

**Entrance Antiphon: Ps 46:2**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**A reading from the first book of the Kings**

**1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21**

***Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.***

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. cf. v.5**

***(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.***

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

**Gal 5:1. 13-18**

***My brothers, you were called to freedom.***

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a

thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation 1 Sm 3:9; Jn 6:68**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**  
**Lk 9:51-62**

***Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.***

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon : Cf. Ps 102:1**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

**Next week's readings**

First Reading: Is 66:10-14

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

Second Reading: Gal 6:14-18

Gospel Lk 10:1-9



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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	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 26th June, 2022

Today's Gospel reading begins a long section unique to Luke's Gospel. Jesus begins his journey to Jerusalem, which will end with his ministry in Jerusalem. We read that Jesus' days for being "taken up" were fulfilled. The Greek word that Luke uses for "taken up" is the same word he uses to describe the Ascension. We also read that Jesus is determined to journey to Jerusalem. For Luke, Jesus ministry begins in Galilee and then is one long journey to Jerusalem. In Jerusalem he will meet his death but also enter into his glory. Only in Luke does Jesus then spend 40 days in Jerusalem instructing his disciples. It is in Jerusalem that his disciples wait after his Ascension to be sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. And it is from Jerusalem, in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, that the Good News is spread to Rome and the ends of the earth.

Immediately Jesus is met with rejection, as a Samaritan village will not receive him because he is going to Jerusalem. There was animosity between Samaritans who worshiped on Mount Gerazim and Jews who worshiped in Jerusalem. Jesus was also rejected as he began his ministry in Galilee in Chapter 4. And he will be rejected for the last time when he reaches Jerusalem. James and John want to call down fire from heaven to destroy the people in the village, but Jesus rebukes them and moves on. There is often the temptation to use violence to achieve right. Jesus has come to break this temptation. He is aware that he must undergo violence himself before he can enter his glory.

The rest of today's reading is about the radical demands of discipleship. The three people who volunteer to become disciples on this journey show that they do not understand the demands Jesus will make of them. Neither care of self, care for the dead, nor care of one's family (as required by the Fourth Commandment) can come before the demands of discipleship. Jesus reminds the first volunteer, who would go wherever Jesus goes, that animals in the wild have more security than do Jesus and his followers. The second, who wants to bury a parent, is reminded that the demands of proclaiming the Kingdom of God take precedence. And the third, who wants to say farewell to his family, is reminded that once you put your hand to the plough you cannot look back or the furrow will be crooked. Such a person is not ready for the Kingdom of God.

Jesus seems harsh here, but he is only asking of his disciples what he asks of himself. Jesus' unconditional commitment to God's saving work will demand of him his life. He knows this, but the disciples do not understand. Jesus does not want anyone to rush into discipleship, because the demands of discipleship require everyone considering it to be aware of the cost, make Jesus and his mission central to his life, and then go forward without looking back.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/13th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-c-sunday-connection/>

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## REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

**Recent deaths: Kevin Ryan, the husband of Iren Ryan.** Rajinder Kaur. 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.

- Funeral Mass for late Kevin Ryan will be held on 29th June at Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook at 10.30am

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

*Fr. Cruz will not be available from 28th June to 17th July as he is going for holidays to India. All the weekend masses in our churches will be take cared by Salesian priests.*

### **St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

The annual appeal for donations to the Society is being run this month. Money raised will be used to purchase food and clothing for the poor. Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated.

**Tony Green**

**Belgrave Conference**



**Rockin' Retro @ the Grove**

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# A TASTE OF UKRAINE

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12pm - Sunday, 17th July

Emerald Senior Citizens Centre

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### **First Reconciliation**

Tuesdays, 05 to 26 July

### **First Eucharist**

Tuesdays, 16 August to 06 September

**Venue** Belgrave, parish office meeting room

**Time** 6.30pm

To enroll please contact the parish office during office hours or email [belgrave@cam.org.au](mailto:belgrave@cam.org.au)

### **A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia:**

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

Our brothers and sisters in Lebanon are suffering due to ongoing financial and political instability. As the body of Christ we are called to support one another. Will you join us as we help them by providing food parcels to 500 needy families in the diocese of Baalbek, Lebanon? To read about the project, or to make an offering visit:

[www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject).



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, East Melbourne/Flexible working arrangements available**
- **Digital Designer, Formation office, East Melbourne/ Flexible Working arrangements available**
- **Full Stack Developer, Formation Office, East Melbourne/Flexible Working arrangements available**
- **Executive Officer – Supporting the Archbishop, East Melbourne**

### **Parish Positions**

- **Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park**
- **Personal Assistant – Supporting the communities of St Kilda East and Balaclava, St Kilda**
- **Bookkeeper, St Peter Apostle Mission Parish, Hoppers Crossing**
- **Clerical Officer, Holy Trinity Parish, Bentleigh East**
- **Youth Coordinator, Westernport Parish, Hastings**
- **Pastoral Worker, Westernport Parish, Hastings**
- **Personal Assistant - Supporting the Parishes of Lilydale & Healesville, Lilydale**
- **Parish Secretary, St Thomas More Parish, Mount Eliza**
- **Parish Business Manager, South Yarra Catholic Parish, South Yarra**

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](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)

Sunday, June 26, 2022

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*Franciscan*



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