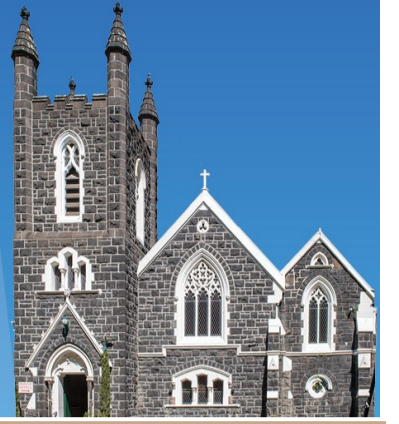


St Patrick's Cathedral

and St Augustine's Church



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

SUNDAY 9 MARCH 2025

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Lent is a time for personal as well as group reflection, a time for entering into the "wilderness" or "desert place" and grappling with the mysteries of life. While deserts are often depicted as uninhabited or desolate regions, anyone who has spent time in such places knows that the desert supports a rich diversity of other-than-human life. Human retreat to the wilderness can be an opportunity to encounter God in the unfamiliar and to understand oneself in relation to the other-than-human. It can reveal to us our capacities for right relationship with God, with each other, and with the Earth. Right relationship resides in "power-with" rather than "power-over".

In Israel's story, the wilderness is the place of testing for God's people: "Remember the long way that your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness...testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deuteronomy 8:2). Jesus is "filled with the Holy Spirit" and, like so many human beings before and since, is "led by the Spirit" into the wilderness to be "tested" there. ["Tested" is a more accurate translation of the Greek peirazein than the usual "tempted"].

The three-fold drama of the testing of Jesus in the wilderness is about the proper exercise of power and about trust in a loving God. In refusing to turn the stones of the wilderness into bread in order to satisfy his own hunger, the Lukan Jesus demonstrates that he is not prepared to exercise power over the other-than-human Earth, even if he had the capacity to work such magic. By refusing to accept the "glory of all the kingdoms of the world", he shows that power over the human communities of the Earth is not "of God" and that worship belongs to God alone. Finally, in refusing to cast himself from the parapet of Israel's holiest shrine, the Jerusalem Temple, he makes it clear that he is not prepared to test the power of God to rescue him from a self-inflicted death or to use God's holy place to such ends. The Lukan Jesus passes the tests that the people Israel failed in the wilderness of Sinai.

Adelaide priest, Michael Trainor, in a wonderfully sensitive reading of Luke's gospel, detects three ecological ethical principles in today's gospel reading: 1) Earth is to be cared for and treated respectfully, not ravaged through greed; 2) All ecological and environmental engagement is grounded in and enhanced by one's communion with God; and 3) Earth's resources are to be respected by all and not usurped as a means of power and control by one over another (About Earth's Child 2012, 107-109). These principles derive from today's gospel story as a whole with its three-fold testing and from Jesus' three-fold response to these tests. As Earth's people and Earth's bounty are exploited to wage war in so many places, we pray with all our being that peace and order will prevail.

LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
MONDAY 10 MARCH 2025
PLEASE NOTE: MASS WILL BE HELD AT 11.00AM



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 17th March (Booklet \$8)
Stations of the Cross Fridays, 5:15pm – 5.45pm



JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF VOLUNTEERING

The Jubilee of the World of Volunteering is celebrated this Sunday 9th March as an opportunity to thank, affirm and encourage the many lay people who contribute to the world through volunteering. There are volunteers both in our Cathedral parish and in parishes right across the Archdiocese of Melbourne that provide countless hours of care, guidance, and contributions to their communities.

"For Christians, volunteer work is not merely an expression of good will. It is based on a personal experience of Christ. He was the first to serve humanity, he freely gave his life for the good of all...the experience of God's generous love challenges us and liberates us to adopt the same attitude towards our brothers and sisters: 'You received with paying, give without pay' (Mt 10:8)." From the Address of His Holiness Benedict XVI to Participants in the Meeting Promoted by the Pontifical Council Cor Unum 2011.

We pray for all volunteers, that God may continue to watch over their many works of service and to make them ever more spiritually fruitful, for the good of the Church and of the whole world.

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 295

Antiphon: *May this Lenten discipline,
which we undertake with love,
turn our minds to things above.*

Sin has sundered us from God, selfish we have
grown and cold, foolish were the ways we trod,
evil habits keep their hold.

