

Entrance Antiphon Revelation 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1

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

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28**

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Matthew 25:31-46**

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, ‘Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.’ Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?’ And the King will answer, ‘I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.’ Next he will say to those on his left hand, ‘Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.’ Then it will be their turn to ask, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?’ Then he will answer, ‘I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.’ And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Psalm 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

‘Truly I tell you,
whatever you did
for one of the
least of these
brothers and sisters
of mine,
you did for me.’
—Matthew 25:40

Next week’s readings

First Reading:	Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8
Responsorial Psalm:	Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4
Second Reading:	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel:	Mark 13:33-37



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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	

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A - 25th/26th November, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.



What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Nov26/0/RefDiBer>

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

For the Pope - We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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

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 Wars. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Nelly Van Raay, Edith Bramwell, Gerry Ruigrok, John van Graas

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Peter Lawrence, Stephen Billington, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, 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 - 26th November

Elizabeth Drake & David Paton

Confession for Advent season

Belgrave

Friday and Saturday after mass (9.45am – 10.30am)

Gembrook

17th December - After mass (10am—11am)

Monbulk

10th/17th December - 10.30am—11am

Emerald

16th December —5pm—5.50pm

3rd December - First Week of Advent

10th December - Second Week of Advent

17th December - Third Week of Advent

24th December - Fourth Week of Advent

25th December - Birth of Jesus



Angel Tree

Dear Parishioners,

It is that time of year again - the Christmas season is upon us. It should be a time when everyone is happy, but this is not always the case. So many people are struggling to live day to day, and Christmas can become a very stressful time.

We, at St Paul's Primary School, support Monbulk Care Network by having an Angel Tree, in the hope it can give a spark of joy back to families in our community who need it.

Please feel free to take an angel from our Christmas tree in the foyer at St Paul's Primary School and return it attached to a wrapped gift, by Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

Thank you for your support in helping those who are less fortunate in our community.

Merry Christmas from the Mini Monbulkers

(St Paul's Social Justice Group)

Finance Administrator Role- St Simon's Parish Rowville & St Jude's Parish Scoresby St Simon's Parish in Rowville & St Jude Parish, Scoresby (working across two parishes) are seeking to hire a Finance Administrator to actively take responsibility for the day to day financial and asset management tasks and the management of the payroll for the Parish. This will be a part-time role, working 3 days per week (days and times are flexible). For a position description and to apply visit:

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fmelbournecatholic.org%2Fjob-vacancies%2Fstewardship-administrator-st-simons-parish&data=05%7C01%7Cbelgrave%40cam.org.au%7C4a1f5b2c589c490eafee08dbebb6bf3e%7C48ee20c7c8ea423c8b28f19801e34193%7C0%7C0%7C638362942353128194%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQI-jojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sddata=zdUVOLkx03%2BOMgsxj5g52GFS%2BJXHoiVMwTVzMnA1ICE%3D&reserved=0>

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



In November we remember and pray for all the faithful departed and the holy souls in Purgatory. You may also begin our traditional "All Soul's novena, say any consecutive nine days. The flyers are available at St. Thomas More Church Foyer.

Honour your loved ones by entering their names on the Church Memorial book.

Craft - Cake - Plants Stall

26th November

We are once again in the process of planning a "craft - cake - plants - goods" stall after the 9.00 am Mass at Belgrave on Sunday .

Last year's event was successful beyond our wildest imagination thanks to the mighty effort and generosity of many parishioners - makers and buyers alike.

The need to raise funds for any number of projects is ongoing. So we are putting out an 'early bird' request for all crafters/cake bakers/ growers/ etc in our parish to begin to think about what you might be able to create to add to this event to make it even better than last year's. All donations will be most welcome.

Marianne Kuyper

Christmas Mass Times



Christmas Eve Mass (Sunday 24th December)

St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave

5.30pm Carols

6.00pm Children Mass (**Salesian Priest**)

11.00pm Carols

11.30pm Midnight Mass (**Fr. Cruz**)

St. Joseph's Church Emerald

6.30pm (**Fr. Cruz**)

St. Paul's Church, Monbulk

7.30pm Carols

8.00pm Mass (**Fr. Cruz**)

Christmas Day Mass (Monday 25th December)

Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook

9.00am (Fr. Cruz)

St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave

9.00am (**Salesian Priest**)

St. Paul's Church, Monbulk

11.00am (**Fr. Cruz**)

"Thank you to everyone, young and old, for all the wonderful work in moving 9 cubic metres of mulch onto all the garden beds around the church at Belgrave last Saturday. The place looks so fresh and will conserve water and keep down weeds for a long time.

A great time was enjoyed by all."



THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

The Church celebrates the Feast of Christ the King, also called the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the last Sunday of the Liturgical year. The Feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 with his encyclical Quas primas, to respond to a world that was rejecting Christ and was being dominated by secularism. Pope Pius hoped that the establishment of this feast would bring about the following: That this annual celebration would assist the faithful to gain strength in their true King, Jesus Christ; That leaders and nations would recognise that they are bound to submit and give respect to Christ the King; That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state. In these times when we are challenged in our faith and our ability to worship together, let us remember that Jesus Christ is Our King who reigns forever.

That individuals should honour and recognise Jesus as their 'Sovereign King' and emulate his total gift of self, perfectly embodied on the Cross. In imitation of their thorn-crowned King, individuals can help bring love and relief to those who suffer and help to proclaim the Good News of the Reign of Christ in the world today.

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/christ-reigns-the-feast-of-christ-the-king/>

