

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,

neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,

my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;

I did not cover my face

against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,

so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;

I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,

who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6 8-9.R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

A reading from the letter of St James

Jas 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. 1Cor 10:16

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

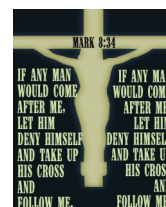
Next week's readings:

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 53:3-6.8 R. v.6

Second Reading: Jas 3:16—4:3

Gospel Mk.9:30-37





Parish of Belgrave

The Catholic Church

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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 Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am (on zoom)
	WEEKDAY	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	

Homily for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time B - 12th September, 2021

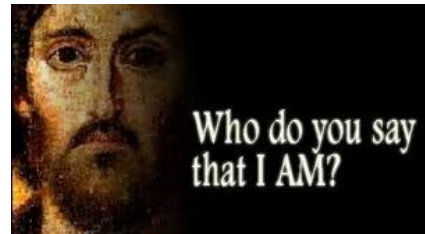
Today's reading is the turning point in Mark's Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus' disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/24th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>



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 AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFTY.**

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Cis(Francisca Beekman). Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: Irene Bryan, John Kennedy, David Scamel, Carmel McDonnell, Ruth Pain, Margaret Kravacek, Peter Damen, Danni Petronelli, Thomas Williams, Fran Deering, Easter Deering, Christel Lang, Bartoli Pepi, Shaun Griffith, Mosing, Francis Lyons, Sharon Hulley.

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, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, 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, Helen Hermann, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

As of now all the Liturgical Celebrations stand suspended until we receive further information from Archdiocese of Melbourne. Parish office is closed.

Divine Worship on Zoom

Monday –Saturday: 9am Holy Mass, followed by

Holy Rosary

Saturday : 6pm Holy Mass (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 9am Holy Mass: 5.30 pm Holy Rosary

Join the parish community on zoom in praying together as one family of God for the end the pandemic Covid-19. Zoom Link below

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?](https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGOT09)

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#47 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated:



10 September, 2021, 11:00am

As of 11.59pm Thursday 9 September 2021, the following measures will be applied across Regional Victoria (excluding the greater Shepparton area) and Metropolitan Melbourne. These will be in place until otherwise advised.

Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors: everywhere except your own home.

- **A Curfew will be in place from 9pm to 5am, whereby a person is not permitted to leave their home except for limited reasons.**

- **There will be 5 Reasons to leave home:**

- shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 5km);

- caregiving or compassionate reasons;

- authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home);

- exercise (up to two hour two hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km);

- receive a vaccination.

- Private and public gatherings will not be permitted: Single person bubbles will be allowed.

- PRAYER and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

- FUNERALS: (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

- WEDDINGS: (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).

- AGED CARE: No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons.

Positions Vacant

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

Parish Secretary, Catholic Parish of Castlemaine

Cook, Bayside Catholic Mission, Brighton

Finance Officer, Catholic Development Fund (CDF) - Part Time

Content Developer, Proclaim – Office of Mission Renewal, East Melbourne

Expression of Interest, Formation, East 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

Prayers of the faithful for Twenty Forth Sunday

Priest : Today's scripture readings call us to prayer, to acceptance of suffering and to compassionate action. Let us pray now for these qualities in our Church, our world and ourselves.

The Response : We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Reader :May our Church's teaching constantly remind us to understand and care for the needs of our world. (Pause) Together we pray.....

The Response : We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Reader : May political leaders recognize and support organizations such as Red Cross and Vinnies. (Pause)..... Together we pray.....

The Response : We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Reader : May we celebrate the recent Paralympic Games. We thank all those inspired to organize the Games and to support the athletes. (Pause).. together we pray.....

The Response : We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Reader : May all who work with the deaf and with other disabilities be rewarded in their calling. (Pause) Together we pray.....

The Response : We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Reader : May we all consider Jesus' question and who WE think Jesus is. (Pause).....together we pray.....

The response : We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Reader : May the suffering and the spread of Covid 19 find healing and solutions. (Pause)..... Together we pray.....

The response : We will walk in the presence of the Lord.

Priest : Lord, you have heard the cry of the poor. Inspire in many the spirit of compassion and understanding. These and all our prayers we offer in the name and spirit of Jesus. Amen.

Catholic Theological College

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation

free Zoom Information Session

Date & Time: Saturday 12 October at 7.00pm – 7.30pm

Presenters:

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ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

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This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **10 -12 September 2021** or a non-residential weekend: **16 - 17 October 2021** in west Gippsland.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

Important Dates

- 14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows



Prayer to our Lady of Sorrows

O most holy Virgin,
 Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 by the overwhelming grief
 you experienced
 when you witnessed
 the martyrdom,
 the crucifixion
 and the death,
 of your divine Son,
 look upon me
 with eyes of compassion
 and awaken in my heart
 a tender commiseration
 for those sufferings,
 as well as a sincere
 detestation of my sins,
 in order that,
 being disengaged
 from all undue affection
 for the passing joys
 of this earth,
 I may sigh after
 the eternal Jerusalem
 and that, henceforward,
 all my thoughts
 and all my actions
 may be directed
 towards this one
 most desirable object,
 the honour,
 glory and love
 to our divine
 Lord Jesus,
 and to you,
 the Holy
 and Immaculate
 Mother of God.
 Amen

*By St. Bonaventure
 (1217-1274)
 Doctor of the Church*