

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Entrance Antiphon : 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 prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6, 8-9

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R)

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R)

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt. 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

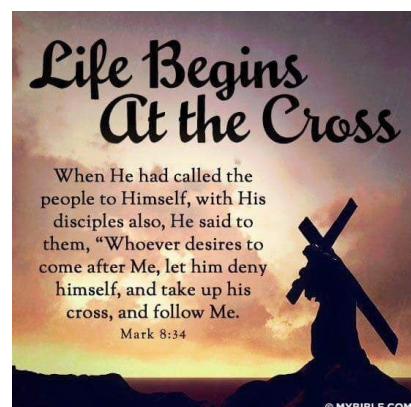
Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'if anyone wants to be my follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and when does, he will reward each according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the lord.

Communion Antiphon:

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.





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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 Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	<u>No Masses</u>	<u>No Masses</u>	<u>No Masses</u>	<u>No Masses</u>
	WEEKDAY				

Mass changes: MASSES CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE ON-LINE DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS—we will keep you up-to-date.

Reconciliation: Marriages & Baptisms by appointment. To speak with Fr. Cruz, phone 03 8751 8112 and leave a message if not answered.

30TH AUGUST, 2020 — 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

St Monica :An epitome of Christian Mothers

Dear Parishioners,

What a tough time to stomach specially from the time the lockdown stage 4 came in place on the 3rd of this month. Thank God we are at the closure of the moth of August, 2020. At this juncture, I would like to draw your attention to the liturgical calender of the current month. Yesterday (27th) we had the memorial of St Monica, the mother of St Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church whose memorial is celebrated (28th) today. Great lessons can be learned and inspirations could be drawn from the life of St Monica.

Most of the female saints of the first few centuries of the Church are virgins, martyrs, or both. Most of the medieval and modern female saints are nuns, especially foundresses of religious orders. Married female saints are relatively rare. With some few contemporary exceptions, they are the mothers of kings, of emperors, or of other canonized saints. Saint Monica is the mother of Saint Augustine (Born in 354 AD). Augustine as a young lad fell into the serious and enduring moral and theological errors (Manichaeism) which took him away from the Church and God. As a mother Monica's life was dedicated to getting her son back to his home, the Church. She wept, she prayed, she fasted. Nothing seemed to work for fifteen years while her son strayed far from the Catholic path, seemingly without remorse.

While she was in Milan, Monica befriended the great Saint Ambrose, who played such a key role in Augustine's conversion. The seed of her prayers bore fruit when Augustine abandoned his sinful life, was baptized, and decided to return to North Africa as a Christian leader. Thus her life's mission was accomplished What a great and virtuous mother St Augustine was blessed with.

Lots of our mothers can draw inspiration from St Monica. Today we see in the Church mostly the ageing people. What happened to our young people? Yes, Yes they have fallen into moral and error that they can live without God. This where St Monica's heroic life become great boon for all the mother's who find their children staying away from the Church and God. Let us not stop our prayers for our children, specially those who abandoned Catholic Church and its faith. Certainly all of our prayers will be answered by Our Loving God.

Fr Anthony Cruz

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Henri Donker (81), the elder brother of Maria (Mia) Jansen. 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:

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 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: 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, Stephen, Lois 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 Champion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

Days and times of ZOOM live masses

St Thomas More Belgrave

Weekdays – Mon. – Sat . 9.00a.m.

St Thomas More Belgrave

Sunday 10a.m.— 11.15a.m.

St Joseph’s, Emerald

Saturday 6.00 p.m.– 7.15 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Gembrook

Sunday 8.30a.m.- 9.45 a.m.

St. Paul’s Monbulk

Sunday 11.30a.m. – 12.45 p.m.

All of you are most welcome to participate in the holy Eucharistic celebration as a community via ZOOM.

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

ZOOM ROSARY: now held on Monday to Saturday immediately after the holy mass. Father’s Zoom link below.

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

Topic: Father Cruz's Zoom Mass

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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“Our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

St. Augustine

A PRAYER FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS DURING THIS TIME OF THE

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 *from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, and worth repeating in the newsletter again this week as the number of health care workers contracting the virus has risen.*

*Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by
the coronavirus.
God of all consolation
may they know your protection and peace.
Bless them in these challenging days
and bless their families.
Amen.*

I cast my cares on the Lord.....

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.**

•**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, the two witnesses and the celebrant.

•**FUNERALS:** will be limited to 10 mourners, plus the minimum number required to conduct the funeral.

•**BAPTISMS:** are to be postponed, unless here is a grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860).

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

•**VISITATIONS:** home visitations are not permitted unless for grave reasons. Only Clergy (Priests and Deacons) may visit. All hygiene precautions must be adhered including the wearing of face coverings. Holy Communion is not to be given to anyone in their homes or care facilities, including the sick and homebound, except as Viaticum for the dying, which may be administered only by Priests and Deacons, and complying with all hygiene precautions and the protocols of the relevant hospitals or aged-care facilities (washing hands, etc.) as appropriate.

•**CURFEW:** A Curfew is in place from 8pm 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. **Accordingly, the Parish Office is closed. Phone: 0387518112.**

EMERGENCY SERVICE FROM CATHOLIC CARE:

Accessing Support –Catholic Care’s Covid-19 Response.

In these challenging and unsettling times, many families and communities have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some have lost jobs and are in financial crisis. Others are experiencing increased anxiety and depression due to social isolation.

Meanwhile, couples and families are facing relationship issues while in prolonged lockdown. Catholic Care is here to help.

The link for information on our emergency services is:

<http://www.ccam.org.au/covid19response>.

Prayers of the Faithful - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Celebrant: Sisters and brothers, reflecting upon God’s mercy we offer our lives as a holy sacrifice in union with Jesus’ sacrifice in the Eucharist.

Response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Reader: For Pope Francis, that his words of peace and of mercy, will help transform our world into God’s kingdom. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our Archbishop, Peter, and for all priests and religious, that the word of God may be like a fire burning in their hearts...Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the people of Belarus, that political stability and the progress of her citizens will unfold peacefully...Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our fellow Christians who endure the cross of persecution and continuous harassment because of their faith in Jesus, that they will find in him the grace to persevere...Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those in aged care across the nation, that they will receive increased protection from the COVID-19 virus and live with peaceful hearts. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, specially those whose names are in our newsletter. Stretch out your healing hands upon them that they may recover back to health. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died of COVID-19 and for all of our departed parishioners and relatives, that they will rest in peace with our loving God. Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For our special intentions...(PAUSE)...Lord, hear us.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O God, in the midst of life’s weary situation we thirst for you, longing for your strength, so that we can always praise you with joy. Through Christ our Lord.