

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 2:12, 17-20

**Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.**

The godless say to themselves,  
'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.  
Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.  
If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

**(R.) The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

### A reading from the letter of St James

Jas 3:16 – 4:3

**Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it.

Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** See 2 Thes 2:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia.**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Mk 9:30-37

**The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Jn 10:14

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

### Next week's readings:

**First Reading:** Nm 11:25-29

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

**Second Reading:** Jas 5:1-6

**Gospel:** Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48



# 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](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	9.00am (on zoom)
	WEEKDAY	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	

### Homily for the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 19th September, 2021

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.



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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFTY.**

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** James Williams. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

**Anniversaries:** James Kelleher, Rita Bell, Barrie Jackson, Aileen & Jack Malcomson, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Lucy Granieri, Ruby Johnson, 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: 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, 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)

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

Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

Passcode: 7mJTww



## **#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.

## **ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

**An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.**

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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**Prayers of the faithful for Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

**Priest:** Let us bring the needs of our World, our Church and our People to our Loving God.

**Reader: Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for Pope Francis, and all the clergy and religious, that they will continue to guide the Church, and show us how to serve, with humility and tenderness. Together we pray...

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for world leaders, that they will prioritize action to protect Creation, making safe the water, the land and the climate for future generations. Together we pray...

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for wisdom for ourselves and our representatives, a wisdom that is pure, makes for peace, is kindly and considerate, full of compassion and intent on doing good. Together we pray...

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for the even distribution of Covid Vaccines throughout the world, so that more lives will be saved and the poorer nations will not continue to carry a heavier burden of suffering. Together we pray...

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for young people in our community. May their homes and communities be places where they can trust the adults in their lives, and where they are loved, and have the food, shelter, education and health care they need to live life fully. Together we pray...

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for our own families, our neighbours and our parish. May we emerge from lockdown safely. May we wake to a renewed sense of our faith and our love for one another. Together we pray...

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray in silence for those intentions closest to our own hearts.....

Together we pray...

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** Heavenly Father, in your kingdom the last become first, the gentle are strong, and the lowly exalted. Give us wisdom and humility, so that we can be worthy citizens of your kingdom. We make our prayers through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

**One Million Children Praying the Rosary**

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at

[www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
VICTORIA  
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**Migrant and Refugee Sunday - St Vincent de Paul Society Social Justice and Advocacy Asylum Seekers & Refugees Portfolio**

On this year's Migrant and Refugee Sunday Pope Francis has chosen the theme: *Towards an ever wider "we"*. He refers to our world as "crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism" and that "... the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as *others*: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries".

The Vincentian Refugee Network (VRN) has joined with *Catholics for Refugees* and a number of other Catholic agencies to support "150 days of Action for People Seeking Refuge", a campaign initiated by the Josephite Justice Network in Sydney. The campaign was launched in May and leads up to Migrant & Refugee Sunday on September 26. Its focus has been to call on the Government "to remove temporary protection visas and provide a permanent and safe resettlement pathway for all refugees and those who arrive here seeking protection." This campaign is especially relevant for refugees and asylum seekers, such as those from Afghanistan, who cannot settle and plan their lives, as their visa status presumes they will be 'sent back' when their country is no longer deemed dangerous for them. The 150 day campaign was to culminate in a 'Day of Lamentation and Call to Action' on Migrant and Refugee Sunday. While many plans for in-person vigils and gatherings have been cancelled, we are all invited to join together in a virtual 'Call to Lamentation and Commitment' on 26 September at 7 pm (via zoom). The link to register <https://bit.ly/Calltolamentation>

**Focus on Afghanistan**

We are all aware of the precarious situation in Afghanistan, especially for ethnic and religious minorities and women. In Australia, there are more than 5000 Afghans living on temporary protection or bridging visas, many with families still in Afghanistan and without any hope of reunion or certainty for their own future. The Vincentian Refugee Network, with other members of CAPSA (Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum) is calling for an increased humanitarian intake from Afghanistan and guarantee of permanent residency to visa holders. Together with CAPSA the VRN is also assisting in the work of *Christians United for Afghanistan* and the Afghan Australian Advocacy Network to call on politicians to urgently review current policy, to increase the intake of people fleeing persecution in Afghanistan, and to provide permanent protection and enable family reunion for Afghan refugees currently in Australia on temporary visas.

See [Action for Afghanistan - CAPSA](#) .

[Christians United for Afghanistan](#)

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