

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skillfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

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

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 12:13-21**

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Jn 6:35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.



Next week's readings

First Reading: Wis 18:6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Second Reading: Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

Gospel: Lk 12:35-40



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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 Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 31st July, 2022

In Luke's view human beings are insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and, in that fear, desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security against all manner of threats. Wealth seems to be the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry or thirsty, we shall have a good roof over our heads, we shall gain influence and power; we are more likely to have good health, a long life, and enjoy the best life has to offer. But the deep fear that feeds our insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth. That desire itself can become insatiable. It can threaten to take over and control everything, making us increasingly insensitive and oblivious to other and deeper values: the needs of our fellow human beings and above all our relationship with God.

This is what Jesus illustrates in the parable told in the Gospel for today (Luke 12:13-21). Prompting the parable is a request from a man who wants Jesus to intervene in a dispute between himself and his brother regarding the dividing up of the family inheritance. The request is not unreasonable but it illustrates how preoccupation with matters of this kind may make people deaf to the deeper and more significant issues that Jesus is addressing.

ENGAGING PARABLE

The parable – as with all good parables – would quickly engage Jesus' hearers. Poor, as the majority of them doubtless were, they would envy the landowner whose land had been so productive that his chief problem was finding space to store his harvest. They would envy even more his prospect of being able to sit back later on and enjoy the good life because he had so much security stored up for many years to come.

How keenly, then, they would feel the intervention of God: "This very night the demand will be made for your soul". "Soul" basically refers to life itself but there is an overtone, surely, of the quality of a person: "what you're worth as a human being". This is what God will inquire about in terms of capacity for eternal life, for enjoying the riches of life with God. And it is exactly this question about the deeper human values that the man's preoccupation with his wealth – its safe storage and the material benefits it brings – has caused him to neglect.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being "rich" in the sight of God. This is because relationship with God is the only relationship or attachment that can transcend the barrier of death. The parable powerfully illustrates how attachment to wealth – the desire to acquire, hold on to and enhance it – prevents people from attending to the relationship with God that brings the only security that counts in the long run.

Such desire also poisons human relationships and erodes the concern for others that is the basis of community. Attachment to wealth in this sense is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating what Jesus is living, sharing and celebrating: the hospitality God is offering both now and in the life to come.

Source: <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au/article/homily-notes--18th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Peter Hicks. 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:

Amelia Violet, Truong Pham, Ton Herbert, Ray Penman, Nora Ryan.

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, 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.

Grandparents day 24th July



A Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God,
please bless our grandparents.
Thank you for the life they gave my parents
and for the life they give to me.
For the ways they helped me
and made me strong, I give thanks.
For the ways they love me no matter what,
I rejoice.
For the ways they have paved the road
that leads me here, I am grateful.

#60 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES



COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne **Information Updated: 20 July 2022, 12.00pm**

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.

These guidelines are in accordance with Victorian pandemic orders which have been extended from 11.59pm Tuesday 12 April for three months.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading holy scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith.

Face Coverings - The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 2022 onwards). Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship. However, parishioners should be encouraged (via signage and bulletin reminders) to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings for the distribution of communion. Face coverings should also be worn when visiting parishioners.

Liturgical considerations - Holy Communion may be distributed to the faithful under both species (i.e., the Sacred Host and Precious Blood).

Sanitising hands before distribution of Holy Communion is still recommended.

Where there is physical touch as part of a Rite of the Church (for example, baptisms, confirmation and anointing of the sick or dying) the use of cotton buds is no longer mandated, but hands should be sanitised well before and after the Rite.

Holy Water stoups may be filled, but care should be seen that the water is changed regularly (at a minimum of once a week).

The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy, and Collection Plates may be returned.

Please also note previous reference to Face Coverings.

**First Friday Devotions at St Thomas More, Belgrave -
5th August**

Mass at 9am. After the Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary Prayed with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. There are twelve promises given to St Margaret 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
6th August**

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

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

**An opportunity to spend a weekend improving
your communication.**

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details.

We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **19-21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home or a non-residential parish based weekend: **22- 23 October 2022** in Niddrie.

(Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au



Winter Fiesta and WYD Launch

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023.

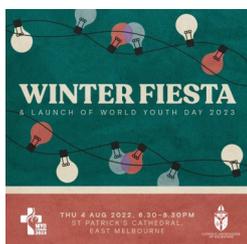
Thursday 4 August

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

St Patrick's Cathedral

More information:

<https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>



Parish Lunch at Yarra Ranges Estate

Sunday 21 August

Cost \$50 per person

RSVP to John Conway by 7 August

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Casual Position Available

A part time casual position is available at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield Rd.

Lysterfield as required at the time of a Retreat.

If you or someone you know is interested in such a position, please contact:-

Fr. Shane Reade on 0417 234 647, at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre.



DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10:00 - 11.45** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

A new Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. In addition, the links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357

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