

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

### A reading from the book of Job

Job 38:1. 8-11

*Here I have set the boundaries of the sea.*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?

Come thus far, I said, and no farther:

here your proud waves shall break.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 106:23-26. 28-31

*Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.*

### A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

*All things are made new.*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!** A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Mark 4:35-41

*Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### Communion Antiphon

John 10:11,15

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.

### Next Sunday Readings

First Reading Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Responsorial Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15

Gospel Mark 5:21-24. 35-43





# 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](http://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	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk
		Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Main Road	17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	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

In 2020, Pope Francis stood alone in St Peter's Square in Rome and reflected on this Gospel passage. 'We find ourselves afraid and lost,' he said. 'Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm.'

At the time, while a pandemic raged, the Pope spoke of the need for joint action for the good of all. 'We have realised that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented,' he said, before adding that this meant we are 'all of us called to row together.'

Moreover, as the Pope reminds us, we never need to row alone. Jesus is always there for us when we call.

For the apostles, Jesus was in the boat. He was present, even as his disciples flailed about, worrying what would become of them. In fact, as the Pope notes, Jesus was 'in the stern, in the part of the boat that sinks first.' Whatever our trials, we should always know that Jesus is there with us.

And, the Pope adds, we can trust that Jesus understands. Tellingly, Jesus does not only calm the wind. As the Pope puts it, 'once they have called on him, he saves his disciples from their discouragement.'



<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Jun23/0/RefNickB>

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Harry Postma, the husband of Wilma Postma from Gembrook community.

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:**

Kevin Ryan, Harry Tuplin, Fr, Lgnacy Smaga SChr, Berenice Shaw, Joop Bakker, Anne Durrant, Jason Breakwell, Mary Thornburn, Fr. Leo Saleeba, Kevin Ryan,

**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.**

## **Reading Roster — 23rd June**

Erica Kurek and Marianne Kuyper

### **Church Cleaning roster**

Maureen Miller and Bob Fitzsimon



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

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

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

## **The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024**

### **Month of June**

#### **For migrants fleeing their homes**

We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

#### **Mission: Transform Lives**

**- theirs...and yours**

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions while living authentically in another culture?

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**Venue:** Mary Help of Christians Church Hall  
**Address:** 97 Railway St N, Altona VIC 3018  
**Date:** Thursday 11th July 2024  
**Time:** 5:30pm to 6:30pm

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# **VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN**

**Saturday 6 July, 10am-4pm  
Carmelite Monastery, Kew**

The Vocations Office invites all men discerning a vocation to a day retreat. The day will include talks on the Priesthood and discernment as well as time for prayerful reflection.

RSVP by Wed 3 July at:  
[vocationsecam.org.au](http://vocationsecam.org.au)



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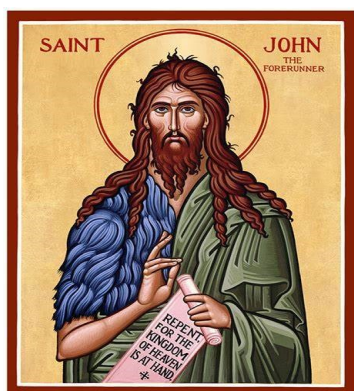


## Peter's pence collection

There will be a third collection for the holy father next week.

## Solemnity Of The Nativity of John The Baptist

24th June



The birth of Saint John the Baptist was foretold by an angel of the Lord to his father, Zachary, who was offering incense in the Temple. It was the office of St. John to prepare the way for Christ, and before he was born into the world he began to live for the Incarnate God. Even in the womb he knew the presence of Jesus and of Mary, and he leaped with joy at the glad coming of the son of man. In his youth he remained hidden, because He for Whom he waited was hidden also.

But before Christ's public life began, a divine impulse led St. John into the desert; there, with locusts for his food and haircloth on his skin, in silence and in prayer, he chastened his own soul. Then, as crowds broke in upon his solitude, he warned them to flee from the wrath to come, and gave them the baptism of penance, while they confessed their sins. At last there stood in the crowd One Whom St. John did not know, till a voice within told him that it was his Lord. With the baptism of St. John, Christ began His penance for the sins of His people, and St. John saw the Holy Ghost descend in bodily form upon Him. Then the Saint's work was done. He had but to point his own disciples to the Lamb, he had but to decrease as Christ increased. He saw all men leave him and go after Christ. "I told you," he said, "that I am not the Christ. The friend of the Bridegroom rejoice the because of the Bridegroom's voice. This my joy therefore is fulfilled." St. John had been cast into the fortress of Machærus by a worthless tyrant whose crimes he had rebuked, and he was to remain there till he was beheaded, at the will of a girl who danced before this wretched king. In this time of despair, if St. John could have known despair, some of his old disciples visited him. St. John did not speak to them of himself, but he sent them to Christ, that they might see the proofs of His mission. Then the Eternal Truth pronounced the panegyric of the Saint who had lived and breathed for Him alone: "Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist"

<https://ucatholic.com/saints/nativity-of-john-the-baptist/>

## Volunteers for St Thomas More's church

Thank you to all those who have responded to the appeal for more volunteers in the Parish to help maintain the church and gardens.

We have had volunteers for all the following:

- People to do for flowers in chapel and church
- Cleaning of brassware
- Lawn mowing
- Cleaning of the church (twice yearly)
- Readers
- Working bees. (twice yearly) Great when lots of people are available.

We do however have a few places to fill:

- A couple of extra people for the cleaning of the church roster.
- A few people to assist with Sunday morning tea. This can be help either before, during or for clean up.

***If you could assist with any of the above please call Maureen Coyne on 0431483963.***

## 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

