

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16:15**

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy**

**Dt 30:10-14**

*Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. v.9**

*The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

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

**Col 1:15-20**

*All things were created through him and for him.*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:63. 68**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Lk 10:25-37**

*Who is my neighbour?*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon : Jn 6:57**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

**Next week's readings**

First Reading: Gen 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

Second Reading: Col 1:24-28

Gospel 10:38-42



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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	11.00am
	WEEKDAY				

### Fifteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Year C -10th July, 2022

Today, the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the God who is close to us, in His word and our neighbour. As the image of the unseen God and the Good Samaritan, Christ is close to us in all life circumstances. So, the church urges us to acknowledge the presence of God both in his word and in our neighbours.

Our first reading is part of the farewell message and final instruction of Moses to his people. This message underscores the importance of abiding with God through his Word. That is, living according to His commandments in the scriptures. Through this reading, Moses reminds us that God is alive, active, and ever close to us in his word, "For this Law is not beyond your strength or your reach."

Therefore, we must seek Him in the scriptures by asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten the eyes of our minds (Eph 1:18). We are also called to obey and live by the word because it is the source of life. God has fully revealed himself to us in his Word, and only those who make frantic efforts will find him. Hence, today's psalm admonishes us: "Seek the Lord, and your hearts will revive." The easiest way to be intimate with God is by living his Word.

In the second reading, Paul also reminds us of how close God is to us. Through His son Jesus Christ ("the invisible image of the unseen Father"), God came to dwell among us. God spoke his word, and he became real among us. So, Paul reminds us that God decided to dwell with us through Jesus Christ in order to reconcile us with himself.

In the gospel, Jesus directed the young man to the scriptures. By doing this, Jesus tries to let him understand that we can find God in his Word, which is close to him. Therefore, to love God is to love his word. He further buttressed this by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. The word of God is personified in the Good Samaritan in today's gospel. The word of God is Jesus himself, who speaks to us, and Jesus who is ever close to us like the Good Samaritan.

Today's gospel also presents to us another way through which God is close to us. That is, in our neighbor. As a humble master, he is always available to us in simple ways and things. He is close to us in the scriptures, poor, just, pious, marginalized, sick, and weak. Like the Good Samaritan, if we search for God in these, we will find Him. The good Samaritan saw God in the victim and so was moved to help him.

The Good Samaritan represents those who seek Christ in the weak, wounded, and needy. He represents those who are mindful of their neighbors and the wounded. Also, he represents Christ, who is always quick to come to our help when we are weak, despised, and abandoned. He is ever ready to help us recover from our injuries. He is so close to taking care of and healing us. Hence, the Psalmist asks, "What great nation has its gods so close to it as the Lord, our God?" (Dt 4:7).

Source: <https://frcanicenjoku.com/2022/07/05/homily-for-the-15th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-c/amp/>

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

### **Recent deaths:**

Piet Groen. 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.

### **Funeral Mass and Rosary for late Piet Groen.**

The funeral Mass for late Piet Groen will be held at St Thomas More, Belgrave, at 11.30am on Thursday, 14th July. Refreshments will be served after the Mass in the school hall. All food provided.

The Rosary will be prayed at St Joseph's, Emerald, at 7:00pm, on Tuesday, 12th July. Refreshments available afterwards.

**Anniversaries:** Sigfried Maletski, Kathleen Canavan, Jenny Martin, Katie Rickard, Moll Keavaney, Norma Meade, Bill Broekhof, Marion Clinton.

**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: Margaret Campion, Diane Kamoen, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, 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.

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**Communication & Relationships, Saturday 23 Jul 2022, 12.30pm-5pm AEST**, attend via Zoom or in-person. A fundamental aspect of any relationship - with God or people - is Communication. This event looks at the different aspects of communication and their strengths and weaknesses in daily life. It offers a practical approach to communication and relationships. This session will be led by James Arechira svd. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch).

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I acknowledge the Boonwurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land on which I live and work. I pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging and extend that respect to the First Nations Peoples of other communities with whom I connect.

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**The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few** Mt 9:37



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- **Parish Secretary, St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza**
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The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated each year on July 16.

Mary, the Mother of God, has a multitude of titles under which she is invoked for various needs. When the parish and school were founded by the Carmelite Order of Priests, the good Fathers entrusted the enterprise to Our Lady under a most appropriate title. Through the past 66 years, we have invoked Our Lady's protection and guidance under this title for the children, families, faculty, and staff of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. She has responded with motherly protection and love in every instance.

The title "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" first derives from the experience of the prophet Elijah who, on Mount Carmel, challenged the worshipers of false gods to a contest (see 1 Kings 20-40). They were to call on their gods and Elijah would call on his God, and whichever God was able to light the fire to begin the holocaust was proved true. Elijah taunted his competitors, but of course their gods could not deliver.

After drenching his own wood and holocaust with 12 buckets of water, Elijah called on the Lord who, at once answered with fire. The God of Elijah was victorious. Ever since the time of Elijah, the mountain has been considered sacred and hermits have always occupied a spot on the mountain where they were devoted to a life of austerity and prayer. When the Carmelite Order was established many centuries later, the priests adopted Our Lady of Mount Carmel to represent their spirituality – both Marian and deeply contemplative. The Brown Scapular, which legend tells is a gift of protection from Our Lady to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite priest, is the most popular devotion associated with Our Lady under this title.

**There are a host of promises that go with the pious wearing of the Brown Scapular, the first of which is eternal salvation through the intercession of our heavenly mother.**

**Source:** <https://www.olmc-school.com/about/patron-saint/>