

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### A reading from the second book of the Kings

2 Kgs 4:42-44

***They will eat and have some left over.***

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

***(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.***

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

**Ephesians**

Eph 4:1-6

***There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.***

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. **Alleluia !**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 6:1-15

***He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.***

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### Next week's readings:

**First Reading:** Ex 16:2-4. 12-15

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

**Second Reading:** Eph 4:17, 20-24

**Gospel :** Jn 6:24-35



# Parish of Belgrave

## The Catholic Church

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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 ( on Zoom)	9.00am ( On zoom)	9.00am( On zoom)	9.00am ( On zoom)
	WEEKDAY			9.00am ( On zoom)	

### Homily for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 25th July, 2021

Through many ways God proves that he owns the world and that he loves all that he has made and specially cares for them. Without this loving act of God humanity and indeed all living things would not be able to survive even for a second in this world despite their own efforts. It is in him we live and move and have our being and we owe our life to him.

God in the first reading used his chosen and great prophet Elisha to take care of the needs of his people of old. God acted through Elisha to prove that his concern and priority is how to satisfy our needs; he does not need anything and even if he does like in the case of Elisha, our own needs are of paramount importance to him and a priority to be attended to. He shows his generosity and selflessness in his relationship with his people. This was the reason for Elisha giving out what was meant for him to the people. Here like in the gospel of today, God multiplied the little barley loaves and fresh grain. It was an impossible mission for his servant just as in the case of Jesus in the gospel was also an incredible thing for Phillip. The servant of Elisha saw as humans that such quantity of food cannot go round to a hundred people; too insufficient to manage. This was a similar scenario in the gospel when Phillip reported to Jesus that two hundred Dinarii would not be able even to give the crowd a little pebble.

Beloved in Christ, what humans see as impossible becomes not only possible with God but too simple and easy. This is why Luke made us aware that with God all things are possible (Lk. 1: 37). It is important to note that God notices our needs even before we ask and he feels our needs and satisfies even our inner longing. This is a challenge to us Christians who have the image of God especially when many of us do not notice the needs of those around us and if we do, we make a jest of them and many wait till they bow down begging even at that many close their minds against them. How would we feel if God should treat us this way?

Beloved, let us observe that it was the charity of others to Elisha and the reserved food of the lad that they made available for the satisfaction of the needs of others. What would Elisha have used if the person did not give him those gifts? What would Jesus have used if the little boy did not make available his little food security to Jesus? Is it not possible that some people in that crowd reserved theirs for personal and selfish consumption? God needs you to do the miracle of saving and serving the other's needs would you resist him?

Beloved, some of us excuse themselves that what they have is little and not enough to share but that is escapist attitude. God makes abundant our insufficiency to become not only sufficient but abundant and overflowing. When with good heart we allow God in our littleness and show charity, God of providence would surprise us by what he would do in our lives because as God lives, the oil shall never finish and the flour as well. St Paul advises us Christians to live a life worthy of our calling. Our first calling before the vocation we are in now and the profession we have embraced is first and foremost Christians and should be like Christ and do what he does.

Let us be charitable and then maintain the unity of the spirit given to us. We share one call, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father who is above all, through all and is in all. May God make us aware of our duty and demands of our call as Christians. Lord our eyes look unto you and may you supply our needs in due time and may you be close to us whenever we call upon you so that we may speak of the glory of your reign and declare your mighty works in our lives, Amen

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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.

**Anniversaries:** Tony and Sean Lavin, Ron Herbert, Bartola Failla, Anne Melia, Vivienne Main, Lia Kelleners, Charles Byrne, Elvira Cleveland, Catherine Kroon.

**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: 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, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter 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, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

**Prayers of the faithful 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the year**

- Priest: Let us bring our needs to the Lord who is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
- Response Lord, hear our prayer.
- Reader: For Christians: that by their donations to appropriate organizations, they too will be able to feed and heal the multitudes throughout the world. We pray to the Lord..... ( R )
- Reader: For public authorities, especially in this pandemic: that they will make decisions based on need and not on political points scoring. We pray to the Lord.....( R )
- Reader: For those across the world who hunger for justice, peace and acceptance : that they will find Christ –like people to support and encourage them. We pray to the Lord..... ( R )
- Reader: For ourselves: that we live in trust and hope that Christ is with us and will care for us. We pray to the Lord..... ( R )
- For our special needs..... We pray to the Lord..... ( R )
- Priest: All powerful God, grant that all who participate in the and Eucharist and those of goodwill may experience your goodness, and so grow in love. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

*Please pray before the Recessional Hymn*

**St Joseph Prayer**



Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans to embrace your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring

for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,

and the Revealer of your wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving plan

and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams

and trusting steward, pray for us.

Lord Jesus,

You grew in wisdom and maturity

as you lived in the family

of Nazareth in daily communion

with St Joseph and Mary your mother.

From St Joseph you learned

the dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom

to support their children and to guide them

in the way and work of your Kingdom.

St Joseph, faithful parent

and diligent worker, pray for us.

Creator Spirit,

We see in St Joseph a tenderness

and reverence for all your creation.

We learn from him to approach others justly and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed

with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another

and to be of humble service to all of creation,

empowered by your life within us.

St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant, pray for us.

As of now all the Liturgical Celebrations stand suspended until we receive further information from Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Parish office is closed. Weekdays and weekend masses available on zoom only. Monday to Saturday 9.00am

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm and Sunday 9.00am

**Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass on Zoom**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**[https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?](https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=SOYwS3FiQndpMIZOSTYOTFRRYXJGQT09)**

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**Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..**

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**FR. CRUZ WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS VIA ZOOM every day.**

**Fr. Anthony Cruz**

### #39 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES



**COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: 15 July 2021, 5.00pm**

**Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors:** everywhere except your own home.

- 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.

**HOSPITALS:** No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child.

## ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE



### Prayer to Saints Joachim and Anne Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

O glorious Saints Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of the Most High! Great indeed is our Lord's affection for you. We honor your faithfulness in marriage, and your openness to God's hidden plan. It was from your marital embrace that the Spirit fashioned your fair daughter Mary to be sinless; the dawning of a new creation awakening from her Immaculate Conception. It was in your family that she learned to love God and grow in every virtue. By a life of obedience to the Law of God lived in your home, Mary was prepared to receive the Eternal Word into her heart and into her womb. From your tender love Mary learned a motherhood that knew no bounds, and by the example of your married life, Mary knew what it was to be a faithful wife to Joseph, her most chaste spouse. O Saints Anne and Joachim, great indeed are you who gave life to the Mother of our Savior! It pleased God to create from your union a woman freed from the stain of sin, by the saving death of the son she had not yet conceived.

Dearest Saints Joachim and Anne, pray that our families may grow in holiness and that our homes may become grace filled sanctuaries of love. By your powerful intercession, protect and guide all grandparents that they may be great examples of faith.

**Amen.**

**Memorial - 26 July**



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

## National Vocations Awareness Week 2021

**1 - 8 August**

### NVAW Week - 1 August

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

### NVAW Week - 8 August

National Vocations Awareness Week - Today is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian saint. Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia

PO Box 146, Ea, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

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