

**Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5**

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

**Sir 3:17-20, 28-29**

***Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.***

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11**

***God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.***

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

**Heb 12:18-19, 22-24**

***You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.***

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Lk 14:1. 7-14**

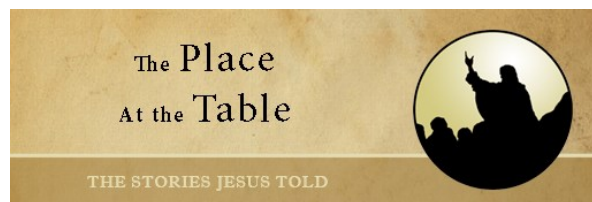
***All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.***

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon Mt 5:9-10**

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



**week's readings**

First Reading: Wis. 9:13-18

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

Second Reading: Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Gospel: Lk. 14:25-33



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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	

### Homily for the Twenty— second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 27th / 28th August, 2022

On this twenty second Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church calls our attention to a very important Christian virtue, humility. It is an attribute and quality of God which all his children must strive to possess and live. We are therefore enjoined this Sunday to reflect deeply on this great virtue. Also, we are called to imitate the humility of Jesus Christ our Lord, who is the mediator of the new covenant.

The first reading of this Sunday is a candid advice from the Preacher. He gives us the key to a successful fellowship with God, and of course, with one another. He advises us: "Behave humbly and you will find favour with the Lord." This is absolutely right. Humility was a distinctive mark of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ our Lord. So, it must also be for us as Christians. The Preacher also reminds us that pride is a disease. However, the good news is that, it can be cured through the imitation of Christ's humility.

The second reading reminds us that our destination is Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, and the city of the living God. In this city, only the humble like the of Angels and Saints can dwell there. Certainly, the proud cannot because, a proud heart cannot worship the Lord. Furthermore, in this city "everyone is a first born and a true citizen." Hence, as citizens of this city we must cloth ourselves with humility just like Christ our Mediator.

The gospel takes us to the climax of today's good news. Christ exhorts us: "...Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus teaches the importance of humility and simplicity in our Christian journey. In this regard, we have a lot to learn from the Blessed Virgin Mary who humbled herself. Her humility was so remarkable that God exalted her to be the Mother of His Son.

Mary attested to this through her Magnificat: "My soul glorifies the Lord...for He has been mindful of the humble state of His servant...He has brought down rulers from their thrones and has lifted up the humble" (Lk 1:47. 59). Therefore, there is no reason to wonder why Christ was humble. He had humble parents and learnt humility from them. Also, we must emulate the humility of Christ and Mary in order to be like them.

There is nothing to lose by being humble. Proverb tells us that: "Humility and the fear of the Lord brings wealth, honour, and life" (Pro 22:4). On the contrary, pride results in defeat and shame. Any spiritual life that is not based on humility will definitely be an empty one. This is because such a Christian will only work for himself, and without regards for others.

Finally, the church teaches us that: "Humility is the foundation of prayer." (CCC 2559). Only a humble heart can come and prostrate before God in prayer. A humble person is always ready to ask for guidance from God and from others. He is also ready to listen, and learn from others. It takes humility to say please, and also, to ask for forgiveness. So, let us humbly implore the Lord: "O Jesus! Meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours. From the desire to be honoured and esteemed deliver me!"

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## **WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.**

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Connie Williams and Dr. Greg Keogh  
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.

**Anniversaries:** Edward Clifford Hodapp, Henri Donker ,Irene Bryne, Elizabeth Mullan, Lorraine Furness, Dale Furnace, Michael Mulcahy, Howard Banks ,Thomas (Frank )Blunden, Jack Maher, Gerrit Donker, Alan Newman, Bartelo Pepi, Anne Baruday, Maureen Sale, Josephine Miller, Hannah Bedford-Lee.

**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: Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, 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.

### **NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?**

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au)

Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

## **Fundraising Event**

The Social Justice Group will be holding a stall on Social Justice Sunday the 28th August after 9am Mass at St. Thomas More church, Belgrave. Please bring along some extra cash to spend on gifts and cakes.

All money raised will go to the

[UKRAINECRISISAPPEAL.ORG](https://ukrainecrisisappeal.org)



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

### **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

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

- Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time
- World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator
- Account Executive, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund
- Parish Animation Consultant
- Events Coordinator, Catholic Development Fund
- Integration Engineer, Catholic Development Fund

### **Parish Positions**

- Bookkeeper - St Peter Apostle Mission Parish
- Senior Pastoral Associate - St Mary's Parish Greensborough
- OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish
- Parish Manager - St Dominic's Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine
- Pastoral Associate - St. Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen

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)

### **Appeal for the Unforeseen Expense**

We were recently made aware that our Electrical boards in the Churches (Emerald and Belgrave) and Presbytery were no longer safe and compliant, and if we did not update these urgently, our fire insurance on both the Presbytery and Church buildings would not be covered. These were upgraded this last week to ensure we retain our full insurance coverage.

To help pay for this unforeseen extra cost, any help from any extra coins – or other - each week that you could spare, would be most helpful in helping pay of this cost. There is a collection box near the exit of the Belgrave church for this.

Or if you could provide parish office with a larger donation in relation to this work, your help in all of this would be most appreciated.

**Thank you very much who had donated last week.**

**Fr. Anthony Cruz MC**

### **Dear parishioners of St. Thomas More,**

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase hand-made religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The exposition will take place on the **18<sup>th</sup> September after 9.am Mass.**

*Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.*

In the recent years a shelter and house of Labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find the God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

*With Love in Christ,*

*Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent*

### **Baptism**

Let us welcome **Indianna Soeteman** into our faith community as she is going to be baptized this weekend at St.Thomas Church Belgrave. May she be richly blessed through her life, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.

### **First Friday Devotions at St Thomas More, Belgrave - 2nd September**

Mass at 9am. After the Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary Prayed with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. There are twelve promises given to St Margarat Alacoque about the First Friday. We need to do 9 consecutive first Fridays. There are flyers in the foyer

### **First Saturday Devotions at St Thomas More, Belgrave 3rd September**

Mass at 9am. After the Mass, Rosary is prayed with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. During the holy hour of Adoration, Priest is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lady of Fatima asked for 5 consecutive Saturdays. To learn more about this request from Our Lady we need to learn more about Fatima flyers in the foyer.

**Fr. Anthony Cruz**

*Embrace the Call to Global*



American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these **Mission opportunities abroad** and mentor those with little other opportunity. You you will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

**Enquire online** or **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our **13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>.**