

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Sir 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

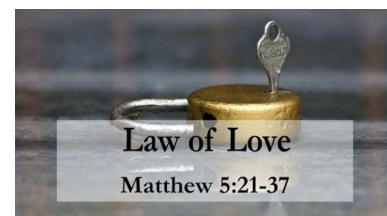
'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

**Next week's readings**

First Reading: Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 3:16-23

Gospel: Mt 5:38-48



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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	

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 11th/12th February, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary. True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

[Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://liturgyhelp.com)

Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all your temporal and spiritual affairs.

Saint Francis de Sales

"Angle of God, my guardian dear. To whom his love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side. To light, to guard, to rule and guide" Amen.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: 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: Ellen Regina Conway and Richard (Dick)Corrin ,Stan Hilder, John Scott, John Vanderzwet, Brigitta Rovtar, Dora Klep, Katryna Hanigan, Barry Steen, Raeleen Hermann.

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: Aliyah Lawless, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, 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, 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, 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 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.**



Please join Catholic Theological College to celebrate 50 years of theological education at the

Sung Celebration of Evening Prayer

Guest Speaker Dr Graeme Blackman AO
Chancellor of University of Divinity

Date: Sunday 5th March 2023 at 3.30pm
Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

Holy Week Timeline



22nd February	Ash Wednesday
2nd April	Palm Sunday
6th April	Holy Thursday
7th April	Good Friday /Passion of the Lord
9th April	Easter Sunday/ Resurrection
16th April	Divine Mercy Sunday

- **We encourage parishioners to bring palm leaves from last year, to church on Sunday (12th and 19th February)**

Anointing for the sick

St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave

First Friday at 9am mass

St. Joseph's Church, Emerald

First Saturday at 6pm mass

St .Paul's Church, Monbulk

First Sunday at 11am mass

Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook

Fourth Sunday at 9am mass



Lenten Reflection Invitation

Join us for an afternoon of scripture, prayer, song and fellowship as we explore the significance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in today's world.

Presenter: Maria Forde. Maria is passionate about using music, scripture, ritual, story, prayer and conversation to engage parish communities in dialogue, particularly during the Holy Season of Lent.

Date: March 4th, Saturday.

Time: 2p.m.

Venue: St Joseph's and St Bernadette's Parish Church, Boronia Rd. Boronia.

Afternoon Tea will be served.



Pastoral Care Appeal 2023

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community.

Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



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UWPEY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We recommence monthly meetings on Monday 27th February 2023 at 10.00am. Meetings alternate between Irene at UFTG and Maureen in Upwey South.

Please contact Maureen at 9.00am Sunday Mass, Belgrave or via Belgrave Parish Office if Interested in coming along. We thank our group members, other Parishioners and their relatives also, for ongoing donations towards Sr Rita's Timor Leste Scholarship Fund.

\$250 was transferred in December 2022, proceeds of recycled aluminium cans, 5 cent coin collection (and bigger coins) plus other monetary donations.

Contact : belgrave@cam.org.au

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