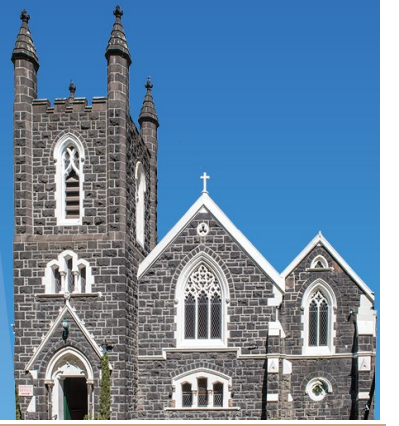


St Patrick's Cathedral

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST 2025

REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

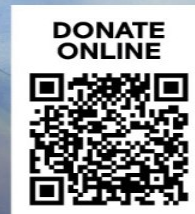
There is a sense of urgency in today's gospel. Jesus feels constrained or under stress until the "fire" he has come to cast on the earth is kindled and the baptism of fire that John the Baptist foreshadowed earlier in this gospel takes effect. Elsewhere in Luke's writing, fire is associated with judgement (Luke 3:9, 17; 9:17; 17:29), and with the presence of the Holy Spirit (3:16), especially in the Lukan story of Pentecost (Acts 2:3) where "tongues as of fire" appear and rest on all those assembled in the upper room. Fire is a sign of the end times when the Spirit of prophecy will come upon all God's people (Acts 2:18-19). Those who have experienced fires in Australia and California, as well as those presently suffering the effect of fires in western Europe, can appreciate the power of this image. The climate crisis is undoubtedly increasing the risk of destructive fires across the globe. Drier conditions wither plant life that then becomes fuel for the fires. Fire can take all before it. It can also bring the most astonishing new life in its wake. We have much to learn from First Nations peoples on this score.

Linked with the image of fire is that of water: Jesus has a "baptism with which to be baptized". Once more, a sense of urgency is expressed as the power of water is evoked. Like fire, water has power to destroy and power to save. Fire and water become metaphors for the hard-won gospel path to peace. Jesus seems to be contradicting so much of what he has stood for to this point. At his birth, he is presented as the bringer of peace (Luke 1:79 and 2:14). He tells the hospitable woman of 7:50 and the faith-filled woman of 8:48 to "go in peace". He instructs his disciples to bring peace to the families they visit (10:5-6). He refuses to be a divider (12:13-14). And now he declares that he has come not to bring peace but division. His hearers can expect members of families to be divided one against another. How can this be?

The Lukan Jesus is almost certainly describing the status quo rather than prescribing what ought to prevail. In other words, by the time Luke is writing, it is clear that some have accepted the gospel way of peace and justice and compassion and others within the same families have not. Acceptance of the gospel and of Jesus as the Christ or Messiah would have involved a monumental shift for Jews on the one hand and for adherents of the diverse philosophies or faiths of the Roman world on the other. Today's families of mixed faith might be able to get inside this experience and to understand the suffering involved when a family member makes a life choice that other members of the family find hard to accept. This is not an easy text to understand or even to accept. We are invited to struggle with its ambiguity.

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The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church.

Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Please note:

Envelopes can be collected at the back of the Cathedral

FUNERAL

BISHOP EMERITUS PETER JOHN ELLIOTT

A Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass will be held at
St Patrick's Cathedral on Monday 18 August 2025

10.30am–12.00pm

for the repose of the soul of

Bishop Peter Elliott, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Melbourne.

Principal Celebrant: Most Rev Peter A Comensoli DD

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

May he rest in peace. Amen.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Entrance Hymn (cathedral music) CWB II 455

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,
be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
be thou my inheritance now and always,
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won,
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish c.8th century, trans. Mary Byrne 1880-1931. Versified Eleanor Hall 1860-1935 alt.
Tune: SLANE 10.11.11.11. Traditional Irish melody; arr Erik Reginald Routley 1917-1982 © E. Routley by permission Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2-4. 18
Response: Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
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2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.
R
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.
R

4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!
R

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:49-53
I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

THE NICENE CREED

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.

**ALL CATHEDRAL PRIESTS WILL BE ATTENDING
THE ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE**

**THERE WILL BE NO 7.00AM OR 1.00PM MASSES AND
NO RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION HELD AT
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL ON**

**TUESDAY 19 AUGUST, WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST,
THURSDAY 21 AUGUST AND
NO 7.00AM MASS ON FRIDAY 22 AUGUST
MASS WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 22 AUGUST AT 1.00PM**

**PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FOR MASS IN
CBD MELBOURNE**

ST FRANCIS - 326 LONSDALE STREET, MELBOURNE

MASS TIMETABLE MONDAY THROUGH TO FRIDAY

7.30AM, 11.00AM, 12.30PM AND 5.30PM

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 3.30PM - 4.30PM

FRIDAY 9.30AM - 10.30AM AND 3.30PM - 4.30PM

ST AUGUSTINES CHURCH - 631 BOURKE STREET, MELBOURNE

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY MASS AT 1.05PM

CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 16 & 17 August 2025

Saturday 6:00pm Peter Ling & Alicia Quek

Sunday 8:00am Nimanthi Weliwati & Joanna Peter

9:30am Pauline Ryan & Florence Luk

11:00am Eugene Cheah & Deloraine Keegel

6:00pm Debra McCarthy & Mark Gyimesi

ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER

Weekend Masses 17 August 2025

Sunday 10:30am Peter & Alicia

MOC: Rosina Music: TBC

Altar Server: Melinda, Natasya & Elvan

8.00PM John

Music: Jesus Youth Altar server: Trevor

PA System: The Cathedral is currently experiencing major problems with the public address system. We are attempting to find a short-mid term solution, in the meantime we appreciate you're understanding and patience.

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: pdkkimelbourne@gmail.com

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

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BSB: 083 347 ACC. NO: 68 321 8227

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Praise the Lord

A CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE OF JOHN HENRY BYRNE
SINGER, COMPOSER & PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR CHURCH MUSIC

Friday 22 August 2025

8PM • ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

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St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne
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COMBINED CHOIR PROGRAM:

Mozart – Missa Brevis in D, K.194
Vierne – Messe Solennelle
Fauré – Cantique de Jean Racine
plus individual repertoire by each choir



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Wedding Congratulations

Charmaine Liane Panickar & Mark Edward Russell
Sian Ashley Higgins & Jaedon Mario Cardinale
Mariah Theodorou & High McLaughlin



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 Sandy Robertson, Dorotea Dungo, Helen Hallahan and Eric Anderson and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Gennaro Ceccarelli, Jessie Fonseca, Gnana Raj Doraiswamy, Ira & Mike Fernandes, Bare Krpan and Penaflor Flores Gaviola.

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)
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 of Melbourne
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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
<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>.

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