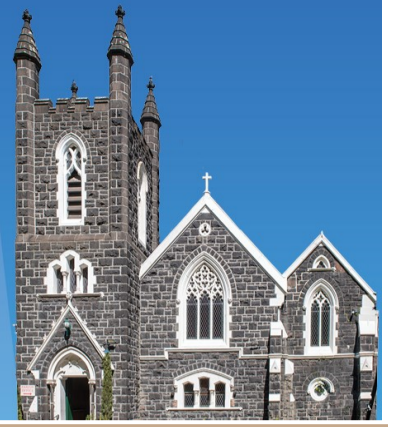


# St Patrick's Cathedral

and St Augustine's Church



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

SUNDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2025

## REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

As we continue to join with Christians across the globe in celebrating the Season of Creation (September 1-October 4), we might attend to the 2025 theme, "Peace with Creation" and the symbol for this year, "Garden of Peace". The theme is inspired by the words of the prophet Isaiah (32:14-18) who proclaims that justice brings peace: peace for God's Earth, peace for God's people. We might renew our commitment to the gospel call to care and to enact justice for all that constitutes our common home.

In today's gospel reading, we are confronted with the pain involved in living a way of life that respects the rights of all created beings. On the long journey from Galilee through Samaritan territory to the city of Jerusalem, Jesus attracts a huge following and teaches relentlessly about the ways of God. By the time he reaches Jerusalem, the crowds have thinned considerably. Is this because it is too hard to persist with their initial impulse to follow the way of the gospel and the one who embodies its values? Implicit in Jesus' teaching about carrying one's cross is a reminder of the intense pain and sacrifice involved in being a disciple. It sometimes means going against what other family members want. It may even involve risking one's life for the sake of life. In the context of the Roman Empire, criminals who were sentenced to die by crucifixion carried to the place of their execution the cross beam on which they would hang. The cross image is shocking for anyone. It is quite alienating for the faint hearted.

The term "hate" (misein) in this context seems harsh. The English translation fails to do justice, however, to the original Greek or to the Hebrew (sone) that underlies this notion. To "hate" in biblical terms is to "leave aside". Disciples are expected to love one another. There are times, however, when they have to "leave aside" the wishes of those they love most for the sake of a gospel call to justice, compassion, and right relationship. If we are attentive to the gender bias of this ancient text, we might note that married men are addressed while married women are not. Here as elsewhere, women have to read against the grain of the text in order to hear its message.

Finally, there is a call in this gospel passage to "leave aside" unnecessary possessions. In this time of planetary vulnerability and of growing division between the privileged and the marginalised of the Earth community, the teaching of the Lukan Jesus has a particular resonance. There is no place in a gospel way of life for self-indulgence, for exploitation of others or for self-centred appropriation of the goods of the earth. Hearing the voice of creation implies systemic change so that the needs of all the creatures of the earth might be met within the means of the earth to provide.

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Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so.

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[melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](https://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign) or  
via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

## BLESSING FOR FATHER'S DAY

Gracious and Loving God,  
We ask you to bless our Father's,  
Those who are with us,  
Those whom we cannot be with at this time  
And those who have gone before us marked with the  
signs of faith.

We thank them for their love and example,  
For their generosity and their self-sacrifice.  
May they be gladdened and filled with joy in the  
company of their children,  
May you keep them always close to you.  
We ask your blessing on them O God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Amen

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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.

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First Reading Wisdom 9:13-18  
Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17  
Response: In every age, O Lord,  
you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’ To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

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2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

R
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

R

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

R

Second Reading Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17  
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.  
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:25-33  
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

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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.

**ACYF (Australian Catholic Youth Festival)** is a three-day national Catholic festival for young people in year 9 and up to the age of 25. It starts on Sunday 30 November 2025. St Augustine’s Parish Melbourne and St Patrick’s Cathedral Parish East Melbourne is offering to cover 50% of the registration costs for 6 suitable parishioners.

For further information please visit the ACYF webpage, and if you are interested in parish sponsoring you, please contact the Monsignor Stuart at Cathedral@cam.org.au.

**St Augustine’s Community Survey:** Thank you to all who participated in the parish survey. A two-page summary is available at the entrance of St Augustine’s Church. A community lunch and consultative meeting will take place on Sunday 5th October after the 10:30am Mass.

This is an opportunity to unpack the survey, allowing parishioners to discuss any concerns. **Save the Date:** Sunday 5th October 2025.

Further information will follow.

**CATHEDRAL READERS ROSTER**

Weekend Masses 6 & 7 September 2025

**Saturday 6:00pm** Venessa Sammy & Ashley D’Monte

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

**9:30am** Florence Luk & Carmen Burnett

**11:00am** Eugene Cheah & Rosa Gonzalez

**6:00pm** Mark Gyimesi & Debra McCarthy

**ST AUGUSTINE READERS ROSTER**

Weekend Masses 7 September 2025

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

MOC: Patricia Music: —

Altar Server: Yonas, Madeline & Jeslyn

**8.00PM** TBA

Music: TBA Altar server: Trevor

Today we welcome National Boys Choir of Australia, along with their conductor, Andrew Bainbridge, who will be singing with St Patrick’s Cathedral Choir at the 11.00am Mass.

**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 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: ktm.melbourne@gmail.com

**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 or mablets@gmail.com **St Patrick’s Cathedral**, Saturday 11am Contact: carmen2024b04@outlook.com

# Season of Creation



The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges.

This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

- signing the **Turn Debt into Hope** petition – [caritas.org.au/debt](https://caritas.org.au/debt)
- committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** - [caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/](https://caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/)

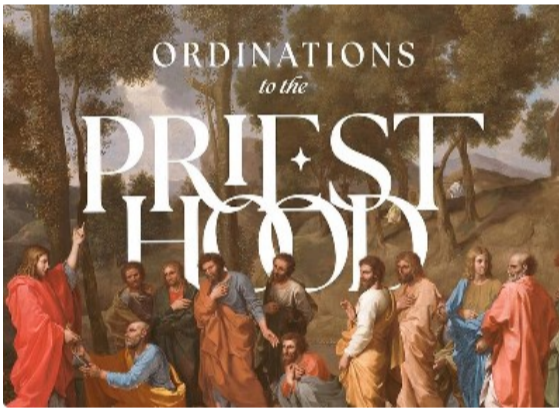


**TURN  
DEBT  
INTO  
Hope**



## Ordinations to the Priesthood, St Patrick's Cathedral

On Saturday 20 September, Deacons Joshua McDermid, Tuong Nguyen and Ian Vergel will be ordained to the priesthood. Please join us at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Ordination Mass, and pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese.



The Mass will also be broadcast live on our YouTube channel.

### Event Date

Saturday 20 September 2025  
10.00am–1.00pm

### Venue

St Patrick's Cathedral  
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

## INTERCESSORY PRAYER

**We pray for the sick, especially Maggie Muldoon and Nadia Gazla and for all who have asked for our prayers.**

### St Patrick's Cathedral

**We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Ernest Girolami and we pray for those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Bare Krpan, Martin Pham, George Nguyen, CC and Billy Doyle, David Butler, Michael Butler, Bernadette Storer and Raffaele Totta.**

### 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](https://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](https://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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