

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is the strength of His people, a saving refuge for the one He has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13.**

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
“Terror from every side!”  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched me for my downfall,  
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him and take our  
revenge!’  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be  
theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe  
with justice, who scrutinise the loins and  
heart, let me see the vengeance you will  
take on them, for I have committed my  
cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for He has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35.**

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,  
an alien to my own mother’s sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails;  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needs  
and does not spurn servants in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth give Him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures.

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 5:12-15.**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. It is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Antiphon: Alleluia, alleluia!** The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:26-33.**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.’

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.’

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.



# 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 Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND				
	WEEKDAY				

Mass changes: **PARISH MASSES ARE RESTRICTED TO 50 + 5 PARISHIONERS FROM 22/6/2020. Updates as they come to hand.**

Reconciliation: Marriages & Baptisms by appointment. **RECONCILIATION: Email Fr. Cruz—[anthony.cruz@cam.org.au](mailto:anthony.cruz@cam.org.au) or phone 0400436793 to book.**

## JUNE 21ST, 2020 — TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

### REFLECTION:

The saying, “It takes all sorts to make a world”, may have appeared sometime in the 1600s, but the Bible anticipated its truth a long time before that. Right from the start the scriptures present a procession of characters extraordinarily different from one another, and by no means paragons of virtue, yet each with a part to play in the saga of God’s love affair with humankind.

Today we hear from one of the most tortured personalities in the whole of the scriptures, the prophet Jeremiah. His unwelcome message of submission to the imperial power of Babylon made him the target not just of vilification but of murderous plots on his life. He does not hesitate to lament his invidious situation and complain loud and long before God.

Could anyone be more different from Jeremiah than Australia’s own Mary MacKillop? Her acceptance of the cross and submission to God’s will led her to write: “Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can”. No Jeremiah-like protest here! So we should say, “It takes all sorts to make the kingdom of God”.

*Readings and Commentaries, Liturgy Brisbane.*

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Jim Puls; Daniel Templer; Carol Quinn [wife of John; former Gembrook parishioner]. We continue to pray also for the many thousands of people across the world who have died from the corona virus.

**Anniversaries:** Jessie Thompson, Judy Rule, Peter Halliday, Alfred Berry, Clare Keogh, Dorothy Hartley, Astrid Renahan, Ernest Peart, Kevin Ryan (husband of Fay), Pieter Van Raay, Mary Thornburn.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Lida and Robert Ploeg, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, Stephen, Lois Lenaghan, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, Alida Cabret, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Kevin Ryan, Geoff Henwood, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Terry Garrick, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Peter Champion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

**ANYONE WISHING FR. CRUZ TO COME AND BLESS THIER HOME** can phone **03 875 18112** [after hours/Tuesdays] or **0400436793** [office hours except Tuesday] with request details, or email Father at **anthony.cruz@cam.org.au**

If you are phoning the Parish Office for any reason, please note the following phone numbers to ring instead of the usual number:

**URGENT MATTERS:** 03 875 18112

**NON-URGENT MATTERS:** 0400436793 (DURING OFFICE HOURS BUT **NOT TUESDAY, PLEASE**).

**SHOULD YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO FR. CRUZ OR ARRANGE A TIME FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WITH HIM,** please email **anthony.cruz@cam.org.au** or phone **0387518112**, and Fr. Cruz will make a time with you.



The Lord is my Shepherd  
There is nothing I shall want.  
I cast my cares on the Lord.

## **UPDATE ON EASED COVID19 RESTRICTIONS:**

**From Monday 22nd June**, 50 people plus 5 attendants are permitted to attend each Mass in the Parish—there is an exclusion with regard to **Gembrook Mass Centre—only 15 + 5** will be able to attend owing to the size of the church building.

With this new change in restrictions, **bookings will no longer be necessary for Emerald and Monbulk Mass Centres.** However, with regard to the two Masses at Belgrave, bookings still need to be taken, so too with Gembrook for their 15 attendees. [N.B. You may advise Pam Giulieri when you attend Mass that you will be attending the following week, if you prefer that to phoning the Parish].

**[Please note that Mass at Monbulk on Wednesdays has been re-located to Belgrave at 9.00 a.m. for the time-being. Also, bookings are not being taken for the weekday Masses (including Saturday mornings)].**

If you have **not** received an invitation from **Eventbrite** to book in for a particular Mass, text (preferable) or phone Helen on **0400436793** (office hrs. but **not Tuesdays please**), or phone **03 87518112** (after hours/weekends only).

