### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

#### Cf. Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

#### A reading from the first book of the Kings

1 Kgs 17:10-16

#### The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."'

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

#### The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

#### (R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. (**R**.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)** 

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)** 

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

#### 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 Mark Mk 12:41-44

## This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Communion Antiphon : Cf. Ps 22:1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



#### Next week's readings:

First Reading:	Dn 12:1-3
<b>Responsorial Psalm:</b>	Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1
Second Reading:	Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel	Mk 13:24-32



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Church Centres		<b>St. Joseph's Church</b> Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	<b>St. Thomas More</b> Church Belgrave Reynolds Lane	<b>St. Paul's Church</b> <b>Monbulk</b> 59 Moores Road
Mass Times	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am (on zoom)	8.am and 9.am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am + mass on Zoom	

#### Homily for the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 7th November, 2021

The context for today's Gospel continues to be mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. Mark reports some of Jesus' teaching in the Temple area in today's reading and in the preceding verses not included in our Lectionary sequence. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus warn the crowds not to follow the example of the scribes in seeking honor and attention from others. It is important to recall that Mark indicates that Jesus taught these things while in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Mark is setting the stage for Jesus' passion.

Jesus then observes how Jewish pilgrims are making their contributions to the temple treasury. The Temple in Jerusalem was the center of Jewish worship in the time of Jesus. It was expected that observant Jews would make pilgrimages to the Temple to offer prayer and sacrifices. Pilgrims were also expected to make a financial contribution to the temple treasury.

As we would expect to be the case, Jesus observes that those who were rich contributed large sums to the treasury. Those with less means made smaller contributions. A similar situation exists in most of our parishes as well. Jesus calls attention, however, to a poor widow who makes the smallest of contributions—two coins of little value. Jesus upholds the poor widow's offering for his disciples' consideration, commending her because her small offering was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

To give from our livelihood is not only an act of generosity; it is also an act of trust in God. We can only give from our need if we trust that God will provide for us. Jesus himself demonstrates the ultimate act of generosity and trust in God as he gives his life for us on the cross.

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

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#### **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**<u>Recent deaths:</u>** Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

**Anniversaries**: Marie Tirchett, Oliver Goodrich, Nicholaas Broekhof, John Boland, Walter McMahon, Arthur Griffits, Sr. Marie Dolore DDZ.

## 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: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, 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.

#### **Divine Worship**

Monday –Saturday: 9am Holy Mass, followed by Holy Rosary ( **30 caps who's vaccination status is unknown + on zoom as well).** 

Sunday : 8am and 9am masses

Join the parish community on zoom in praying together as one family of God for the end the pandemic Covid-19. Zoom Link below

5.30 pm Holy Rosary

<u>Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on</u> <u>Zoom</u>

Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?</u> pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGQT09

Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

Passcode: 7mJTwW





#### Change of mass times for St Thomas More church from next week.

Dear parishioners,

The pastoral advice from our archdiocese is to have a separate mass for the unvaccinated on the weekends. Like last week, for this weekend as well we are having two masses (8 & 9am) at St Thomas More Church, Belgrave. For both the masses the permitted numbers of faithful are 30 whose vaccination status is unknown.

From next Sunday onwards (14<sup>th</sup> of November), the 9am mass will be for the fully vaccinated (up to 70 people) and Sunday evening 5.30pm mass will be for the unvaccinated and the maximum numbers of people permitted are 30. I know that it is not okay to separate our faithful like this, but this is the way most of the parishes in our diocese operating at the moment. I earnestly seek your understanding and cooperation in this regard as we are suffocatingly sailing through the toughest time of our life.

#### **Fr Anthony Cruz**

## Church working bee Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> November.



Church Working Bee

To prepare our church and grounds for the reopening for Masses and to assist Father Cruz who has been so good to us, everyone is invited to a working bee on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November from 10.30 am till 3.30 pm at St Thomas More's in Belgrave. Lunch will be provided.

Whilst Father does have someone doing the lawns, we all know occasionally a good spring clean is necessary. This is what we hope to achieve. We will have a variety of jobs for people to choose from:

Tree trimming and removal, weeding, bush trimming, path weeding, sweeping, vacuuming, dusting, window cleaning and painting of the church door and window sills. Someone may like to help with morning tea and lunch. We will have a trailer also to do a tip run.

If you would like to help in a particular area or just help, please ring or text Patrick Coyne on 0418585834 or Maureen Coyne on 0431483963.

## Maureen Coyne

## The Sacrament of Confirmation has been rescheduled on 13th November 2021.

## Celebrant: Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave at 12pm

St. Paul's Church, Monbulk at 2pm



Lets keep in our prayers all the students receiving the sacrament of Confirmation as they are preparing themselves for the same.

# Thanksgiving envelopes are available at your mass centre this weekend.

### Mass Times and mass booking

Mass bookings via '**try booking'** those who are unable to book by try booking, please contact respective person:

- Vaccination status: unknown
- Places of worship must use electronic record keeping through the Victoria Services QR App.

## <u>Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook— Sunday</u> <u>9am</u>

## <u>(25 People\_DQ4)</u>

Mass bookings:

https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXP

Try booking or contact Christine Borg on 0409 142 364.

## <u>St Joseph's Church, Emerald - Saturday 6pm</u>

## <u>( 30 People DQ4)</u>

Mass Bookings :

https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXH

Try booking or Contact Parish Office on 97542141 **before Saturday 12noon.** 

## St Paul's Church, Monbulk - Sunday 11.00am

( 30 People DQ4)

Mass Bookings :

https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXJ

Try booking or Contact Mim Van Haaster on 0409 005 176.

## <u>St Thomas More, Belgrave 8am & 9am mass</u>

8am mass ( 30 people DQ4)

Mass bookings :

https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXF

## 9am mass ( 30 people DQ4)

https://www.trybooking.com/BVEXR

Bookings: Try booking or contact Parish office on 97542141 before **Saturday 12 noon.**