

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

Next week's readings:

First Reading:

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

Responsorial Psalm

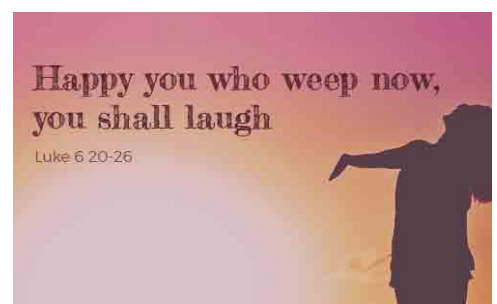
Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

Second Reading:

1 Cor 15:45-49

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38





Parish of 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

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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 13th February, 2022

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning. The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Ellen Regina Conway and Richard (Dick) Corrin, Stan Hilder, John Scott, John Vanderzwet, Brigitta Rovtar, Dora Klep, Katryna Hanigan, Barry Steen, Raeleen Hermann.

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

Anniversaries: 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.

Mission Opportunities Overseas.



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

- **Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington**
- **Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish**
- **Pastoral Youth Worker, Parish of St Macartan's, Mornington**
- **Continuous Improvement Specialist – Client Services Group, CDF**
- **Office Coordinator, Catholic Social Services Victoria (0.8 FTE)**
- **Communications Administration Support Officer, East Melbourne**
- **Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches, Melbourne**
- **Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish**
- **Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish, Lalor**
- **Parish Secretary, St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish of Doncaster**
- **Lead Singer - Family Choir, St Joseph's Parish, Chelsea**

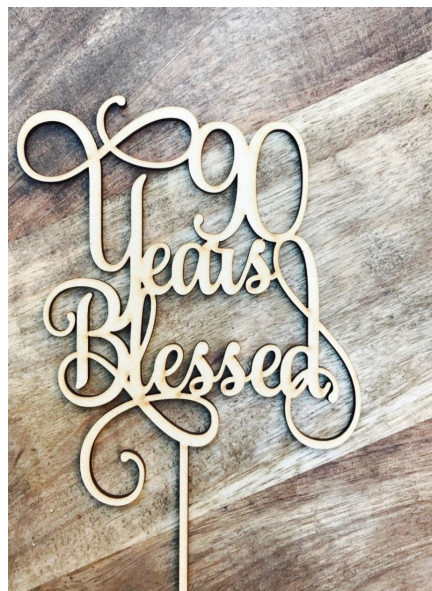
Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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

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Join Fr Peter Carrucan in celebrating a milestone

Date 19 Feb 2022
Day Saturday
Time 2pm- 4.30pm
Venue St Augustines Parish Grounds
631 Bourke St Melbourne Vic 3000

Note: Please bring a platter to share and drinks for your consumption
Cake will be cut at 3pm

Contacts Fr Peter Carrucan
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Voluntary Pastoral workers needed for our mass centres

Who would assist Fr. Cruz in providing information about our own parishioners who are sick and not able to come to church for weekend mass. It's a important ministry in the parish like the ministry done by the visitation group.

Belgrave 3 (2 already accepted to be, **one more needed**)
Gembrook 1 (one person needed)
Emerald 1 (one person needed)
Monbulk 1 (one person has accepted to be)

Please contact the parish office on working office hours.

Fr. Anthony Cruz

Chaplaincy Appeal 2022



This weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing loneliness, illness, pain, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



Important Day

14th February

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop



CDFPay for Parishes

Catholic Development Fund and Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal, CDFPay for Parishes.

The site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments - you can set-up a recurring payment,

if you haven't done so already, or you can choose a one-off offering. The code attached below.



The site can be found via this link - CDFpay for Belgrave Parish. Reference: Your Name - mention the planned giving number.

We thank you in advance for supporting our parish community.

melbourne.cdfpay.org.au

Fully Vaccinated Digital Certificate for Church Volunteers

The Archdioceses of Melbourne, strongly advised us that all the volunteers provide a copy of your COVID19 fully vaccination digital certificate to the parish priest or parish office as soon as possible during parish office hours from Tuesday to Friday 10am to 2pm.

Mass Managers, Liturgy Group Members, Parish Council Members, Finance Committee members, Parish Property Manager, Social justice group, Readers, Money Collectors, Sacrament workshop Facilitators, Musicians, Choir Members, Visitation Group, Special Communion ministers, Social Committee Members, Vincent de Paul Committee members, Fundraising group, Child safety committee members, Alter decorators, Cleaners and the other volunteers

Special thanks to volunteers who have already provided the digital certificate copy to the parish office.

Fr. Anthony Cruz