironically, her accusers have little interest in the woman or in her fate. Their interest is in Jesus. They want to test him and catch him out on his attitude to and enactment of the Mosaic law. In other words, Jesus is the one on trial in this public setting, and the woman is no more than a dispensable object in the process, a means to a sinister end.

The woman's accusers ask Jesus for a legal opinion on her case. Should the full force of the law be exercised? Should she be stoned to death? Jesus does not dignify their manipulation with a response. Rather, he takes away their power by bending down and writing with his finger on the ground. What does he write? We can never know the answer to that question. They keep asking him to provide a ruling.

Jesus subverts their ploy by confronting them with their own sinfulness: "let the one without sin cast the first stone". They move off one by one and the woman is finally accorded the dignity of responding for herself. She is freed from the burden of condemnation. She can move forward with a strong sense of her worth and the knowledge that she matters in the scheme of things. As we bring today's gospel into dialogue with stories of violence against women, the horrific stories of women used as sex slaves or of women on the African continent being forced to offer sexual services in exchange for twigs of firewood, we might commit ourselves anew to the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

15 - 21 APRIL

### St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Chrism Mass Tuesday - 10.00am

Tuesday 15 April Cancelled 12pm Confessions and 1pm Mass

**HOLY THURSDAY** - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

\* Please note there will be NO 7.00am or 1.00pm Masses and NO Confessions

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross 9.00am  
(Cathedral)

Confessions after the Stations of the Cross  
Ecumenical Way of the Cross commencing  
St Francis Church 10.00am

The Passion of our Lord 3.00pm

Confessions after The Passion of our Lord  
Tenebrae 7.30pm

### **HOLY SATURDAY**

\* NO 8.00am Mass

Confessions from 10.00am till 11.30am

**PLEASE NOTE THE CATHEDRAL  
WILL CLOSE FROM 12PM**

**THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT 7.30pm**

Commencing in the forecourt of the Cathedral

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

8.00am

9.30am

11.00am - Solemn sung Mass

6.00pm

**EASTER MONDAY 21 April** (Public Holiday) 11.00am

### St Augustine's - Bourke Street, Melbourne

**HOLY THURSDAY** - Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Ecumenical Way of the Cross commencing St Francis  
Church 10.00am

Good Friday Service 3.00pm

**Easter Vigil ( Saturday Evening) 8.00pm**

### **Easter Sunday Masses**

10.30am

8.00pm

**Entrance Antiphon**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 120**

“Forgive our sins as we forgive” you taught us, Lord, to pray; but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart, that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your Cross reveals the truth we dimly knew; how small the debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease; then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace

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Tune: BELMONT 86.86; melody probably by William Gardiner 170-1854, published in Sacred Melodies, Vol. 1, 1812.

**First Reading Isaiah 43:16-21**

***I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.***

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 125**

***Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.***

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. **R**

2. The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels the Lord worked for them!’ What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. **R**

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. **R**

**Second Reading****Philippians 3:8-14**

***Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.***

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
With all your heart turn to me;  
for I am tender and compassionate.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

