

Entrance Antiphon: Dn 3:31,29,30,43,42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians** Phil 2:1-5

***In your minds you must be the same as Christ
Jesus.***

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit;

but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew** Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the lord.

Communion Antiphon: Cf. Ps 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.





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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 Emerald | Sacred Heart Gembrook | St. Thomas More Belgrave | St. Paul's Monbulk |
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| MASS TIMES | WEEKEND | <u>On Zoom</u> | <u>On Zoom</u> | <u>On Zoom</u> | <u>On Zoom</u> |
| | WEEKDAY | | | <u>On Zoom</u> | |

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear parishioners

I Hope and pray that all of you are safe and healthy. Let us continue to sustain one another by our prayers. Less cases of Covid-19 is really an encouragement for us at the moment. Let us hope that we shall be allowed to have masses for small congregation at the end of this month or at the beginning of next month.

I would like to bring to your mind about St Theresa of Child Jesus whose memorial the Catholic church keeps on the first of October. She is also more popularly known as “ **The Little Flower.**” Although just an obscure cloistered Carmelite nun, she has had universal appeal since her death in 1897. St. Thérèse is the patroness of all foreign missions and patroness of France. Her feast day was formerly on October 3.

St. Therese

Marie Thérèse Martin was born at Alençon, France on January 2, 1873, the youngest of five daughters. Her father, Louis, was a watchmaker, and her mother, Zélie, who died of breast cancer when Thérèse was four, was a lace maker. She was brought up in a model Christian home. While still a child she felt the attraction of the cloister, and at fifteen obtained permission to enter the Carmel of Lisieux. For the next nine years she lived a very ordinary religious life. There are no miracles, exploits or austerities recorded of her. She attained a very high degree of holiness by carrying out her ordinary daily duties with perfect fidelity, having a childlike confidence in God's providence and merciful love and being ready to be at the service of others at all times. She also had a great love of the Church and a zeal for the conversion of souls. She prayed especially for priests. She died of consumption on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24, and was canonized in 1925. She has never ceased to fulfill her promise: **"I will pass my heaven in doing good on earth."** Her interior life is known through her autobiography called Story of a Soul. Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997.

Patron: Florists; foreign missions; missionaries; pilots; against tuberculosis; AIDS sufferers; illness; loss of parents; Australia; France; Russia; Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska; Diocese of Fresno, California; Diocese of Juneau, Alaska; Diocese of Pueblo, Colorado.

Symbols: Roses; discalced Carmelite nun holding roses; Carmelite nun with roses at her feet; Carmelite nun holding images of the Child Jesus and Holy Face of Jesus; Carmelite nun holding a crucifix and roses; book.

Let us seek her intercession for our personal holiness and inner purity.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Cruz



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Prayers of the Faithful - Twenty sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Celebrant: In faith, hope and humility, let us place our petitions before our loving God.

Reader: Our response is: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Reader: We pray that all religious leaders will guide people on the path to peace. May they help their congregations to understand the destructive nature of conflict and the urgent need to work in unity for justice. Together we pray...

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Reader: We pray for world leaders. May Your spirit fill their hearts and heads, that they might hear the voices of the impoverished, the oppressed and the vulnerable. Help them to see the impact of their decisions, and their potential to release healing and hope through just policies. Together we pray...

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Reader: We pray for those amongst us who are experiencing fragile mental health. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers; make our communities safe and compassionate places where they may live without discrimination. Together we pray...

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Reader: We pray for the safety of all children, especially those living in abusive households. Protect them from harm and grant them hope of a loving and prosperous future. Together we pray...

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Reader: We pray for our Parish in the Dandenong Ranges. Help us to gather with renewed faith when Covid 19 restrictions are lifted. Help us to remember the importance of meeting, to share and build our faith. Together we pray...

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Reader: As summer approaches, make our Hills community active in suppressing the risk of fire. Help us to heed warnings and to work in unity to reduce the risk to life and property. Together we pray...

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Reader: For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of God's will for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, *we pray to the Lord.*

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

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

Together we pray...

Response: *Loving Father, hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Help us in the week ahead, Lord, to come before You often in prayer, for we know in You we find acceptance. We make these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Important Dates

27th September *Saint Vincent de Paul*
29th September *Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*
30th September *Saint Jerome*
1st October *St. Therese of the Child Jesus*

October Devotion: The Holy Rosary

*"Say the Rosary every day...
Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners...
I'm Our Lady of the Rosary.
Only I will be able to help you.
...In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph."*

Our Lady at Fatima

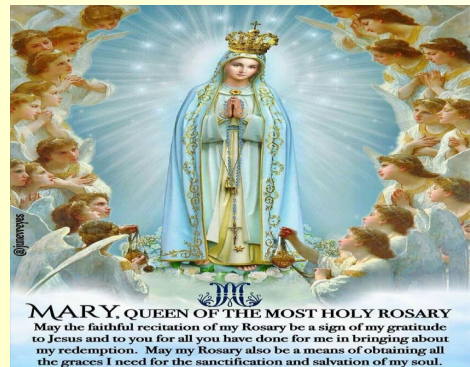


The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us.

Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for. In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion. Each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils.

