

# Parish of Belgrave

The Catholic Church in the  
Dandenong Ranges

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**Our Parish Vision Statement:**

*We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....*

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Saturday Vigil 6.00 p.m.	Sunday 9.00 a.m.	Sunday 9.00 a.m.	Sunday 11.00 a.m. Children's Liturgy every Sunday.
	WEEKDAY			This week: Saturday 25th August, 9.00 a.m.	

**Mass changes this week: No weekday Mass until Saturday 9.00 a.m. at St Thomas More, Belgrave. Fr. Geoff is on retreat.**

Reconciliation: Saturday 9.30 -10.30 a.m. at St. Thomas More's, Belgrave. Marriages and Baptisms by appointment.

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME —YEAR B—SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST, 2018

### GOSPEL FOCUS

#### Real Presence

*The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a central doctrine of the Catholic faith. It is regarded as a revealed truth proved by both scripture and tradition. This week's gospel, indeed the entire 'Bread of Life' discourse (Jn 6:26-72), is an essential passage of scripture that supports the teaching of Christ present in the Eucharist. Along with scripture, the other proof of the doctrine is tradition. Since the first century, only a brief time after the death of Jesus, Christians linked their celebration of Eucharist with the words of Jesus at the last supper – they celebrated Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus.*

#### EXPLORING THE WORD

In the continuation of the discourse, Jesus' claim that he is the living bread come from heaven is brought to a new height. Not only has he surpassed the manna given by God in the desert, he now claims that it is his flesh and blood which gives life. For the Jews this is an abomination. The very strict dietary laws of Judaism precluded the eating of flesh with blood in it. Jesus' hearers again remain at the physical understanding of his words. They imagine some form of cannibalism and are outraged. 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' But Jesus is not deterred. He insists that he makes God known because he comes from God. Eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of Man will bring those who believe to eternal life – not the physical life of this world but to life with the Father forever.

- ◆ This is a difficult teaching for 'the Jews' to accept. Do you have difficulty accepting all the teaching of Jesus? Maybe ask Fr Geoff or any Priest and ask him to clarify any difficult beliefs of the Church.

- ◆ What kind of life is Jesus offering you? Is it for now or the future?

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Rev. Fr. Geoffrey McIlroy

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#### PARISH COUNCIL:

Chairperson - TBA

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS BY MASS CENTRE:

Monbulk: TBA

Belgrave: TBA

Gembrook: TBA **New council to be announced shortly**

Emerald: TBA

Mt. Dandenong: TBA

#### ST. THOMAS MORE'S PRIMARY, BELGRAVE

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent death:** Michael Mulcahy (U.S.A.; friend of Ann & Mick Rogers).

**Anniversaries:** Mary Fergus Comer, Josephine Miller, Shane Francis, Jack Maher, Alan Newman, Bartelo Pepi, Anne Baruday, Maureen Sale, Hannah Bedford-Lee.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: James Perry, Fr. Michael MacLaifearlaigh OCA (Prior), Dave Scott, Paul Granieri, Jean McIlroy, Martin Fergus, Kevin Ryan, Abbey O' Rourke, Margaret Gilhooly, Sophie Ann Larosa, Patricia Gilchrist, Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Kate O'Dwyer, Hella Becker, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Terry Garrick, Geoff Fitzpatrick, Steven, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, Alissa Westphall, John Reid, Dominic Beirne, Dieter Farmer, George Hilder, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Peter Campion, Joshua McQuade, Jim and Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sylvie Atkinson, Nick Keena, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Terry McDermott, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

**BAPTISMS:** This weekend at **Belgrave**, we warmly welcome **Alexis Rodgerson** into our faith community. May Alexis always know of the unconditional love that God has for her.

To arrange a Baptism please phone the Parish office on 9754 2141 for an application form.

## **ST. JOSEPH'S ROSTER—next weekend:**

**Sacristan:** Irene Reed; **Lector:** Lia McLean; **Eucharistic Minister:** Irene; **Musician:** Martha Billington; **Church cleaning:** Marilyn Huber.

## **CATHOLIC CARE COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND:**

**The Catholic Care Appeal**, held last weekend, raised an amount of **\$611.40** towards the work of this great organisation. Thank you all on their behalf.

