





# St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

The Catholic Church in the Dandenong Ranges

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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 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 23rd / 24th September, 2023**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.



The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Sep24/0/RefDiBer>

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023 — Month of September**

**For people living on the margins** — We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

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

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 David Bhoynz

**Belgrave:** David Bhoynz

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**Emerald:** Evie  
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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 and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

### **Anniversaries:**

Hugh Ilyine, Ray Talintyre, Lilian Onley, Ruby Johnson, Fr. Anthony Guelen.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: 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, 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, 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.**

### **Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya**

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals.

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



**Please make your Thanksgiving contributions to your church via church account or scanning the QR code.**

St Thomas Mores Parish Church or

Account

BSB: 083 347

Account: 67214 6192



## **St Mary's Mount Evelyn Parish Festa**

Our Festa is on Sunday, 24 September. We begin with the 10:30am Mass and immediately following will be the procession with the Annunziata statue followed by food and festivities. All are welcome to join us!

### **2024 Study Tour**

*Journey with Paul: Türkiye – Greece*  
20 September – 6 October 2024

Tour Leader: Dr Rosemary Canavan

#### **Online Information Sessions:**

Saturday 16, 23 September, or 7 October 2023 at 2pm

Participants have the opportunity to undertake a study unit with CTC

in conjunction with the tour for credit towards an award

RSVP & further information: [rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au](mailto:rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au)



### **October - The Month of the 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.**

For her fifteen promises, visit the below link.

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



*"One day through the ROSARY and SCAPULAR I will save the world."*

OUR LADY to St. Dominic

With Her an icon: 1,000,000 Catholics will pray the Rosary daily on Facebook!

### Parish Office Notice

Fr. Cruz will not be available from 3rd of October to 26th October. The weekend masses will be taken cared by the Salesian priests.

### 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](mailto:belgrave@cam.org.au)

### Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels - 29th September



**Michael, Michael of the morning, Fresh chord of Heaven adorning, Keep me safe today, And in time of temptation Drive the devil away. Amen.**

**May the offering of our service and the prayer of the Blessed Archangel Gabriel be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord; that he whom we venerate on earth, may be our advocate before Thee in heaven. Through Our Lord. Amen.**

**O God who to Tobias, Thy servant, when on his journey, didst give Blessed Raphael the Archangel, as a companion; grant to us Thy servants, that we may be ever protected by his custody and strengthened by his help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

**(29th September - Feast of the Archangels)**

### Baptism

Let us welcome **Rex Winston Evans, Audrey Grace Evans and Florence Rose Evans** into our faith community as they will be baptized in St. Thomas More Church Belgrave this weekend.

May they be richly blessed throughout their lives, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.



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### MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come join thousands in our peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD, to protest against the horrors of full-term abortion in Victoria. Help us speak out against this law and celebrate all life!

OCTOBER 7TH, IPM START

Meeting at Treasury Gardens, corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade



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](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)