

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! 'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and

peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mark 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

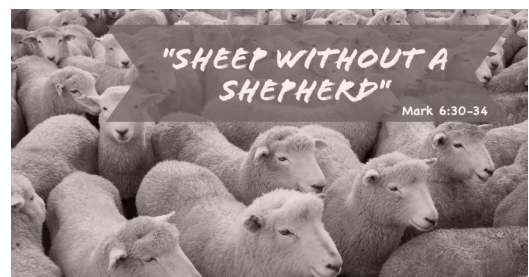
The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.



Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	2 Kings 4:42-44
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 144:10-11, 15-18
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel	John 6:1-15



St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

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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	

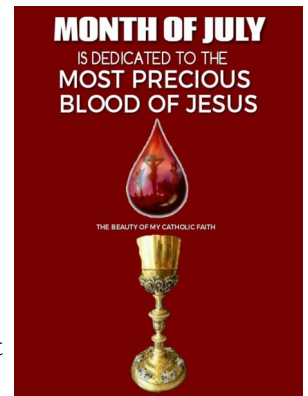
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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

‘Compassion’, Pope Francis says, ‘is born from contemplation.’ This, he intimates, is the essence of today’s Gospel passage. ‘If we learn to truly rest,’ he says, ‘we become capable of true compassion.’ As the Pope points out, Jesus recognised that his disciples needed rest. None of us can or should be busy all the time.

There is a danger for Christians, the Pope warns, ‘to be caught up in the frenzy of doing things, to fall into the trap of activism’. We should always remember that the crowd went to meet Jesus. They sought him out because his message was attractive and attracting.

‘How many times this happens in the Church’, the Pope suggests, where ‘we risk neglecting Jesus and ... make ourselves the centre.’ Sometimes parishes are burdened with so many corporate evangelisation plans, programs, and pastoral activities that people are wearied. The Church, at every level, occasionally needs to pause and listen for the crowd that is searching for Jesus. As the Pope reflects, ‘only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved’. Jesus saw the people and understood their needs. Through us he is still trying to, if only we will slow down and let him.



<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Jul21/0/RefNickB>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Robert Daniel Healy, the son of Michael and Jennifer Healy, brother of Laura and Mathew Healy.

- **Funeral mass for late Robert Daniel Healy will be on Wednesday, the 24th of July 10.30am at St. Thomas Mores church Belgrave followed by Burial at Springvale cemetery.**

Many people across the world who have died due to Covid-19, wars, civil restlessness and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Joan Munday , Linda Maude Bullivant. Harry Tuplin, Fr, Lgnacy Smaga SChr, Berenice Shaw, Joop Bakker, Anne Durrant, Jason Breakwell, Mary Thornburn, Fr. Leo Saleeba, Kevin Ryan, Terry Garric.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Kate Joy star, John Kuyper , Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane 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.**

Belgrave church reading roster 21st July

Eileen Collins and David Atkinson

Next week — 28th July

Mo Cromar and David Paton



Church Cleaning Roster - 21st July

Una Steele and Janette Wicks

For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

Prayer for the Parish

(To be prayed at the end of the mass before the recessional Hymn)

Loving God, you gather us as your people and have formed us into a community of faith, hope and love; a priestly, prophetic and kingly people. Humbly we ask you, make our parish truly a communion of communities.

Help us to turn away from sin and believe the Gospel, so that we may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and to be more like Him day by day.

Guide our parish leaders with your wisdom and love. Inspire all our parishioners to offer our time, talents and treasures as stewards of the Gospel, for the growth of your Kingdom.

May the Holy Spirit enlighten and invigorate us to actively participate in the mission you entrusted to us, so that we may be a worshipping, witnessing, evangelizing and serving community.

May the spirit of collaboration and co-responsibility bring us into a fuller and fruitful communion with you and with one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. Paul, Pray for us.

St. Claire, Pray for us.

St. Thomas more, Pray for us.



Have you considered the Parish in your Will?

Your Catholic faith is woven through the many milestones in your life, providing guidance, hope and strength. When you confirm a gift in your Will, your legacy of gratitude for the blessings you have received in your lifetime, creates a ripple effect that impacts ministry and mission far into the future.

Your Will is an important legal document and it provides an opportunity for you to recognise loved-ones and to reflect the values closest to your heart: family, community, faith and charity. Making a gift of any size through your Will can support the future of the Church and the faith of generations to come.



To Contribute Financially to St. Thomas More Parish

Church Name: St Thomas Mores Parish Church Account
BSB: 083 347, Account: 67214 6192

Grateful thanks to the 18 people who attended and worked so hard on so many garden jobs, with the removal of old trees and shrubs, no longer viable, around the church and presbytery.

Also, a big thanks for the work inside the church with window cleaning, dusting and cleaning out of cupboards.

A few painting jobs are still needed to be completed so if anyone likes to paint they are welcome to do in their own time. Just call Patrick Coyne and he will advise. (0418585834)



Elizabeth Drake has moved to Emerald Glades. She is settling in & would love a visit or can go out for a coffee or social events. Thanks to all who are supporting Elizabeth. She said she will be going to church at Emerald in the future & will come to Belgrave sometimes.



Stella Maris Sea Sunday Appeal July 21st—28th 2024

This week we celebrate Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>



Have you returned your **THANKSGIVING OFFERING CARD** yet?

Cards are still available in the foyer. Please take one home, complete it and return it to either the Parish office or place it in next week's collection plate.

The Parish thanks you for your generosity

The Pope's Monthly Intention for July 2024

For the pastoral care of the sick

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Important dates

22nd July	St. Mary Madaline
25th July	St. James, Apostle
26th July	Sts. Joachim and Anne

Sts. Anne and Joachim



On July 26 the Roman Catholic Church commemorates the parents of the Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne. The couple's faith and perseverance brought them through the sorrow of childlessness, to the joy of conceiving and raising the immaculate and sinless woman who would give birth to Christ.

The New Testament contains no specific information about the lives of the Virgin Mary's parents, but other documents outside of the Biblical canon do provide some details. Although these writings are not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, they outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about Joachim, Anne and their daughter.

The "Protoevangelium of James," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves to rigorous prayer and fasting, in isolation from one another and from society. They regarded their inability to conceive a child as a surpassing misfortune, and a sign of shame among the tribes of Israel.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah. An angel revealed this to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honor their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the Protoevangelium of James, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel." "And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' ... And he brought her to the chief priests; and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be forever.'"

The protoevangelium goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

St. Joachim and St. Anne have been a part of the Church's liturgical calendar for many centuries. Devotion to their memory is particularly strong in the Eastern Catholic churches, where their intercession is invoked by the priest at the end of each Divine Liturgy. The Eastern churches, however, celebrate Sts. Joachim and Anne on a different date, Sept. 9.

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