

## Second Sunday of Lent Year C

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

**A reading from the book of Genesis**

**Gen 15:5-12. 17-18**

**God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.**

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

**(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians**

**Phil 3:20 – 4:1**

**Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.**

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke** Lk 9:28-36

**As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

**Next week's readings:**

**First Reading:** Ex 3:1-8. 13-15

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. R. v.8

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

**Gospel** Lk 13:1-9



# St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

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*The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)*

## 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 Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am Saturday Confession 9.45 am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

## **Homily for the Second Sunday of Lent Year C - 13h March, 2022**

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration.

The report of Jesus' Transfiguration is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The context for Luke's Transfiguration story is similar to that found in both Matthew and Mark. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels. The placement of the Transfiguration story close to Peter's confession and Jesus' prediction encourages us to examine the Transfiguration in the larger context of the Paschal Mystery.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/second-sunday-of-lent-cycle-c-sunday-connection>

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### Emerald:

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH  
AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.**

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### **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

### **Anniversaries:**

Chris Madden, Sr. Joyce White, Angela Casey, Francis Kuyper, Richard Rossa.

### **Prayer for the deceased:**

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

### ***Needed***

The parish is seeking volunteers at each Mass Centre to act as **First Aid Officers**, who would assist persons in the need of basic first aid. Applicants will be given basic first aid training at no cost to them. Please consider.

The parish council is seeking volunteers at each Mass Centre to act as a commander who would, in the event of an incident, assess the situation and take initial control at their respective centre. Reporting to the parish council and to Fr Cruz.

We need to support Father as he administers our large parish. It is our parish, it is our responsibility to assist in the well-being of all.

All applications to Fr Cruz

**Dennis - Parish Pastoral Council  
Chairperson**

### **INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**



### **DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?**

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 - 11.45 am** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

**Read More:** [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 (9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

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## **PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE**

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





## Special Thanks to our Volunteers

### Pastoral workers

Belgrave: Helen Garrick, Elizabeth Drake  
David Atkinson.  
Emerald Irene Reed, Eve Phillips  
Monbulk Sue Luxford

### First aid officers

Belgrave Helen Garrick, Christine Hadden and David Atkinson

We need first aid officers for other three mass centres and commander for all our mass centres.

**Fr. Anthony Cruz**



### **The Sacrament of Confirmation on 28th May**

**St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave at 12pm**

**St. Paul's Church, Monbulk at 2pm**

**Celebrant: Most Rev. Bishop E.V. Tony Keren.**

The parent and child workshop starts on Tuesday 26th April to 17th May at Parish office meeting room at 6.30pm. To enrol, please contact the parish office during office hours.

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### ***Station of the Cross***

#### ***Thomas More Church, Belgrave***

Station of the cross on every Friday at 7pm



### ***Project Compassion 2022***

#### **Second Sunday of Lent 12 & 13 March**

As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

**Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington**

**Pastoral Youth Worker, Parish of St Macartan's, Mornington**

**Continuous Improvement Specialist – Client Services Group, CDF, East Melbourne**

**Communications Administration Support Officer, East Melbourne**

**Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish, Camberwell**

**Payroll Operations Officer, East Melbourne**

**Parish Secretary – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava**

**Stewardship Coordinator, Bayside**

**Administration Support Officer, Emerging Futures Collaborative, Melbourne**

**Senior Content Developer, East Melbourne/Flexible Work Arrangements**

**Creatives Officer, East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements**

**Digital Communications Officer, East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at [hradmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hradmin@cam.org.au)

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