

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philip-
pians**

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1:17-18

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 Mat-
thew**

Matthew 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

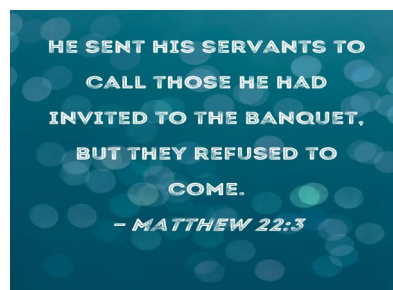
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

1 John 3:2

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.



Next week's readings

First Reading:	Isaiah 45:1.4-6
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Gospel:	Matthew 22:15-21



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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, 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	

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 14th / 15th October, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Oct15/0/RefDiBer>

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023 — Month of October

For the Synod — We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2023>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Jordan McCarthy.

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

Anniversaries: Lillian Onley, Sebastiano Sam Pepi, Marie Rundle, Katrina Campion, Lucia Pepi, Patricia Grace Corcoran, Marilyn Duivenvoorden, Aletta Burger, James Kelleher, Rita Bell, Barrie Jackson, Aileen & Jack Malcomson, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Lucy Granieri, Ruby Johnson, Barrie Jackson, Mona Csipek, Raymond Cutting.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Gwenda Lyons, Helen Bye, Peter Lawrence, Stephen Billington, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, 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, 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.**

Reading Roster - 15th October

Patrick Coyne & Maureen Coyne

Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website.



Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: [Job vacancies](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#)

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at hadmin@cam.org.au

Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

Date: Thursday 26th of October

Time: 7pm - 9pm

Location: St Joseph's College Ferntree Gully, Chapel

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St Joseph's, Emerald, Mass Time, 2024

We are currently considering changing the weekly Mass time at St Joseph's, Emerald from 6:00pm to 5:00 pm Saturday. The reasoning behind the proposed change is that the earlier time may be more convenient for families with young children. This may especially be the case in winter.

Since the St Joseph's Mass is the only Vigil Mass in the parish, such a change will affect more than the local Emerald parishioners, so we are seeking input from across the parish.

Please express your thoughts, especially if your Mass attendance will be adversely affected by the change. You can do so throughout October, by

- * speaking to Father Cruz
- * ringing/leaving a message at the Parish Office on 97542141
- emailing the Parish Office at belgrave@cam.org.au

The final decision on the change will be made after October.

SAVE THE DATE! Night of the Witnesses – 22 November 2023, 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit:

www.aidtochurch.org/notw



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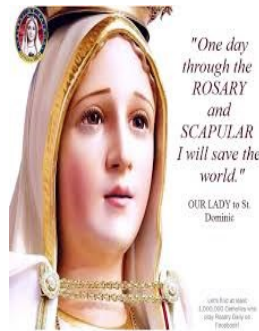
Important Feasts

18th October	St. Luke, Evangelist
28th October	STS Simon & Jude, Apostles

October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).

The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary.



Reciting the Holy Rosary in October at Emerald catholic church every Saturday at 5.30pm before mass. All welcome! Come and join us to ask for Our Lady's intervention.

"I am the Lady of the Rosary": Pray the Rosary Daily

Sixth and last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima:

On 13 October 1917 the children surrounded by a crowd of 70.000 persons under a torrential rain, Lucy asked again of the Lady: "What do you want from me?" she answered: "**I am the Lady of the Rosary, I desire here a chapel in my honor to be built, that people continue to recite the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes.**" Then Lucy asked: "may I ask you for cures and conversions, will you grant them?". "**Some yes, others no. It is necessary that they ask pardon for their sins, that they don't offend God our Lord, and that he is already too much offended.**" ...

The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic and to all who follow that "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted." She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary.

The 15 Promises Imparted to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan:

- Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces.
- I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
- The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell, it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.
- The Rosary will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire for eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

- The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish.
- Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.
- Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
- Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the saints in paradise.
- I shall deliver from Purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary.
- The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.
- You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary.
- All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.
- I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.
- All who recite the Rosary are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
- Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

<https://airmaria.com/2015/10/07/i-am-the-lady-of-the-rosary-pray-the-rosary-daily/>

MELBOURNE DAYTIME RETREAT LED BY BR. JOHNSON

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Br. JOHNSON, a Catholic lay preacher and founder of the JCILM Ministry - Jesus Christ Is Lord Ministry, web: <https://jcilmglobal.info/> is leading a spiritual retreat in Melbourne. He is blessed, with the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, giving him the ability to preach and teach the Gospel with practical understanding and simple illustrations that people can relate to, thereby, making everyone fall in Love with Jesus and experience practical application of The Word of God in their day-to-day lives.

We invite you to attend and bring along with you the sick, broken, lonely, depressed, poor, and hopeless to hear the preaching and teaching of The Word of God and to receive healing and deliverance through The Word.

Bring your Bibles, notebook, and pen.

MELBOURNE DAY TIME RETREAT OCT 2023				
Day	Date	Time	Melbourne Venues	Contact
Fri	13th Oct	10:30 - 2PM	37 Kiama St Officer, VIC 3809	Nisha 0434 919 661
Mon	16th Oct	10:30 - 2PM	27 Sunnyvale Crescent Keysborough, VIC 3173	Yolande & Terance Blom 0432 320 042
Tue	17th Oct	10:30 - 2PM	St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, 17 Forest Rd Fernree Gully VIC 3156	Maria Pirota 0412 556 212
Wed	18th Oct	10:30 - 2PM	34 Evergreen Drive Wyndham Vale, VIC 3024	Ryan & Nelifer Fitzgerald 0434 027 748
Thu	19th Oct	10:30 - 2PM	39 Bellbird Ave Taylors Lakes, VIC 3038	Gerry & Dexter Mendoza 0433 503 142

Lunch provided for most weekday retreats. Please RSVP for catering purposes

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