

**Entrance Antiphon: Ps 53:6,8**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

**A reading from the book of Genesis****Gen 18:1-10**

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

**The word of the Lord.**

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

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians Col 1:24-28**

**The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message

revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Lk 8:15**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 10:38-42**

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon Rv 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

**Next week's readings**

First Reading: Gen 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

Second Reading: Col 2:12-14

Gospel Lk 11:1-13



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**Our Parish Vision Statement:**  
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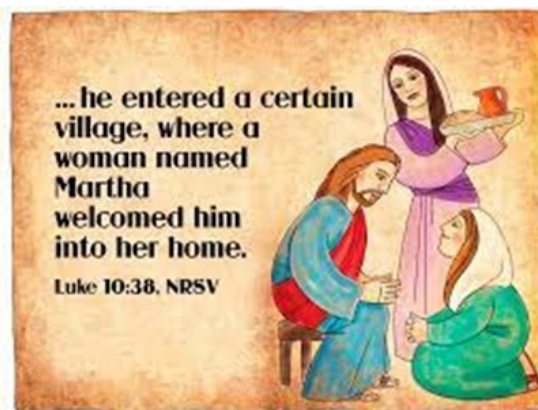
CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

## Homily for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 17th July, 2022

The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher.

Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/16th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>



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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:**

Breda Coyne, Ada Olinda Lyons. Jebamalai Raja, Michael Pete, Lorraine McCart James Stan Moule, Harry Surman, Jim Collins, Ronald Hosie, Tim Shaw, Margaret Sprunhan, Greg Davies, Bella Smith, Les Hill, Bernie Steele, Kit Walsh.

**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.

***“Congratulations & thanks to the organizers & helpers of the “Rockin’ Retro at the Grove” last Sunday – it was a great day & enjoyed by all - well done”***

**Maurie & Mary Bilston  
(Belgrave)**



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## Inner Healing through

### Meditation on Jesus

August 5 – 7, 2022

(Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul.)

**Gospel of John 17:11; “Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me...”**

**Retreat begins at 6pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of August and concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> of August.**

**Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD**

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**Mindfulness & Meditation, Saturday 30 Jul 2022, 10am-2pm AEST**, online via Zoom. When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of prayer in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation. We invite you to bring an open mind and heart to journey with others and within one self. This day is led by Paola Cheng, a qualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 25/7/22 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101

**Gently Integrating our Shadow-side Toward Wholeness, Saturday 6 Aug 2022, 1pm-4.30pm AEST**, attend via Zoom or in-person. Our shadow-side is not some deep, dark pathology within us to be feared. Although we are unaware of our shadow-side operating within us, it nevertheless shapes our living, in that our shadow-side expresses itself through distorted and unhealthy means. If our shadow-side is unknown to us, how can it be recognised and integrated? Also, how can wholeness and true self be experienced? This reflection event, led by Kaye Twining, BTheol, Grad Dip Spir Dir, MA, will offer an understanding of wholeness, true self and shadow-side and includes a reflective practice for gently integrating our shadow-side toward wholeness. Cost \$50. Book and pay by 29/7/22 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101



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## St. Mary Magdalene Memorial - 22 July

"Mary Magdalene loved [Jesus] the Truth, and so washed away with her tears the stains of wickedness... [Jesus] said: 'Her many sins have been forgiven her, because she loved much.' After [the Resurrection] she came to the sepulcher and failed to find the body of the Lord there... The [disciples] came, and saw...and went back to the place where they had been... but Mary [Magdalene] stood outside the sepulcher weeping."

When even the disciples departed from the sepulcher, she did not depart. She sought for him whom she had not found, weeping as she searched; being inflamed with the fire of her love, she burned with desire for him who she believed had been taken away. So it happened that she who stayed behind to seek him was the only one who saw him. Surely the essence of every good work is perseverance, and [Jesus the] Truth has told us that 'the person who perseveres to the end is the one who will be saved.'

*from a homily by Pope St. Gregory the Great (+604)*