

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Entrance Antiphon **Psalm 46:2**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

The word of the Lord.

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

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians **2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15**

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **2 Timothy 1:10**

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark **Mark 5:21-24. 35-43**

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon **Cf Psalm 102:1**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.



Next Sunday Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Gospel Mark 6:1-6



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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	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 Dianne Bergant CSA

In the gospel, Jesus reaches deep into the world beyond life and rescues a young girl from the jaws of death. Earlier, he was jostled by the crowd and felt healing power leave him in order to restore an afflicted woman. Repeating the words of last week's gospel: Who is this man? Is this someone with whom we want to become involved? On the other hand, can we afford not to get involved with him? This is a man who can lead us to life even in the midst of death. He is someone who is interested in the well-being of everyone, even those who may not be highly valued by society – women and children, the chronically ill, those who carry the seeds of death within them.

God's graciousness toward us should prompt us to be generous toward others. What we receive as life-enhancing gifts, we must share with those in need, those to whom life has not been kind. As we have been favoured by the healing touch of God, so we must extend that same loving touch to others. The love of Christ impels us to be openhanded as we approach those in need. Following Jesus' lead, we must not only give to them, we must also allow them to take from us. At times this will require that we share material resources; at other times it might mean that our energy will be drained in our service of them. In all of this, Jesus has set the example for us to follow.



<https://www.liturguhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Jun30/0/RefDiBer>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

Harry Postma, the husband of Wilma and father of Bradley and Scott from the Gembrook community since 1974.

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:

Agatha Van Der Hulst, Eileen Johnson, Eulie Ferns, Peter and Paul Stokie, Sr. Mary Baptist, Nancy Cromar, Abraham Schellenbach, Bernie McDonnell, Norienne Peterson.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Therse Felicia, Kate Joy star, Therese P, John Kuyper , Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, 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 — 30th June

Davis Paton and Mia Jansen

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

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](#)



Make Hunger History

Your compassion can help farmers like Chiquito feed their families and make hunger history.

Donate online at www.caritas.org.au/make-hunger-history



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for June 2024

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.

Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace

Let's redouble our prayers for a resolution for the Ukraine conflict. The candlelight vigil mass is on the first Wednesday of the Month. Lets redouble our prayers for a resolution to this conflict and peace in the world.

7 pm Mass

7.30pm Private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

7.45pm Rosary.

8.05pm Benediction.

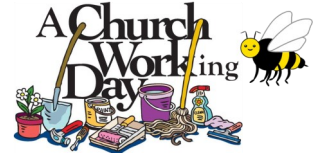


Working Bee at St Thomas More's Belgrave

Saturday 13th of July at 10 am - 2 pm.

Lots of large and small jobs to be done around the church and Presbytery.

- trimming and cutting back blackberries and dead plants
- painting
- hedge trimming
- pruning
- burning off
- window cleaning
- small and large jobs available for all.



Morning tea and lunch provided as well as a great sense of satisfaction and camaraderie guaranteed.

Enquiries contact Patrick Coyne 0418585834 or Maureen 0431483963.

Upwey Friendship Group News

We have recently transferred \$250 to Good Sams Fdn for Sr Rita's Scholarships in East Timor. Thanks for all monetary donations and proceeds of recycling. 10c per item now!!!! If you don't wish to claim your own refunds WE ARE ALWAYS WILLING to accept the job at any time. \$\$ signs in my eyes now, I assure you, after years of 'per kg' for squashed cans! Sr Rita thanks us for our loyal support. She is still in recovery after a fall, backwards from a stool causing a spinal sacrum fracture. She has had subsequent falls too. The Nuns have moved into new-built accommodation, Benedicta House, at Northcote, next door to their previous home, Marian House. Happy to pass on your regards to her.

Maureen Miller

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 contact Maureen Coyne on 0431483963.

Peter's Pence: Supporting Pope Francis in his mission.

Catholic faithful around the world contributed to Peter's Pence, through the annual collection taken up on the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, as well as through donations and bequests throughout the year.

Promoting Pope's Apostolic Mission

The contributions from the faithful to Peter's Pence also support the Apostolic Mission of the Holy Father, which includes activities such as proclaiming the Gospel, promoting human development, training priests, diplomatic efforts for peace, and fostering fraternity among peoples.

There will be a third collection for Peter's pence on the weekend .



Sts. Peter and Paul - 29th June

On June 29 the Church celebrates the feast day of Sts. Peter & Paul. As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there. Peter, who was named Simon, was a fisherman of Galilee and was introduced to the Lord Jesus by his brother Andrew, also a fisherman. Jesus gave him the name Cephas (Petrus in Latin), which means 'Rock,' because he was to become the rock upon which Christ would build His Church. Peter was a bold follower of the Lord. He was the first to recognize that Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and eagerly pledged his fidelity until death.

In his boldness, he also made many mistakes, however, such as losing faith when walking on water with Christ and betraying the Lord on the night of His passion. Yet despite his human weaknesses, Peter was chosen to shepherd God's flock. The Acts of the Apostles illustrates his role as head of the Church after the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. Peter led the Apostles as the first Pope and ensured that the disciples kept the true faith. St. Peter spent his last years in Rome, leading the Church through persecution and eventually being martyred in the year 64. He was crucified upside-down at his own request, because he claimed he was not worthy to die as his Lord.

He was buried on Vatican hill, and St. Peter's Basilica is built over his tomb. St. Paul was the Apostle of the Gentiles. His letters are included in the writings of the New Testament, and through them we learn much about his life and the faith of the early Church. Before receiving the name Paul, he was Saul, a Jewish pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians in Jerusalem. Scripture records that Saul was present at the martyrdom of St. Stephen. Saul's conversion took place as he was on his way to Damascus to persecute the Christian community there. As he was traveling along the road, he was suddenly surrounded by a great light from heaven. He was blinded and fell off his horse.

He then heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He answered: "Who are you, Lord?" Christ said: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting." Saul continued to Damascus, where he was baptized and his sight was restored. He took the name Paul and spent the remainder of his life preaching the Gospel tirelessly to the Gentiles of the Mediterranean world. Paul was imprisoned and taken to Rome, where he was beheaded in the year 67. He is buried in Rome in the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts. Peter and Paul: "Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith."