Antiphon

Now we fast that we may feast where the Lord
of life presides; may our hunger be increased
for the bread which he provides.

Antiphon

As we keep this Lent with prayer and from pleasures
are withdrawn, minds and bodies we prepare
for the joy of Easter dawn.

Antiphon

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Music: LINDFIELD 77.77 and antiphon Richard Connolly b. 1927

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10
The confession of faith of the elect.

Moses said to the people: "The priest shall take the panner
from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your
God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make
this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean.
He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in
numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and
strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace
and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord,
the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our
misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us
out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with
great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here
and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here
then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you,
Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord
your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 90:1-2. 10-15***Response: Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.***

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to
the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold,
my God in whom I trust!'

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2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach
where you dwell. For you has he commanded
his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

R

3. They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon.

R

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'
I will save him in distress and give him glory.

R**Second Reading****Romans 10:8-13*****The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.***

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very
near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips
confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that
God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By
believing from the heart you are made righteous; by
confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says:
those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it
makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to
the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his
help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be
saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel**Luke 4:1-13*****Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit
through the wilderness where he was tempted.***

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by
the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the
devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the
end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the
Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied,
'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then
leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of
time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give
you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has
been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose.
Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered
him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made
him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of
God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for
scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard
you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case
you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him,
'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the
test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the
devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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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, *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.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Boxes and envelopes are available at the Cathedral entrances.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413

CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 8 & 9 March 2025

- Saturday 6:00pm** Ashley D'Monte & Vanessa Sammy
- Sunday 8:00am** Tim Waugh & Carmen Burnett
- 9:30am** Jaqueline Lewis & Nimanthi Weliwati
- 11:00am** William Ng & Deloraine Keegal
- 6:00pm** Ingrid van Dijken & Arnold James

ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 9 March 2025

- Sunday 10:30am** Evelyn, Christine
- MOC: Philip Music: Joy, Terence, Alana
- Altar Server: Michael, Audrey, Josephine
- 8.00PM** Trevor
- Music: TBA Altar server: Trevor

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.

RCIA Program: This Sunday afternoon at the Rite of Election, the Cathedral parish of St Patrick's and the Melbourne parish of St Augustine's, will present to the Archbishop 20 candidates who are preparing to be baptised or be received into the Catholic church, and or who will be receiving the Eucharist and Confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters as they begin a more intensive period of spiritual preparation during this period of Lent.

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.

St Augustine's is hosting the opening of the 'Fiat - A Weekend of Prayer', commencing at 5pm until 9pm.

All are welcome to come and pray during this time.

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



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

Wedding Congratulations



*Oriana DiRamacca & Jacob Vraca
Emilia Vavala & Joseph Zanti*

Thank you to Josh, Rajiv and Jude for their time and effort in steam cleaning St Joseph's.

Their hard work and co-ordination has yielded great results!

Polyphonic Voices
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POLYCHORAL SPLENDOUR

Musical treasures of the Spanish Renaissance and Mexican Baroque

Polyphonic Voices is joined by some of Australia's finest period instrumentalists to showcase a programme of intricate 8- and 12-voice works by Tomás Luis de Victoria, Francisco Guerrero and Antonio Juanas.

Friday 14 March, 7.30pm
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Tickets \$40 / \$30 / \$20
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Children aged 15 years and under admitted free

Fr Peter Carrucan RIP

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Peter Carrucan. After his retirement Fr Peter was a regular face at St Augustine's, assisting with Masses, conducting to the RCIA program, and participating in scripture studies. He is greatly loved by parishioners and will be sadly missed. His Pontifical Requiem Mass will be celebrated next Thursday, 12th March at St John the Baptist Church, 61 Queens Parade, Clifton Hill at 10.30am. May his soul rest in peace.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

St Patrick's Cathedral

We pray for the sick, especially Mariana Paragallo and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Eliza McCauley, Andrew McHugh, M.J.A Fernando, Mark Thompson, Maria Kim and Stefano Zoiti and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Juan Casten, Goldstein & Alfred Rocha, Mauila & Felix Fernandes, Jose Po, Ira & Mike Fernandes, Milagros Revina and Ian Burke.

St Augustine's Church

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

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Leonilde Gutierrez 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

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'Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church'

at the entrances of the Cathedral

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