

Entrance Antiphon Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

A light rises in the darkness for the upright

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

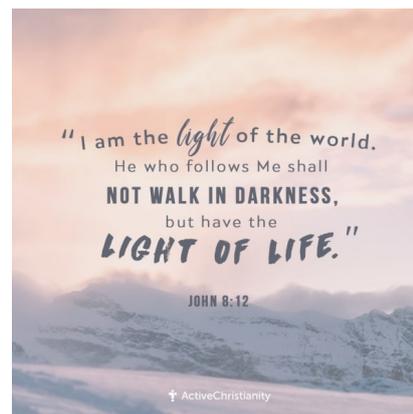
'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Mt 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.



Next week's readings

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5:17-37



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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 & Cornish Roads | Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road | St. Thomas More Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane | St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road |
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| MASS TIMES | WEEKEND | Vigil Mass 6.00pm | 9.00am | 9.00am | 11.00am |
| | WEEKDAY | | | 9.00am | |

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 4th/5th February, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

[Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://liturgyhelp.com)

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: 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: Nathalie Mcdermott, Lucy Rawlins, Ted Regan, Marilyn Fitzmaurice, John Kruyer, Max Proctor, Hermino Balladares, Karl Visser, Kathleen Martine, Alex West, Baptiste Colussi, Hugh Lane, Time Foley, John Weichard.

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: Aliyah Lawless, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, 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, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, 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.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

Employment Opportunity from Catholic Marriage Prep

We are hiring Marriage Prep Instructor Couples motivated to guide engaged couples into a deeper relationship with Christ and one another.

We require people passionate to share the Catholic faith and who are driven to persevere to accomplish this task with engaged couples. If you have the time and fervor for inspiring others in the sacrament of marriage then apply today!

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[Instructor job description.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

Please email your resume with a letter of interest to hrdept@agapecatholicministries.com



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| 22nd February | Ash Wednesday |
| 2nd April | Palm Sunday |
| 6th April | Holy Thursday |
| 7th April | Good Friday /Passion of the Lord |
| 9th April | Easter Sunday/ Resurrection |



Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

• **Human Resources Partner**

Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee
- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Bookkeeper – St Andrew's Parish, Werribee

Other Positions

- Cook – Bayside Catholic Mission

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

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Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is

conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find

comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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UWPEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We recommence monthly meetings on Monday 27th February 2023 at 10.00am. Meetings alternate between Irene at UFTG and Maureen in Upwey South.

Please contact Maureen at 9.00am Sunday Mass, Belgrave or via Belgrave Parish Office if Interested in coming along. We thank our group members, other Parishioners and their relatives also, for ongoing donations towards Sr Rita's Timor Leste Scholarship Fund.

\$250 was transferred in December 2022, proceeds of recycled aluminium cans, 5 cent coin collection (and bigger coins) plus other monetary donations.

Contact : belgrave@cam.org.au

Maureen Miller

Our Lady of Lourdes - Feast Day - February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes is a Roman Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated in honor of the Marian apparitions that reportedly occurred in 1858 in the vicinity of Lourdes in France.

The first of these is the apparition of 11 February 1858, when 14-year old Bernadette Soubirous told her mother that a "lady" spoke to her in the cave of Massabielle (a kilometre and a half (1 mi) from the town) while she was gathering firewood with her sister and a friend.

Similar apparitions of the alleged "Lady" were reported on seventeen occasions that year, until the climax revelation of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception took place.

In 18 January 1862, Pope Pius IX authorized Bishop Bertrand-Sévère Laurence to permit the veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Lourdes. On 3 July 1876, the same Pontiff officially granted a Canonical Coronation to the image that used to be in the courtyard of what is now part of the Rosary Basilica.

The image of Our Lady of Lourdes has been widely copied and reproduced in shrines and homes, often in garden landscapes. Soubirous was later canonized as a Catholic saint.

<https://catholicreadings.org/our-lady-of-lourdes/>

