



you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe

that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;

believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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TRUST IN GOD

We all worry from time to time. Worry is one of the great social concerns that surround us. We worry about so much: our families and loved ones, our health, what is going on in the world, finances...and the list is endless. It is into this situation that Jesus speaks to us today. 'Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God and trust in me.' These words get to the heart of our lives. Jesus invites us to trust in him and his God, despite all that surrounds us. While such an invitation flies in the face of much that distracts us, the Gospel invites us into a space, 'a place', where we can rest with God. Jesus assures John's audience, and us, that he has already prepared this place. It awaits us—and we don't have to wait until death to enjoy it—we can allow ourselves to draw close to Jesus and be with him now.

This is the sense behind Jesus' reassurance to Thomas who questions Jesus about where he is going and how to be where he is. The response is clear: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' These words are clearly important for us to enjoy and relish as our celebration of Easter continues. Jesus offers us companionship ('the Way'), leads us into ultimate communion with God ('the Truth') and brings us into a sense of complete wholeness ('the Life').

The final part of today's Gospel reaffirms Jesus' communion with his Father and that our communion and trust in Jesus leads us into ultimate communion with God. Everything in this Gospel invites us to trust Jesus' words and let go, perhaps just a little, of our worries.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19. R. v. 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (or Alleluia!)

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, / with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful / and all his works to be trusted. / The Lord loves justice and right / and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! / I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; / no one comes to the Father, except through me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am



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5th Sunday of Easter 3rd May 2026
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANointing / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 3rd May 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 2 nd May	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 3 rd May 5 th Sunday of Easter	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 4 th May 5 th Week of Easter		
Tuesday 5 th May Bl Vincent Soler & Companions	10am Anointing/Healing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 6 th May 5 th Week of Easter	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 7 th May Bl Maria of St Joseph of Alvarado	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 8 th May Our Lady of Grace	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 9 th May 5 th Week of Easter	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	



This weekend is the **CatholicCare Victoria Appeal**. CatholicCare delivers programs and support to those most vulnerable in our community. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families. You can donate using the envelopes provided or at www.catholiccare.org.au

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **RCIA:** Thurs 7th May 7pm.
- ▶ **Sacramental Prep:** Sat 9 May 10.30am
- ▶ **Anointing Mass:** Tues 5 May 10am SJ

AUGUSTINE- "IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE"



In my Father's house are many mansions Let not your heart be troubled. For, was there any of them that could be free from fear? for I go to prepare a

place for you, they are revived from their trouble, made certain and confident that after all the perils of temptations they shall dwell with Christ in the presence of God. For, albeit one is stronger than another, one wiser than another, one more righteous than another, in the Father's house there are many mansions; none of them shall remain outside that house, where every one, according to his deserts, is to receive a mansion The saints, like the stars in the sky, obtain in the kingdom different mansions of diverse degrees of brightness; but no one is cut off from the kingdom; and God will be all in all in such a way, that, as God is love, love will bring it about that what is possessed by each will be common to all. For in this way every one really possesses it, when he loves to see in another what he has not himself. (Tractate on John 67)

ANointing/HEALING MASS

The Sacrament of the sick will be offered at St Joseph's 10am Mass this Tuesday 5th May.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION



Saturday 9th May 10.30am in the Parish Centre. For children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloude-mans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zai, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased
 ✦ Janet Frances Sartori

Anniversaries

- ✦ Rocco D'Andrea
- ✦ Ivan Guzman
- ✦ Patricia Gillespie
- ✦ Eddie Bennetts
- ✦ Ben Broekman
- ✦ Christine Kerr
- ✦ Mary Monaghan
- ✦ Leslie Priest
- ✦ Mary Connell

PARISH BAPTISMS

The parish congratulates the family of Naila Wamar & Aston Amuso who are to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



VOLUNTEER AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS

If you would like to be involved in the music ministry or to help in the church before and after mass, please contact the parish office.

MOTHERS' DAY NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, as a tribute to mothers still living and to those who are deceased, we ask each of you to bring a flower for mothers who are still alive, or a sprig of rosemary for mothers who are deceased. These may then be brought to the altar after the homily and placed in a large bowl, as a prayer and tribute to the mothers who gave us life.



MASS COUNT

Over the next four weekends the number of parishioners attending Mass will be counted in order to maintain an up-to-date picture of Mass attendance in the archdiocese.

MASS COLLECTIONS 26/04/2026

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 957.80
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 307.15
Envelopes.....	\$ 160.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 546.00.
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 550.00
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