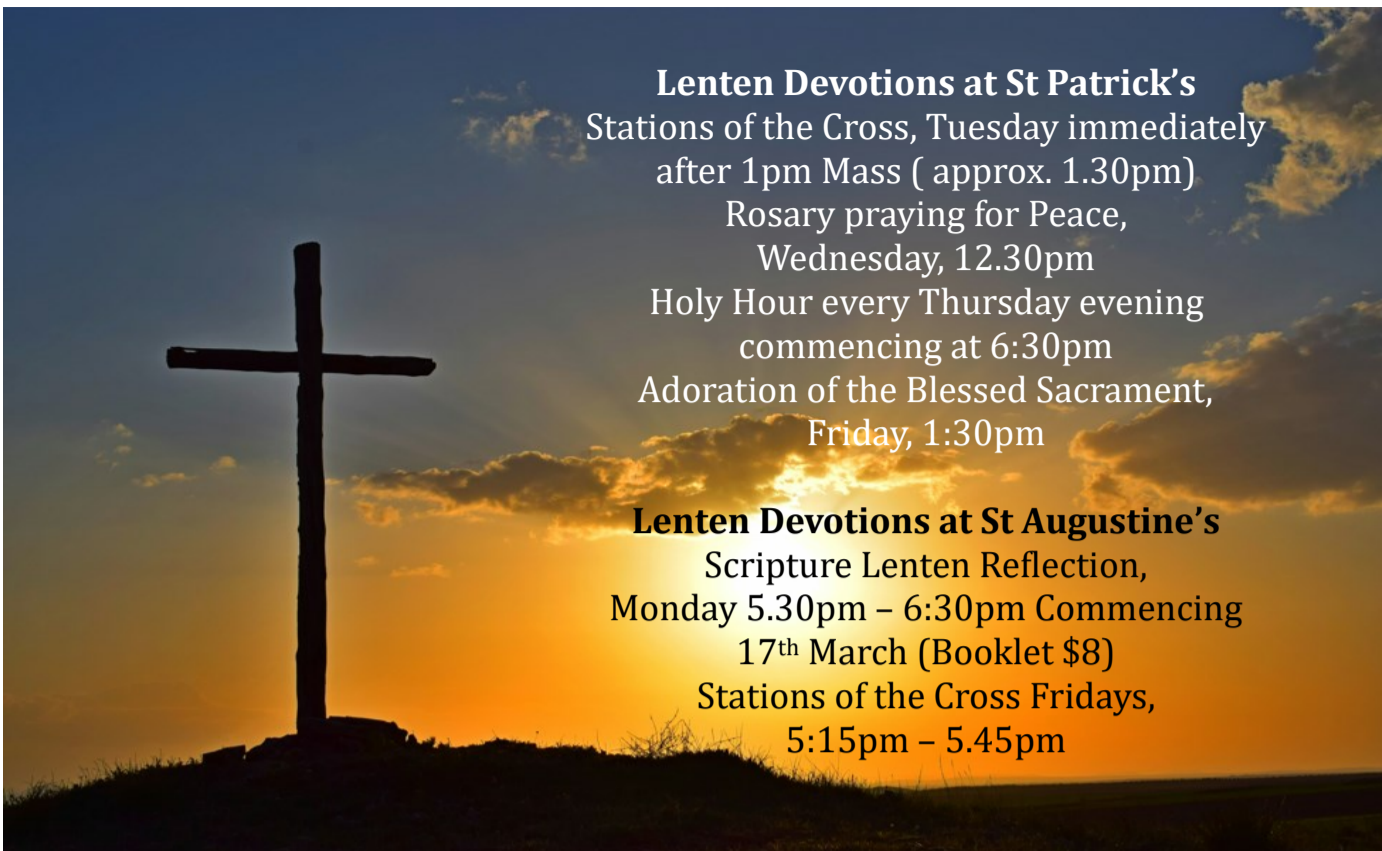
**Gospel****John 8:1-11**

***Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.***

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir,’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and don’t sin any more.’

**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.



**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 Fridays,  
5:15pm – 5.45pm



**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

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**CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER**

Weekend Masses 5 & 6 April 2025

**Saturday 6:00pm** Vanessa Sammy & Glanda Anderson

**Sunday 8:00am** Robert Muldeary & Meigs

**9:30am** Roselyn Coquet & Pauline Ryan

**11:00am** William Ng & Deloraine Keegel

**6:00pm** Arnold Jordan & Debra McCarthy

**ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER**

Weekend Masses 6 April 2025

**Sunday 10:30am** Christine & Felicia

MOC: Pat Music: Joe & Aaron

Altar Server: Yonas, Madeline, Jeslyn

**8.00PM** John

Music: Jen, Cress, Antony, Shaniya, Serene Altar server: Trevor

**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

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

**JESUS YOUTH**

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# Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers

5-6 APRIL 2025





You are a **treasure** for the Church, for society, for the people, because you are **witnesses of God's tenderness for the sick and suffering.**

POPE FRANCIS  
Address to Healthcare Workers, 2016

## Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers

A warm welcome to all health and aged care caregivers who join with us in celebrating the Jubilee of Sick and Healthcare Workers as part of the universal Church Year of Jubilee 2025.

The Archdiocesan recognises all who work and minister in healthcare, medical professionals, caregivers and chaplains. May they carry out their life-saving work with wisdom and compassion, and be instruments of peace, hope, and healing.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

#### St Patrick's Cathedral

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Norah McMahon, Manoel Gomes De Souza, Adam Bonnici, Catherine Robertson, Teresa Fae, Barre Krpan and George Sinclair and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Paul Galea, Emnuel Camilleri, Ian Zekic, Chinggay Cayanga, Louis Lim, Agnes Chan, Maria Teo, Juan Kanapi, John Martin, Mary Maguire, Mercedes Cabrera, Florence Sanbuenaventura, and Daminh & Maria Thi Nguyen.

#### St Augustine's Church

We pray for all those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time.

### Wedding Congratulations

*Kate Erin Bracegirdle & Robert John Dellar*  
*Madison Jade Haber & Zak Stephen Bogdan*



### 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

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### Dean of

### St Patrick's Cathedral

Monsignor Stuart Hall

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Rev. Michael Buck

### Cathedral Master of Ceremonies/ Assistant Priest

Rev. Jaycee Napoles

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