**Mass times are as follows for weekends in the foreseeable future:**

**Gembrook—Saturday 4.30 p.m.—for THIS WEEK AND NEXT WEEK ONLY. From SUNDAY 5TH OF JULY, THE MASS TIME AT GEMBROOK WILL REVERT TO 9.00 A.M. ON SUNDAY** [if we receive confirmation that the Salesians can assist].

**Emerald — Saturday 6.00 p.m.**

**Belgrave: 9.00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9.00 a.m. Sunday AND 11.00 a.m. Sunday.**

**Monbulk: 12.30 p.m. Sunday**

**PLEASE—make sure that your booking is made before 3.00 p.m. on each respective Friday so that final numbers and lists can be passed on to Fr. Cruz.**

**As stated previously in the newsletter, if you are in a vulnerable age group/immune compromised category, or are unwell at all, please do not attend a local Mass in person for the time being.**

**FROM CAROLE RIBET:** *I'd like to extend my thanks, good wishes and God's richest blessings to the parish for 35 years of wonderful memories and friendships which I will treasure always. Carole.*

**WE FOUND OUT THIS WEEK, TOO,** that another well-respected parishioner, **Enid Van der Linden**, is leaving the Parish. We pray that the future for both **Enid** and **Carole**, and their families, holds much happiness and many blessings.

**MASS - REFER GUIDANCE REGARDING PARISH MASSES (ON PREVIOUS PAGE).**

**TV, RADIO, ONLINE—FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS DURING THIS CRISIS:**

Mass is available on the following:

**TV - Channel 10, Mass for you at home, Sunday mornings at 6.00 a.m.**

**RADIO - 89.9 Light FM**, -A traditional Roman Catholic Mass, Sunday mornings at 7am.

**ONLINE –**

**Mass online - <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>, or <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/> or <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>**

**AUSTRALIAN JESUITS ON FACEBOOK—**

**Go to:**<https://www.facebook.com/151909541627410/posts/1577966115688405/>

The **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne** has additional online resources to help you through this time of suffering: [www.cam.org.au/coronavirus](http://www.cam.org.au/coronavirus).

**COMBINED PARISHES RAFFLE:**

If you have forgotten to return your raffle tickets thus far DON'T STRESS. If you can get them to the Parish Office in the next 2-3 weeks that's perfectly okay. The draw is now sometime in September, but we would like to get all tickets back well and truly by then. Thank you for your support of the Parish. [Don't forget the Parish won a car last year—it might be your turn this year!].

**UPCOMING SCHOOL TOURS:**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL—THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE:**

Every year the St Vincent de Paul Society hold a **Poormans' Mass Appeal** to help those in need, especially throughout the cold winter months. Fr Cruz has approved the appeal being held in the Parish in June, but as you can appreciate, not all can attend Mass. To assist you in making a donation, please go to the link below. Donations over \$2 tax deductible.

**Here is the link for the online donations:**

**<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>**

Please put **“Belgrave Conference” in the comment field**, so that when their fundraising team process the donation, it will be allocated to our Parish Conference for use in distributing food, vouchers and other assistance to those in need across the Dandenongs. **There will be a THIRD COLLECTION at Masses throughout the Parish on Sunday the 5th of July for those who do not wish to donate via the internet.**

**ANOTHER FAREWELL [OF SORTS] TO COME:**

*I am not leaving the Parish, but I am retiring from my long-held position as Parish Secretary on Friday 14th of August, 2020. After seventeen years of service, I need to move on to the next chapter of my life and devote more time to my other precious family. I say that, as I have always felt that in my role I have been a member of an extended family, not just a group of people. You have supported me in tough times and I have felt your love always. It's not 'goodbye' as I will still be in the Parish for some time, but it will be someone else's privilege to serve you and our priests in the years to come. With love and gratitude, Helen [Surman].*

[An advertisement for the position will be on the Melb. Catholic Archdiocesan website in the near future and will be advertised in the Parish also].



St Paul's Primary School - 59 Moores Rd Monbulk

**TOURS AVAILABLE**

St Paul's are once again offering school tours with the Principal

**One family per tour**

**Appropriate social distancing measures in place**

**Book today!**

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