## **SISTER RITA'S SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME:**

*\$500 in donations for Sr. Rita's Scholarship programme in Railaco, East Timor was deposited last week. Much of this was raised by collecting 5 cent pieces and other small change and recycling squashed aluminium cans. We especially thank Anne for her generous donation and everyone involved in tis ongoing fundraising effort. Please consider joining us. **Contacts are Josieane and Maureen of Upwey Friendship Group. To deliver cans, please ring Maureen on 9754 5767 for details.***

## **FATHER GEOFF WILL BE ON RETREAT THIS**

**WEEK** so there will be no weekday Masses in the Parish until Saturday morning. Any matter of urgency can still be referred to Fr. Geoff via the Parish office.

**QUOTE:** 'Do not pray by heart, but with heart.'

## **RETREAT ON EUCHARIST,**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

## **AND THE PASSION OF**

## **OUR LORD FOR HEALING:**

**From September 22/23 – 26.**

**St. Thomas More Church,  
17 Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.**



**This Retreat is focused on Prayer, Meditation, Contemplation, Eucharist & the Word of God, which deepens our relationship with God & one another...**

**Saturday/Sunday, Sept. 22/23:** Homily at weekend Masses.

**Monday, Sept. 24:** 7.00 pm Mass, followed by talk & reflection; 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm.

**Healing through God's Love and Forgiveness: Reflection Isaiah 53:5; 'By his wounds, we are healed'.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 25:** 7.00 pm Mass followed by talk & reflection; 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm.

**Healing through the Word of God & Eucharistic Adoration: Reflection Matthew:8:8; 'By our faith on the Word of God, we are healed'**

**Wednesday, Sept. 26:** 7.00 pm Concluding Mass with Reflection on Eternal life. *By His Body and Blood we are healed.*

**Confession: Monday - Wednesday: 6pm - 6.45pm.**

**Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD (Divine Word Missionary), has been conducting scripture based meditative retreats since 1989, in India, Australia, USA, UK, Germany and many other countries to promote contemplation in the Church. Contact details of Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD: Divine Word Missionaries, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, 9762 2265, 0466179556 or email gilbertcarlo@gmail.com**

**SACRAMENTS:** Some children in the Parish are now preparing to receive their **First Eucharist**. Masses for this will be celebrated at **9.00 a.m., St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave, and 11.00 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk, on Sunday 9th September**. Please pray for the children on this stage of their faith journey.

**NEXT SUNDAY 26 AUGUST IS OBSERVED BY THE CHURCH AS NATIONAL MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY.**

It invites us to extend our compassion beyond our own suburb, city and nation, and reminds us that the plight of refugees and immigrants is world-wide. **We are grateful to our own Social Justice Group and our local Grandmothers Against Detention of Refugee Children for keeping their plight uppermost in our minds.**



### **PARISH INCOME—last weekend:**

**Presbytery:** 1st collection: \$ 613.35, stole fees \$200.  
**Church: 2nd collection** (loose) \$230.70; **Thanksgiving:** Envelopes: \$1423.00; credit cards \$285; direct debits: \$210; total: **\$1918.00.**  
**Anyone wishing to join Parish Thanksgiving is welcome to do so by contacting the Parish office on 9754 2141. We do need your support.**

### **WE HAVE TWO EXCELLENT PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS—ST. THOMAS MORE, BELGRAVE, AND ST. PAUL'S, MONBULK:**

Both our primary schools are well-established, nurturing and with high educational standards maintained by excellent teaching staff.

**Enrolments are now being taken for 2019.** If you would like a personal tour of either school, or know someone who would be interested in enrolling their child/children, please contact the School Principals,

**Caroline Quinton -St Thomas More's, on 9754 4444/cquinton@smbelgrave.catholic.edu.au**

**Michael Watt—St. Paul's, on 9756 7201/ principal@spmonbulk.catholic.edu.au**

### **ST. PAUL'S ROSTER—next weekend:**

**Mass Manager:** Jo Reed; **1st reading & Resp. Ps.:** Jo; **2nd reading & POF:** Annabelle Henriques; **Special Minister:** Peter Van Haaster; **Coffee:** Anny Koelewyn; **Church cleaning:** (week commencing 20/8/18): Ann Rogers.

**BEQUESTS:** Have you ever thought about including the Parish in your will?

*The gift you may consider to leave to your Parish will greatly support to build and share resources in a just and compassionate way for future generations. This will ensure the continuity of the church and its good works long after we are gone and this treasure is beyond any measure.*

*Your Will is a final statement of the love you have for your family, God's people and the Church. After you have provided for your family and friends, making a Bequest is a significant way to support a cause that is close to your heart and a reflection of your gratitude, faith and values. Making a Bequest, small or large, is a way to make the type of generous gift that you may not be able to make during your lifetime and a way to make a real and lasting difference to future generations. (Excerpt from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne website - cam.org.au/service and support/office of philanthropy/bequests).*

**MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE is seeking Homestay Hosts for International Students. Being a Homestay Host can be a very rewarding experience and often leads to lifelong associations. For more details including guidelines, payment and the application process, visit the College website or call 9757 0810.**

### **FUNDRAISING NEWS:**

- ◆ **FUN 'N' GAMES NIGHT AT BELGRAVE—** Friday 26th October. We would request that, if you have a business source you think might like to donate a prize or two for this event, please ask them on our behalf OR if you have a nice item to donate for a hamper, please give same to your fundraising rep. or drop off at the parish Office.

The event will be held in the **St. Thomas More School Hall**, from **6.30 p.m. for a 7.00 p.m. (sharp) start.** We are asking for **tables of ten to be organised by Table Captains as in the past.** Table captains will be responsible for collecting payment on behalf of the Parish—and we thank you in advance for your efforts.  
**Tickets are \$20 per person.**

- ◆ **BELGRAVE PARISH MOUNTAIN DOO 2018 – CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND— SATURDAY FIRST OF DECEMBER:**

*The Mountain Doo is a great occasion for the whole Parish to come together; celebrating all our wonderful communities here in the beautiful Dandenong ranges. We need your help, either on the Mountain Doo committee, as a volunteer, or both.*

*Parishioners, teachers, parents and friends are all more than welcome to volunteer, so please contact the Mountain Doo committee liaison officer, Joanne ([jmalane@hotmail.com](mailto:jmalane@hotmail.com)) or call the Parish Office 97542141.*

- ◆ The **MOUNTAIN DOO RAFFLE** will be held again this year—with some exciting prizes:  
**1st— \$1500 Travel Voucher from Nexus Travel, Monbulk (9756 7566).**  
**2nd — \$1000 Bunning Gift Cards,**  
**3rd — \$200 Dinner Voucher for Rose Cottage Restaurant, Monbulk (9756 6122).**

We have, at this stage, at least seven venues to sell our tickets to others .....at markets, Maxi's Upper Ferntree Gully, etc. **If you can help with the raffle ticket selling this year, please let Helen or Angela know via the Parish Office, 9754 2141.** Even an hour's contribution would be greatly appreciated.

**Our thanks go to Mater Christi College, once again, for their design of the tickets and sponsorship of the raffle.**

The next meeting of the **Fundraising Committee** will be held at **7.00 p.m. Wednesday September 12th at the Belgrave Parish House.** Come along and join the happy team!!

**DONATIONS TO AID MUCH-NEEDED DROUGHT RELIEF CAN BE MADE VIA THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:**

<https://www.droughtangels.org.au/donations>  
<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/donate>  
<https://www.buyabale.com.au/donate>  
<https://aussiehelpers.org.au/donations>

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B

**Entrance antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; One day without your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**A reading from the book of Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built herself a house,  
she has erected her seven pillars,  
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,  
she has laid her table.

She has despatched her maidservants and  
proclaimed from the city's heights:

'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says,

'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine prepared!

Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways  
of perception.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3, 10-15.**

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-20.**

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it.

And do not be thoughtless but recognize what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simple dissipation; be filled with the Spirit.

Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them says, the Lord. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58**

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat? They said. Jesus replied:

I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my  
blood has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live  
for ever."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

**Next week's readings:** Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18; Ps. 33:2-3, 16-23; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69.



**Bread of Life**