

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

A reading from the book of Genesis

Gen 12:1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to

Timothy

2 Tm 1:8-10

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Matthew

Mt 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



Next week's readings

First Reading:

Ex 17:3-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Second Reading:

Rom 5:1-2. 5-8

Gospel:

Jn 4:5-42



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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 17 Terry Avenue,	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A - 4th/5th March, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.



[Second Sunday of Lent Year A \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://liturgyhelp.com)

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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: Many people across the world who have died due to natural calamities (Turkey and Syria) and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Lorna Giulieri, Hoe Hoang, Mary Hilder, Joe Hilder, Bill Williams, Chris Madden, Fr. Joseph Micalleg, Fr. Thomas Sheeran, Angela Casey, Mary McInley, Sr. Joyce White.

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.**

St John the Baptist – Social Justice Group FUNDRAISER....



© Come and join the fun. ©

Trivia/games/raffle-lots of great prizes.

© Don't need to be an expert. ©

Cost: \$10 per adult. BYO drinks and nibbles. Make up a table or come and join one.

Tickets are available after all w/e masses from the 4th March or contact Patrick 0434072831 (call or text)

Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation" (Aboriginal students support), Thornbury and the Alfajiri Street Kids Art, Kenya.

Donations welcome

Second Sunday of Lent 4 & 5 March

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413



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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

- Retail Shop Assistant – St Patricks Cathedral Shop

Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Parish Administrative Coordinator - St Patrick's and St Kevin's Parishes, Murrumbena
- Parish Secretary – Parishes of Frankston
- Pastoral Worker - Doncaster East
- Funeral Coordinator – Holy Trinity Parish, Bentleigh East

Other Positions

- Stewardship Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community
- Evangelisation Coordinator – Brunswick Moreland Catholic Community

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 hrrad-min@cam.org.au

Aid to the Church in Need is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule.

Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help!

To make an offering and learn more visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject or scan the QR code.



The Stations of the Cross in Lent

The Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at 7pm at St. Thomas More Church Belgrave.



Our Lady of Fatima statue home visit

Our Lady is waiting to visit your home.....

Karen Whiteside the new coordinator for making the roster for Our Lady of Fatima statue home visit. If you would like to participate on the roster, please call her on 0419329566.



Sacrament of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist

Sacrament of Confirmation, First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist for students attending Non-Catholic Schools. To enroll, please contact the parish office during office hours on or before 10th March.

Telephone 97542141
Email belgrave@cam.org.au

Sacrament	Preparation Dates (Classes)	Day	Time	Location
Confirmation 20 th May 12pm	27/04	Thursdays	4.30pm	St. Paul's Church Monbulk
	04/05			
	11/05			
	18/05			
First Reconciliation 12 th August 9.45am	11/07	Tuesdays	4.30pm	St. Thomas Mores Church Belgrave
	18/07			
	25/07			
	01/08			
First Eucharist 10 th September 9am at STM church Belgrave 11am at St. Paul's church Monbulk	08/08	Tuesdays	4.30pm	St. Thomas Mores Church Belgrave
	15/08			
	22/08			
	29/08			St. Paul's church Monbulk
	05/09			

Dear Parishioners,

We are truly grateful for the money \$885.20 that you gifted to us for our daughter Aliyah, after her burns accident. She is recovering so well and through your constant and generous prayers, God's grace has carried us through. We could not have done it without the overwhelming support for our family.

God bless you all,
The Lawless Family



ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNTRY FAIR
SATURDAY 18 MARCH
11AM - 4PM
59 MOORES RD, MONBULK
HEAPS OF RIDES, AMUSEMENTS, FOOD & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY