

**Entrance Antiphon Cf. Sir 36:18**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

**Ex 32:7-11. 13-14**

***The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.***

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18**

***(R.) I will rise and go to my father.***

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to**

**Timothy**

**1 Tm 1:12-17**

***Christ came to save sinners.***

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus

Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**Lk 15:1-10**

***There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.***

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon Cf. 1 Cor 10:16**

The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.





# 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](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 Reynolds Lane	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 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 10th /11th September, 2022

### Prayers for the Repose of the Soul of HM Queen Elizabeth II

#### *The Catholic Church, Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.*

Almighty God, You are the author and sustainer of all human life; grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen, whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life promised to all those born again in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, Amen.

Eternal rest, grant to her O Lord, And let Perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Amen.

May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, Through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen

### Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, source of all consolation, we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Uphold them in your love and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit. Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ comfort in their sadness, certainty in their doubt and courage to live through this hour. We ask this through Christ our Lord

Amen.

### Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject, Grant to your servant His Majesty the King wisdom in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering to you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever,

Amen.

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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:** Queen Elizabeth II. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Francisca Beekman ,Irene Bryan, John Kennedy, David Scamel, Carmel McDonnell, Ruth Pain, Margaret Kravacek, Peter Damen, Danni Petronelli, Thomas Williams, Fran Deering, Easter Deering, Christel Lang, Bartoli Pepi, Shaun Griffith, Mosing, Francis Lyons, Sharon Hulley.

**Prayer for the deceased:** Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Diane Kamoen, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin ■ Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Breerton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

### **"Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace:**

**14th, 21st and 28th September**

Over next three Wednesdays evenings we will hold a Candlelight Vigil including Mass, private prayer and the Rosary, offered for the end of the war in Ukraine and for peace in the world. This intention is also one of the requests of Mary the Mother of God, when she appeared in Fatima to three peasant children, several times in 1917.

***"Let's not forget this ongoing war and the need of our prayers for all those involved"***

Time will be strictly 7 pm – 8.15, but come for whatever time you can.

7 pm	Mass
7.30	Private prayer
7.45	Rosary
8.00	Benediction
8.15	Finish.



Everyone is invited to participate.

**Dear parishioners of St. Thomas More,**

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase hand-made religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The exposition will take place on the **18<sup>th</sup> September after 9.am Mass.**

*Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.*

In the recent years a shelter and house of Labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find the God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

*With Love in Christ,*

*Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent*

### **Appeal for the Unforeseen Expense**

We were recently made aware that our Electrical boards in the Churches (Emerald and Belgrave) and Presbytery were no longer safe and compliant, and if we did not update these urgently, our fire insurance on both the Presbytery and Church buildings would not be covered. These were upgraded this last week to ensure we retain our full insurance coverage.

To help pay for this unforeseen extra cost, any help from any extra coins – or other - each week that you could spare, would be most helpful in helping pay of this cost. There is a collection box near the exit of the Belgrave church for this. Or if you could provide parish office with a larger donation in relation to this work, your help in all of this would be most appreciated.

**Thank you very much who had donated last week.**

**Fr. Anthony Cruz MC**

### **Next week's readings**

First Reading: Am 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. see vv.1, 7

Second Reading: 1 Tm 2:1-8

Gospel: Lk 16:10-13

### **Important Dates**

14 September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15 September Our Lady of Sorrows



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This week there is to be a meeting in the Belgrave Parish meeting hall at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th, to kick start the Mountain Doo before the school holidays start.

No excuses please.. We need every part of the parish to be there, Tecoma, Upway, Ferny Creek, Kallista, Olinda, Menzies Creek, Selby, South Belgrave, Gembroo, Monbulk, Emerald, Kolorama, Mount Dandenong, Cockatoo, The Patch. We are all in this together.

Its me again.

**Josie Walsh old mother Walsh**



## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

### **A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE**

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

*September 9, 2022*

### ***"Flowers for St Thomas More's Church***

A very big thankyou to Josie Anne Rayeroux and Elsha Scott for faithfully preparing the flowers for our church in Belgrave. Josiane has had spinal surgery and Elsha has moved into a retirement village so there is an opening for perhaps 2 persons to come and fill the gap to provide this important service to the church. The preparation can be done in your own time but usually later in the week, so flowers are fresh for Sunday Mass. No previous experience required just your willingness to add some beauty around the Altars in the church and the Chapel. Please call the office and leave a message if you would like to help."

Thank You.

