

**Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 16:6,8**

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**A reading from the book of Exodus Ex 17:8-13**

*As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2**

*Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2 Tm 3:14 – 4:2**

*This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct

error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 18:1-8**

*God will see those who cry to him vindicated.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon Mk 10:45**

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.



**Next week's readings**

**First Reading:** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R. v.7

**Second Reading:** 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gospel:** Lk 18:9-14



# St. Thomas More Parish, 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](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			9.00am ( from 25th October )	

## TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 16th October, 2022

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

Source: [Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (liturgyhelp.com))

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#### Emerald:

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#### Mt. Dandenong:

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH  
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 corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Sebastiano Sam Pepi, Marie Rundle, Katrina Champion, Lucia Pepi, Patricia Grace Corcoran, Marilyn Duivenvoorden, Aletta Burger, James Kelleher, Rita Bell, Barrie Jackson, Aileen & Jack Malcomson, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Lucy Granieri, Ruby Johnson, Barrie Jackson, Mona Csipek, Raymond Cutting.

**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.

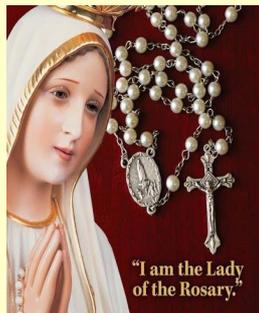
**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Diane Kamoen, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, 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.

### **Public Rosary**

**Date** 15<sup>th</sup> October

**Time** 10.30am

**Come and be a part of our special celebration!**



Important! We need flowers for our lady's stature carrier. Please bring some roses or other flowers to help decorate the carrier which we will use in the procession.

Things to bring: Flowers, a plate to share.

Bring umbrella in case of rain.

Enquiries: Don Kempster 97566946

- **Need a Professional photographer to take photos on the day.**

Dear all,

A very, very big thank you to all those who attended the working bee on Grand Final Morning. It was amazing to see how much was achieved in a few hours when we have a number of people working together. We removed trees, cleared shrubbery, weeded, burnt off, cleared cupboards, made space and enjoyed a hearty morning tea and lunch and had fun!!!!

Please join us next time.

Grateful thanks, on behalf of Father Anthony.

**Patrick and Maureen Coyne**

*Thank You!*

### **Information Session for studying theology in 2023**

Yarra Theological Union (YTU) is holding its annual Information Session via Zoom on Wednesday 9th November 2022, from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

This event will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in studying Theology to meet the Lecturers and find out about our courses and pathways.

Link to join Zoom on Wed 9th November: <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/85121739377?pwd=cjVqZk9TL3NuZ2FoNk9Fd1JwU0daQT09>

All prospective students are very welcome. No need to register. For further information or enquiries, please email the Registrar - registrar@ytu.edu.au or

Admin admin@ytu.edu.au

### **HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (2023)**

**HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND AND/OR ITALY (1May-23May, 2023):** Caesarea Maritime, Haifa; Mt Carmel; Nazareth Village; Basilica of Annunciation; Masada, Mount of Beatitudes, Tabgha, Mensa Christi, Capernaum, Sea Of Galilee, River Jordan (Yardenit); Cana of Galilee, Local Winery, Mt Tabor, Mt of Temptation, Caesarea Philippi; Mt Olives, Pater Noster, Chapel of Ascension, Garden of Gethsemane, Blessed Virgin Mary's Tomb, Mount Zion, Bethany & Bethphage; Old City, Wailing Wall, Pool of Bethesda, Antonia Fortress, Via Dolorosa, Mount Calvary, Cenacle, St Peter in Gallicantu; Basilica of Nativity, Shepherds' Field, Ein Karem; Turin, Milan, Verona, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Loretto, Lanciano, Manoppelo, Rome. **CONTACT-US ASAP for detail/ itinerary:**

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**Thank You God For The Wonders of My Being. You Have a Plan for Me (Jer.29:11).**

**Here I am Lord, I Have Come to Do Your Will. Choose Me, Crush Me, Mould Me,**

**Inspire Me, and Use Me for Your Greater Glory, Amen.**

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



**Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

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

- Administrative Assistant – Catholic Theological College  
Catholic Development Fund
- Account Executive – Bunbury WA
- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst

**Parish Positions**

- Pastoral Worker - Westernport Parish, Hastings
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator – St Peter Apostles Parish, Hoppers Crossing
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program Coordinator - St Peter Apostles Parish, Hoppers Crossing
- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish, Camberwell East
- Evangelisation Coordinator - St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs
- Parish Administration Assistant – St Brigid's Parish, Gisborne
- Parish Secretary - St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs
- Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator - St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

**Other Positions**

- Wellbeing Support Worker - Sisters of St Joseph
- Chef – Newman College
- Administrative Assistant – Catholic Theological College

Dear Parishioners,

We would be honoured if you could join us to celebrate the Sacred Heart Gembrook Church turning 100 years old on Sunday, **November the 13th!**

We want to give back to the community, past and new families, by celebrating history together, so we invite you to a

\*Mass celebration: 9-10am

**From 10am - 1pm:**

- \* Free morning tea
- \* Free entertainment
- \* Free Jumping castle
- \* Free Sausage sizzle
- \* A photo collage

And to view the history of our Church building and parish community.

**A Marquee will help this exciting event continue no matter the weather and we would love people to be involved. If you have a story to tell, a historic photo to show, or just want to be involved please contact Sam on [gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com](mailto:gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com)**

**\* If you need disabled parking close to the church please contact us to book a spot.**

**\*RSVP on [gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com](mailto:gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com)**

**As this famous song says:**

*Come as you are, that's how I want you  
Come as you are, feel quite at home  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven  
Come as you are, why stand alone?*

Hope to see you in Gembrook!

**Sacred Heart Church Volunteers**

**THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY  
PASSES BY WAY OF THE FAMILY**

Public conversation with Mary Eberstadt  
Hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli



You are invited to attend a public conversation hosted by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, featuring internationally renowned speaker and author Mary Eberstadt discussing the topic: The future of humanity passes by way of the family. The conversation will be held on Tuesday 25 October, 12.30-2pm at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne.

Tickets are free; however, bookings are essential with a light lunch provided.

Tickets can be booked via: [www.trybooking.com/CDKKN](http://www.trybooking.com/CDKKN) or 9926 5612.

**125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Consecration –  
St Patrick's Cathedral**



As we celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year as a diocese – we also mark a significant milestone for our Cathedral. Archbishop Comensoli warmly invites you to join him for Mass to celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's – **Thursday 27 October 2022 at St Patrick's Cathedral, commencing at 1pm.**

This is a beautiful opportunity to come together in the house of the Lord – built by the faithful and generous people from every part of our Archdiocese, and home for all. Mass will be followed by the Launch of the **Catholic Precinct Walking Tour App**, an initiative of the Mary Glowrey Museum.