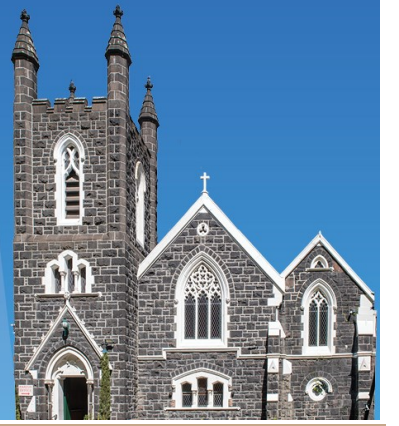


St Patrick's Cathedral

and St Augustine's Church



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

SUNDAY 25 MAY 2025

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

"Take from my heart all painful anxiety." This was the prayer of Venerable Catherine McAuley, the first Sister of Mercy. It echoes the words of the Johannine Jesus, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid." It is all a matter of love. Disciples of Jesus of Nazareth know that they need not be anxious or afraid "for perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). Today's gospel makes it clear that "love" finds expression in the keeping of God's word.

In the prologue to the gospel, John has presented Jesus as the Word, the Logos who has been with God from the beginning. Jesus is the word of God in human form, the embodiment of God's communication with the cosmos. Jesus keeps God's word. Disciples are to demonstrate their love for Jesus by keeping the word that he both embodies and proclaims. In other words, they are to live as Jesus has lived and be faithful to what he has taught in God's name. They will thus become a dwelling place for the divine. The implications of this teaching are overwhelming. If we truly believed and "kept" the words of the Johannine Jesus, we might be more inclined to treat each other and "our common home" with the utmost reverence and respect.

Jesus refers once more to his imminent departure. When he is no longer physically present, God's Advocate, the Holy Spirit, will be with them. The Greek word translated as "advocate" carries a range of meanings. It literally means "one called alongside to help" whenever necessary. True disciples need not be troubled or afraid because they are never alone. The Holy Spirit, the Advocate, is always with them to defend them, to intercede for them, to comfort them, as well as to keep them focussed on all that Jesus has said to them. Earlier in this chapter of John's gospel, the Advocate is called the Spirit of Truth who remains with them and is actually in them. Only through the power of the Spirit will the disciples be empowered to "keep the word" of Jesus.

Jesus gifts his friends with peace, a peace "that the world cannot give." In John's gospel, the "world" is first and foremost the tenting place of God's Word: it is God's creation. Occasionally, as here, it refers to whatever is opposed to God's Word. The gift of peace that Jesus brings is a peace that casts out fear. It carries all the weight of the Hebrew shalom: it brings total well-being and peace of mind. True peace comes from being centred in God and gathering in all of God's creation. We long for that peace in our troubled times. As Jesus leaves them, the proper stance for the disciples is joy in the knowledge that, although he is going away, he is also "coming to them" since the Spirit will be with them. The gospel reading thus leaves us to find peace in the unfathomable mystery of God.

MASS FOR

Marriage Anniversaries

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025 • 11AM

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL



Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and over) are invited to register: trybooking.com/DAKBR



We welcome with joy through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend .

**Aria White
Vittorio Ilija Vukadin
Alessia Johanna Panseri-Kruger
Eloise May Whitty**



Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 497

God has spoken by his prophets, spoken his unchanging word, each, from age to age proclaiming God, the One, the righteous Lord. In the world's despair and turmoil one firm anchor holds us fast: God eternal reigns forever, God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father, ever One; spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God, ere time began, Light from light, to earth descending, God, revealed as Son of Man.

God is speaking by the Spirit, speaking to our hearts again, in the age-less Word declaring God's own message, now as then. Through the rise and fall of nations one sure faith yet standing fast: God still speaks, his word unchanging, God the first, and God the last.

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Tune: HYMN TO JOY 87.87D; melody – Ludwig van Beethoven 1770-1827, arr. Edward Hodges, 1796-1867

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
- R

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule
the world with justice. With fairness you rule
the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.
- R
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the
peoples praise you. May God still give us his
blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.
- R

Second Reading Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:23-29
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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.



**CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF VICTORIA AND
WAGGA WAGGA**



PRAY & PAINT

**Saturday
14 June 2025**

9am – 12:15pm

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH & HALL
631 HIGH ST, EAST PRAHRAN
(BETWEEN ORRONG RD
& WILLIAMS RD)

PROGRAM

Commencing with Mass at 9am followed by morning tea, a short talk by Fr Dean Mathieson, and a painting session.

**No painting experience necessary!
All materials provided.**

TICKETS \$30 (\$20 for CWLVWW Members)

RSVP by 10 June (or unless sold out)

BOOKING OPTIONS

TryBooking www.trybooking.com/DATEX

Email us at: info@cwlvicww.org.au

CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 24 & 25 May 2025

Saturday 6:00pm Peter Ling & Genaviv Tamarua
Sunday 8:00am Carmen Burnett & Robert Muldeary
9:30am Jacqueline Lewis & Pauline Ryan
11:00am Liliane Rusek & Alex Ushakoff
6:00pm Debra McCarthy & Arnold Jordan

ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 25 May 2025

Sunday 10:30am Peter & Alicia
MOC: Joeke Music: Joe & Aaron
Altar Server: Kevin, Cannaya & Patrick
8.00PM John
Music: Be Kind Choir Altar server: Trevor

11 AM MASS

We welcome to the
11am Mass this
Sunday the Choir of
St Patrick's Cathedral,
Ballarat, who join our
own Cathedral Choir in
providing the music for
the Mass.

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
6.30pm in Cathedral Room,
CKC Centre, 383 Albert Street,
East Melbourne

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:
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INDONESIAN YOUTH

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



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made by visiting **CDF Pay – Online Payments & Donations
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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.



Did not our hearts
burn within us while
he walked with us ...
LUKE 24:32

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession

SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

Procession begins at St Patrick's
Cathedral following **11am Mass**,
concluding at Federation Square.

Communities are invited to
bring their banners!

My dear friends in Christ, I ask you to
join me for this extraordinary Eucharistic
Procession, bringing along your
parishes, schools, and communities
to bear witness to Christ in our midst.
In this grace-filled Jubilee Year,
may we share the living hope of
Christ with every step we take.

ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI



FOR MORE INFO

melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5761



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Rev. Jaycee Napoles

Priest in Residence

Rev. Philip Mathew

Chaplain: St Vincent's Hospital

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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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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick, especially
Luke Hardman and for all who have
asked for our prayers.

St Patrick's Cathedral

We pray for all those who have died
recently especially Danny Corr,
Marg Farrell, Fr Paul Garland,
Zachary Contreras and Brendan Dixon
and we pray for those whose
anniversaries we remember at this time,
especially Patricio Espinosa,
Daminh Pham, Maria & Catarina Nguyen,
Ramiro Garza, Monica Egan and
Daniel & Christianne Robin.

St Augustine's Church

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recently and those whose anniversaries
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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