It can seem a repetitive prayer but instead it is like two sweethearts who many times say one another the words: "I love you"...

Source :theholynosary.org



'The Lord's ongoing creative presence'

Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

Visit the below link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PQOWE1br_k

CatholicCare Marriage and Relationship Unit Remote

FOCUS program

Couples will find booking and payment details for remote FOCUS on <https://www.ccam.org.au/page/24/pre-marriage-education-programs>. They can book their sessions by either ringing the branch listed closest to them or, for those of living closest to East Melbourne, Ivanhoe and Mitcham, by following the link. They will then be sent instructions on how to begin.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Hugh Ilyine. Many people across the world who have died from the corona virus and calamities. *Eternal rest grant unto them, Our Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them and may their dear souls rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversaries: Ray Talintyre, Lilian Onley, Ruby Johnson, Fr. Anthony Guelen.

Prayer for the deceased

Lord open wide the door of your compassion to those who died in this week in different parts of the world, and in your mercy receive them into your kingdom.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Damien Van der Linden, Andrew Schmidt, Bryan Cummins, Lida Ploeg and Robert Ploeg, 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, StepheLois Lenaghan, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, Alida Cabret, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Geoff Henwood, 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, Peter Campion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

AS OF NOW ALL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS STAND SUSPENDED except funerals with restricted numbers. Please call 03 87518112 if any of you want to talk to me. You are most welcome to call me on that number, too, if you want me to offer Mass for any of your personal intentions.

Fr. Cruz

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom

ZOOM ROSARY: Now held on Monday to Saturday immediately after the holy mass.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?](https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMIZOSTY0TFRRYXJGQT09)

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Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

Passcode: 7mJTww

Days and times of ZOOM live masses

St Thomas More Belgrave

Weekdays Monday – Saturday 9.00am

Sacred Heart, Gembrook & St. Joseph's - Emerald

Sunday 9.00am

St. Thomas More -Belgrave & St. Paul's - Monbulk

Sunday 10.30am followed by the Holy Rosary.

Please join with your community if you can.

2020 World Day of Migrants and Refugees (Sunday, 27 September 2020)

Remembering, working and praying for migrants and refugees

On this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. We acknowledge and give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas—many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs.

A story from before COVID – Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

One day recently a man (we will call him Reza) was released from Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre north of Perth. He had been detained for two years because he had been accused of something which proved not to be true. Then he was continued to be detained because his visa had expired. He was released with \$60 which he spent on some accommodation overnight waiting for a plane back to Melbourne. Reza has a wife and teenage son. The Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project has been supporting this family for two years and since Reza has no work rights, they need ongoing assistance. There is no income support for families such as these – they do not qualify for JobSeeker, JobKeeper or any other Government funding. For more information please visit Catholic Social Services Victoria website.

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#16 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: Wednesday 16 September 5.00pm

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.

In response to the **latest directives announced by Government as part of the proposed Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan and Regional areas of Victoria, the following will become operational for Regional Victoria only, from 11:59pm on 16 September, 2020.** in Metropolitan Melbourne cannot travel to a wedding outside of metropolitan Melbourne.

FIRST STEP– Metropolitan Melbourne All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies. As of 11.59pm Sunday 2 August, 2020 and until otherwise directed:

All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services. are to be closed.

WEDDINGS: No weddings are permitted unless an application is made to the DHHS for an exemption on compassionate grounds. If compassionate reasons permit a marriage ceremony to proceed, then only 5 people are allowed, comprising of the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant. People in Metropolitan Melbourne cannot travel to a wedding outside of metropolitan Melbourne.

FUNERALS: will be limited to 10 mourners (infants under 12 months of age not included in this number). You can travel to a funeral outside of metropolitan Melbourne. Restrictions apply based on the location of the funeral, and limits to numbers also apply. You should not attend a funeral if you are feeling unwell.

BAPTISMS: are to be postponed, unless there is an and grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860).

LIVESTREAMING: a limit of 5 in total may be present, including the celebrant.

VISITATIONS: Homes: Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed, and that the travel to the person's home and the visit are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. only required attendees should visit and just for the service). Hospitals or Care Facilities: Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. It is important to note that strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. a visit has been requested by a patient). Such services can also be provided using video or live streaming, depending on religious tradition.

CURFEW: A Curfew is in place from 9pm until 5am each day. You may leave home for the purposes of essential work only.

- If you can work from home, you must do so. All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details. Further information around workplaces will be provided.

Stage 4 – Metropolitan Melbourne 'Metropolitan Melbourne' is made up of 31 local government areas. Stage 4 restrictions have been put in place for these areas and Parishes should check which Council area they come under. Please use the following link with your address to assist in determining your location:

<https://knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/councils> MAP: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels>

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE has fantastic online resources to help you through this time of suffering: www.cam.org.au/coronavirus.

STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS – METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE:

'Metropolitan Melbourne' is made up of 31 local government areas. Stage 4 restrictions have been put in place for these areas, which includes this Parish in its entirety.

• **All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies. As of 11.59pm Sunday 2 August, 2020 and for a period of 6 weeks unless otherwise directed.**

• All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services. are to be closed. **Fr. Cruz cannot receive visitors for confession, unfortunately.**