

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ezekiel 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 122

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Mark 6:1-6

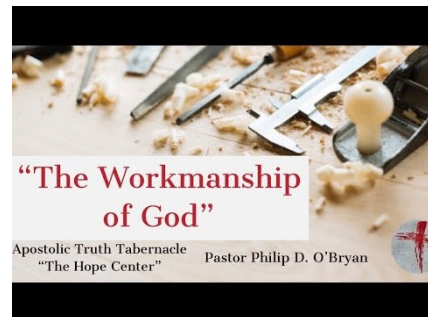
A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Matthew 11:28

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.



Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Amos 7:12-15
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-10
Gospel	Mark 6:7-13



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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	

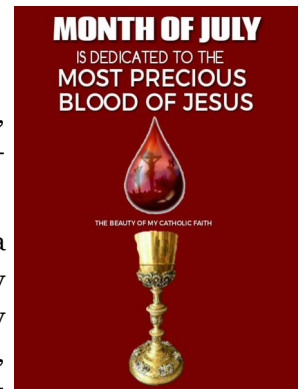
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 6th / 7th July, 2024

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

The lack of acceptance that Jesus encountered in 'his home town,' Pope Francis suggests, was the product of habit and prejudice. As the Pope points out, 'it is difficult to open ourselves to what is new and allow ourselves to be amazed.'

Jesus has something of an image problem, in the sense that his fellow countryfolk had a certain image of him they could not shake off. They saw a tradesman, whose family they knew, yet Jesus confounded their preconceptions. Today's Gospel remains especially relevant for those who cling to certain images of Jesus. There is a risk, the Pope says, that we 'think we know Jesus, that we already know so much about Him and that it is enough to repeat the same things as always.' We can easily slip into comforting habits of religion and a prejudicial type of belief. The Pope encourages us to embrace 'openness to what is new' and 'openness to God's surprises.' He wants us to be amazed again!

As the Pope puts it, we should be amazed because 'God incarnated Himself: God is humble, God is tender, God is hidden, he draws near to us, living the normality of our daily life.' And what is more amazing than the idea of God being among us?



<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Jul07/0/RefNickB>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Christopher Swiderski and Giuseppe Failli.

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:

Piet Groen, Sigfried Maletski, Kathleen Canavan, Jenny Martin, Katie Rickard, Moll Keavaney, Norma Meade, Bill Broekhof, Marion Clinton.

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 — 7th July

Michael Couche and Elizabeth Drake

Church Cleaning

Marie Madden and David Atkinson



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

Make Hunger History

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



The Pope's Monthly Intentions 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.

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.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. Paul, Pray for us.

St. Claire, Pray for us.

St. Thomas more, Pray for us.



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.

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.

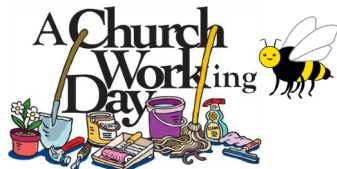
Maureen Miller

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.

For Enquiries contact Patrick Coyne on 0418585834 or Maureen on 0431483963.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Welcome to this special celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we gather as one community to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Australian Catholic Church.



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel - Feast day 16th July



Pray consecutive nine days novena. The novena starts on 7th July. The prayer sheets are available in the Belgrave church foyer.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Pray for us.

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation (12-14 September 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation.

We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit:



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](#)

