TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18

The Lord is near to all who call him.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Philippians 1:20-24. 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is

like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.' The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon John 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

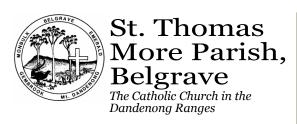
Next week's readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32



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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 & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 17 Terry Avenue, 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	

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 23rd / 24th September, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.



The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Sep24/0/RefDiBer

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023 — Month of September

For people living on the margins — We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2023

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

Anniversaries:

Hugh Ilyine, Ray Talintyre, Lilian Onley, Ruby Johnson, Fr. Anthony Guelen.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Helen Bye, Peter Law-Stephen Billington, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, 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.

• Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devasting earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at www.caritas.org.au



Please make your Thanksgiving contributions to your church via church account or scanning the QR code.

St Thomas Mores Parish Church or

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St Mary's Mount Evelyn Parish Festa

Our Festa is on Sunday, 24 September. We begin with the 10:30am Mass and immediately following will be the procession with the Annunziata statue followed by food and festivities. All are welcome to join us!

2024 Study Tour

Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece 20 September – 6 October 2024

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

Online Information Sessions:

Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm

Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC

in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

RSVP & further information: <u>rose-mary.canavan@ctc.edu.au</u>





October - The Month of the Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.



For her fifteen promises, visit the below link.

https://airmaria.com/2015/10/07/i-am-the-lady-of-the-rosary-pray-the-rosary-daily/



Parish Office Notice

Fr. Cruz will not be available from 3rd of October to 26th October. The weekend masses will be taken cared by the Salesian priests.

St Joseph's, Emerald, Mass Time, 2024

We are currently considering changing the weekly Mass time at St Joseph's, Emerald from 6:00pm to 5:00 pm Saturday. The reasoning behind the proposed change is that the earlier time may be more convenient for families with young children. This may especially be the case in winter.

Since the St Joseph's Mass is the only Vigil Mass in the parish, such a change will affect more than the local Emerald parishioners, so we are seeking input from across the parish.

Please express your thoughts, especially if your Mass attendance will be adversely affected by the change. You can do so throughout October, by

- * speaking to Father Cruz
- * ringing/leaving a message at the Parish Office on 97542141
- emailing the Parish Office at belgrave@cam.org.au

Baptism

Let us welcome Rex Winston Evans, Audrey Grace Evans and Florence Rose Evans into our faith community as they will be baptized in St. Thomas More Church Belgrave this weekend.

May they be richly blessed throughout their lives, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God. Holy

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

OCTOBER 7TH, IPM START

Meeting at Treasury Gardens. corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade





Baptism

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Rapha-- 29th September el, archangels



of the morning. Fresh chord of Heaven adorning, Keep me safe today, And in time of temptation Amen.

our service and the prayer of the Blessed **Archangel Gabriel be** acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord; that he whom we venerate on earth, may be our advocate Drive the devil away. before Thee in heaven. Through Our Lord. Amen.

Thy servant, when on his journey, didst give **Blessed Raphael the** Archangel, as a companion; grant to us Thy servants, that we may be ever protected by his custody and strengthened by his help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

(29th September - Feast of the Archangels)



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website.

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: Job vacancies Melbourne Catholic

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hradmin@cam.org.au