

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97:1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Rv 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Jn 13:31-35**

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon : Cf. Jn 15:1,5

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.



Next week's readings

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

Second Reading: Rv 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

Gospel Jn 17:20-26



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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

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 &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

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The Marian Message — "Offer Me Fragrant Flowers"

a) We are now in the month of May. It is traditionally celebrated as the month of Mary. The reason is obvious: during this month, flowers are in bloom. As expression of our filial devotion and love, we bring flowers to Mary. That is why there is the Mayflower devotion. This devotion is not about the flowers, but about Mary. In fact, one Marian title is "Rosa Mystica" (Mystical Rose). It is fitting that, even in the secular world, the celebration of Mothers' Day is in May. Mary is the mother of all humanity. Mothers' Day, first and foremost, belongs to her.

b) The name "Rosary" comes from "rose", a certain kind of flower. And "rosarium" literally means "rose garden". That is why when we pray the rosary with full devotion and piety, we offer to Mary a garden of roses, which do not wither and die. And this is our way of expressing our love and devotion to her, long after the month of May is gone.

c) The Blessed Mother reminds us during this month of May to offer her flowers every day. But she is not talking about physical flowers, which, though beautiful and fragrant, still fade and wither. The fragrant flowers she asks us to offer her are spiritual flowers: prayer, trust and love.

d) "Offer me the fragrant flowers of your prayer" (letter e). She asks her priests to gather the people in prayer, and "form with your heavenly Mother a true cenacle of prayer" in preparation for the "Second Pentecost". Prayer should be frequent and from the heart, and should be done with love and perseverance. Next to the Eucharist, she has invariably implored us to pray the rosary together with her.

e) "Offer me the fragrant flowers of your trust" (letter f). Around us we see so much pain, struggles and frustrations. The enemy makes us believe that our efforts are futile. Such is the way the devil operates: "My Adversary is trying you with the temptation of doubt and of discouragement." Succumbing to this temptation will surely stop us in our work for the Lord. There will be times when we hear some people expressing doubts as to the authenticity of the messages in the Blue Book: "In these times, Satan is ensnaring very much even this Work of love of mine, seeking to sow division among you" (letter h). These are all subtle ways of attacks by the devil to tempt us with doubts and discouragement. She tells us: "Begin anew to listen to me with the purity of little children...with the simplicity of the poor, and follow me with the abandonment of children."

f) "Offer me with the fragrant flowers of your love" (letter g). The greatest enemy is selfishness or egoism. This is the most potent weapon of the devil for it directly works against love. So she urges us to follow the commandment of Jesus: "Love one another as I have loved you." Concretely, she advises us: "Do not judge; do not criticize; do not condemn. Be kind, gentle and merciful to everyone."

g) These flowers of prayer, trust and love are what the Blessed Mother desires that we offer her during this month of May "as a most welcome homage". These will surely make her happy and give her immense consolation in her pains and sufferings during these times.

Source: <https://www.catholicforlife.com/year-c-homily-for-the-5th-sunday-of-easter-3/>

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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 and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Gerard Kruyer, Ross Smith, John Connor, Norman Jones, Mary Rose Cannon, Alex Steel Koen Goederee, Gregory Papa, Stephen Surman, Willem Rath.

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.

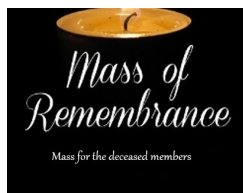
Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, 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.

MASS TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Sunday 22 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

In recognition of the significant impact of COVID in our families and communities, Archbishop Comensoli will celebrate a memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. Parishes and individuals are invited to submit the name (s) of those you would like remembered during the Mass by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>.

The names will be placed in a book on the Sanctuary, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21-22 May.



Baptism

Let us welcome **Luca Kevin Drew and Givliana Salemm** into our faith community as they are going to be baptized this weekend at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave. May they be richly blessed throughout their lives, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.

Positions Vacant



Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne – East Melbourne

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Communications Administration Support Officer, Communications Office –
(East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)

Creatives Officer – (East Melbourne/
Flexible Working Arrangements)

Digital Communications Officer – (East Melbourne/Flexible Working Arrangements)

Catholic Development Fund – East Melbourne

Executive Manager, Client Experience

Parish Positions

Parish Secretary, St Mark's Catholic Parish, Fawkner

Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish – Lalor

Parish Secretary, Preston East

Assistant Sacristan - St Patricks Cathedral, East Melbourne

Parish Finance Officer, Nazareth Parish, Grovedale

Parish Secretary, Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Joseph's Parish, Middle Park & Port Melbourne

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation on
28th May



St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave at 12pm

St. Paul's Church, Monbulk at 2pm

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. E.V. Tony Kerin

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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Dear Elaine Weir and Lynette Ryan,

Please contact the parish office during parish working hours. Tuesday—Friday 9.30am—2pm.

Catholic Theological College

Online unit via Zoom

Teaching Meditation and Prayer

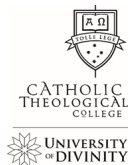
Four Saturdays:

18, 25 June; 8, 15 October

To enrol or for further information:

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May the Month of Our Lady

Pope Francis asked for people to pray the Holy Rosary each day for world peace.

Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians - 24th May.



Elizabeth FitzGerald

Our Lady's 15 Promises to Those Who Pray Her Rosary

1. Whosoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary shall receive signal graces.
2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin and defeat heresies.
4. It will cause good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for Eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary shall not perish.
6. Whosoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of Eternal Life.
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the Light of God and the plenitude of His Graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the Merits of the Saints in Paradise.
9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of Glory in Heaven.
11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary.
12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire Celestial Court during their life and at the hour of death.
14. All who recite the Rosary are my Sons, and brothers of my Only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

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