

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 67:6-7,36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

A reading from the second book of the Kings

2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some left over.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

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

John

John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said

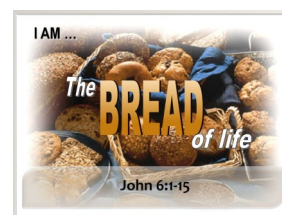
this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 5:7-8

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God



Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:17, 20-24
Gospel	John 6:24-35



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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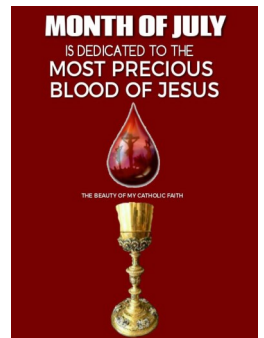
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Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. It is usually when we are in desperate straits that we become painfully conscious of our dependence on God, but this dependence is always there. God does not merely intervene when we are helpless; God's providence operates in our lives at all times.

Living in a society that promotes individualism, we sometimes undervalue the communal dimension of life. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. We would never have seen the light of day, we would not endure or develop, without others. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community.

As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Jul28/0/RefDiBer>



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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

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:

Amelia Violet, Truong Pham, Ton Herbert, Ray Penman, Nora 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, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnett, 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 Brerton, 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 28th July

Mo Cromar and David Paton

Next week — 4th August

Mia Jansen and Helen Garrick



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



Anointing the sick

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](#)



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, Have Mercy on 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

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.

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.



Important dates

29th July Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

31st July St. Ignatius of Loyola



PREP TASTER DAYS

Get ready for school with a 'taste' of St Paul's!

COME ALONG!!!

Invitation to 3YO and 4YO Pre-Schoolers

9.15-10.15am

Fri 26 July Wed 7 August
Thu 22 August Wed 11 September

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Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty?

Join our Palms' [Discovery Webinar](#) online on Thursday 15 August. Meet Carolyn, currently in Timor Leste, and former Palms participants to find out more about [Assignments Aboard](#).

Venue: Online via Zoom- register at palms.org.au/event/discovery-online/

Date: Thursday 15th August

2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

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Baptism

Let us welcome **Isaac Evans and Alfie Graffen** into our faith community by virtue of their baptism and may they be richly blessed with every spiritual blessings throughout their lives, so that they would continuously experience God's unconditional love.



Positions Available

Where: Don Bosco Retreat Centre Lysterfield

Roles: Cleaner & Maintenance Person

Hours: Cleaner-10 hours over 2 days per week Maintenance Person- 6 hrs per week

Experience desirable but not essential Please send your expression of interest through to Fr Shane.

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