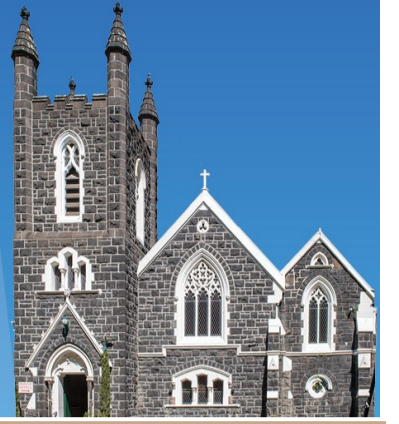


# St Patrick's Cathedral

and St Augustine's Church



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C

SUNDAY 30 MARCH 2025

## REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

Unfailing forgiveness and arms wide open to welcome back wayward sons and daughters is a key motif in today's gospel story. There is no room in the hearts of Jesus' critics for such forgiveness. From their perspective, law-abiding people should exclude "sinners" from their company. In a first-century Jewish context, it was easy enough to be a sinner. Whole groups of people, depending upon their occupation, fell into that category simply because they failed to observe one or more of the 618 prescriptions of the law. Jesus' response to his critics is the story of a parent whose adult children lose their way. One son finds his way back to the centre of family life and the support of the wider community while the other more law-abiding son seems to place himself outside the family circle, holding on to the resentment he feels at his sibling's return.

We need to attend to the gaps in the story: there may be daughters as well as sons in the family; there is surely another parent, a mother who shares the heartache of her husband when their younger son requests his share of the estate. To make such a request in this context is tantamount to wishing his parents dead. The older brother is in no way disadvantaged: he is assured of a two-thirds share according to the law as well as the ongoing love and support of his family, as his father makes clear.

The contrast between the young man's acquisitive nature and his parents' capacity to relinquish substantial property in the interests of relationship is striking. No motive is offered for the son's readiness to break all his ties and get as far away as he can. In the distant country, he squanders both his inheritance and his identity. A "severe famine" becomes the catalyst for his change of direction. Famine in any age means devastation of the earth that can lead to displacement, to broken relationships and even to global conflicts. In turning back, the young man shows no real interest in a restored relationship with his family or ancestral lands. Rather, he devises a plan that will put food in his belly. He composes a speech about having sinned against his father and against God and about being prepared to share the status of the servants. Thanks to the expansive heart of an extraordinarily compassionate parent, he does not have to deliver the speech he has prepared. Famine becomes feast and so it is with our merciful God. We abandon, we even betray. We waste the bounty of Earth. Our motives for returning to the sources of love and community are very mixed, and yet our merciful God is ever ready, with our cooperation, to turn famine or flood into feast. For that to happen in our times, we must turn away from our acquisitive, wasteful ways and respond as one to the pain of our planetary home.



**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



**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
29th and 30th of March 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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## Wedding Congratulations

*Sasha Andrea Pimenta &  
Thanusanth Kamalamohan  
Nikki Marangos & Nathan Mauriello  
Kristine Valavackovski & Jordan Ciarma*



**Entrance Antiphon**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.  
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;  
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

**Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 624**

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness  
of the sea, and forgiveness in this justice sealed for us  
on Calvary. There is plentiful redemption through the  
blood that Christ has shed; there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own,  
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.

Restless souls, why do you scatter like a crowd of frightened  
sheep? Foolish hearts, why do you wander from a love so true  
and deep? If our love were but more simple we should take  
him at his word; and our lives would be illumined by the  
goodness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick William Faber 1814-1863, alt.  
Tune: IN BABILONE 87.87d; Oude en Nieuwe Hollanste Boerenlieties c1710

**First Reading Joshua 5:9-12**

***The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.***

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-7**

***Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise  
always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make  
its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise  
his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces  
not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord  
heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

**Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

***God reconciled us to himself through Christ.***

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to

himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel Luke 15:1-3. 11-32**

***Your brother here was dead and has come to life.***

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

## 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.

### Special Concert Event

Johann Vexo,  
Formerly organist, Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris

Following a highly successful concert event in 2023, globally acclaimed organist Johann Vexo returns to St Patrick's Cathedral for another dazzling program.

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Friday 4 April 2025 6.00pm-7.15pm	St Patrick's Cathedral 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

**Cost**  
\$30—adult , \$25—concession,  
\$20—student

Children aged 15 years and under are admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at door or in advance from [trybooking.com/BRYBS](http://trybooking.com/BRYBS)

Don't miss out! Book your tickets today.



### Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers

A warm invitation to all health and aged care caregivers to join us in celebrating the Jubilee of Sick and Healthcare Workers as part of the universal Church Year of Jubilee 2025. The Archdiocesan celebration of the Jubilee of Sick and Healthcare Workers will be held on **Sunday 5th April** at 11.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral. The celebration will provide an opportunity for healthcare professionals to gather and renew their commitment to the service of others, inspired by the compassion of Christ. **All are 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](mailto:Jaycee.Napoles@cam.org.au)) or [info.spcyam@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 29 & 30 March 2025

**Saturday 6:00pm** Peter Ling & Genaviv Tamarua

**Sunday 8:00am** Meigs & Tim Waugh

**9:30am** Nimanthi Weliwati & Florence Luk

**11:00am** Deloraine Keegal & Rosa Gonzalez

**6:00pm** Arnold Jordan & Ingrid van Dijken

### ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 30 March 2025

**Sunday 10:30am** Jennifer, Evelyn

MOC: Pam Music: No music

**8.00PM** Tony

Music: Jen's Team Altar server: Trevor

### 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.**

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE**

**15 - 21 APRIL**

### **St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**

**Chrism Mass Tuesday - 10.00am 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

#### **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 Michelle O'Brien, Jesus Alviz, Eliana Harabay, Melina Colavizza, Nora McMahon and Adam Bonnici and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Carlos Bettran, Nora Blasini, Victorio & Maria Carriera, Edmund Walsh and Sang Tran.**

#### **St Augustine's Church**

**We pray for all those who have died recently 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

#### **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

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**Cathedral 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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