

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

A reading from the book of Genesis**Gen 18:20-32***Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.**Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3***Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Col 2:12-14***He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the

debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.**Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 11:1-13***Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.**Communion Antiphon Mt 5:7-8**

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Next week's readings

First Reading: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21



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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	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 24th July, 2022

The Lord's prayer

In a similar way human attitude to God is the central issue in the long sequence making up the **Gospel**, Luke 11:1-13. Responding to their request, Jesus gives his disciples an instruction on prayer. As in the longer version of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew, the petitions follow a distinct pattern that is itself an instruction on the nature of prayer. First there is focus solely upon God, then a focus upon God's "agenda" (that God's name be held holy, that God's kingdom come, etc.). Only after this Godward focus do the petitions turn to address human need (for sustenance, for forgiveness and finally for protection in the hour of trial). Following this pattern, the prayer begins by addressing God in the way characteristic of Jesus: that is, as "Father". In all likelihood behind the Greek *patēr* here lay the Aramaic "Abba" (Mark 15:36; Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6). Jesus' use of this highly familiar address to God (perhaps "Dad" renders it best) made such an impression on the early believers that they retained the Aramaic original. After the death and resurrection of Jesus, under the impulse of the Spirit (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6), they found themselves "daring" to call God "Abba". This address, and the Lord's Prayer which begins with it, express the truth that they now enjoyed an intimate filial relationship with God into which Jesus had drawn them.

STRONGER EMPHASIS

As the focus moves to God's "agenda," we should note that the customary way in which the petitions are stated in English ("may ...") sounds like a rather weak wish. The original expression (in Aramaic) was much stronger: "Make your name be held holy!"; "make your kingdom come!", and so forth. That is, it is a matter of boldly telling God to see to it that this desirable state of affairs comes about. The petition, "Give us today our daily bread" is rich with multiple meaning in the Greek original. The sense can also be "bread we need for our existence" or (in allusion to the Manna with which the Israelites were fed on their desert wandering), "Give us today bread our bread for tomorrow", that is, the bread that people on a journey through a wilderness need to have with them. In the petition for forgiveness the sense is not that God waits to see whether we forgive others before offering forgiveness to us; rather, we can block the flow of God's always-available forgiveness if we do not lead forgiving lives.

AWARENESS OF THE WORLD

The final petition reflects awareness that the world is often a place of trial, persecution and temptation. The wording, again, reflect Semitic idiom. There is no implication that God would lead people into such things. The prayer is that such troubles, if they occur, will not prove overwhelming, causing believers to fall away from their high vocation. As a whole, the prayer is the prayer of a community that knows it constitutes the loved family of God, to whom, on its journey through life, it constantly turns in confidence and trust to receive those benefits that only God can give.

Source: <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/homily-notes--17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Linda Maude Bullivant. 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.

- **The funeral mass for late Linda Maude Bullivant will be held at St. Thomas More Church Belgrave, on 29th July at 11.30am.**

Anniversaries:

Harry Tuplin, Fr, Lgnacy Smaga SChr, Berenice Shaw, Joop Bakker, Anne Durrant, Jason Breakwell, Mary Thornburn, Fr. Leo Saleeba, Kevin Ryan, Terry Garric.

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 Breerton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.



#60 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: 20 July 2022, 12.00pm

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

These guidelines are in accordance with Victorian pandemic orders which have been extended from 11.59pm Tuesday 12 April for three months.

The declaration was made under section 165AE of the Public Health and Well Being Act 2008.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious.

All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading holy scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith.

Face Coverings

The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 2022 onwards).

Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners should be encouraged (via signage and bulletin reminders) to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings for the distribution of communion. Face coverings should also be worn when visiting parishioners.

Liturgical considerations

Holy Communion may be distributed to the faithful under both species (i.e., the Sacred Host and Precious Blood).

Sanitising hands before distribution of Holy Communion is still recommended.

Where there is physical touch as part of a Rite of the Church (for example, baptisms, confirmation and anointing of the sick or dying) the use of cotton buds is no longer mandated, but hands should be sanitised well before and after the Rite.

Holy Water stoups may be filled, but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week).

The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy, and Collection Plates may be returned.

Please also note previous reference to Face Coverings.



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 5th of August and concludes at 4.00pm on Sunday 7th of August.

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email: gilbertcarlo@gmail.com

Many Thanks to Social Justice Group, the helpers and those who attended “A Taste of Ukraine” last Sunday. It was a very successful afternoon, raising around \$4,500. This money is being sent to Ukraine crisis appeal.



Parish Lunch at Yarra Ranges Estate

Sunday 21 August

Cost \$50 per person

RSVP to John Conway by 7 August

Email: jfgconway@yahoo.com

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Can you undertake an

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad.](#)

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**



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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

- **Property Administrator, Property & Infrastructure – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract (Part Time - 4 days per week)**
- **Integration Engineer, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time**
- **World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator**
- **Account Executive**

Parish Positions

- **Personal Assistant – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava**
- **Youth Coordinator, Westernport Parish**
- **Pastoral Worker, Westernport Parish**
- **Housekeeper/Cleaner, Newman College**
- **OSHC Educator – St Peter Apostle Parish, Hoppers Crossing**
- **Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine**
- **Parish Bookkeeper - St Mary's Parish Castlemaine**

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 hadmin@cam.org.au

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