

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel Ez 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
from the highest branch I will take a shoot
and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. see v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 2 Cor 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia !

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Next week’s readings:

First Reading: Jb 38:1. 8-11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 106:23-26. 28-31. R. v.1

Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17

Gospel : Mk 4:35-41





Parish of 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 Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am (On Zoom)	9.00am	11.00am (9.00am on Zoom)
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

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Dear Parishioners

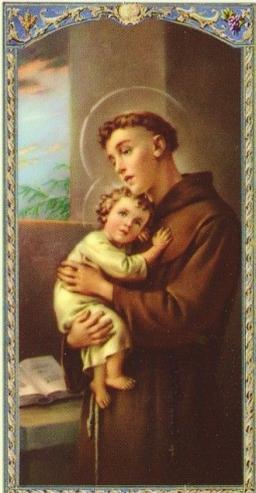
Greetings to you all in the name of Jesus our Lord. As we are slowly getting out of lockdown with few restrictions eased let us be thankful to the Lord for blessings us with the possibility of having masses in our churches. Though we are permitted to open the church for masses, we will not be able to have masses at **St. Paul's Monbulk and Sacred Heart, Gembrook** this weekend, due to lack of electricity caused by the recent devastative and damaging wind that swept through Dandenong Ranges. It was really a sleepless and scary night for many of us. Still some of our parishioners are struggling without electricity in their homes. Let us keep them all in our valuable prayers. I too assure you of my humble prayers for your well being and safe stay at home. May God bless us all.

With Love and Prayers

Fr. Anthony Cruz

Mass Times for this weekend 12th / 13th June

St. Joseph's Church , Emerald 6.00pm
 St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave 9.00am



Prayer to St. Anthony
 O St. Anthony! Saint of Miracles! Saint of Help! I, also have need of thy assistance; I have need of this special favor (mention your favor).
 I carry thy image bearing thy illustrious name on it and I call on thee to do justice for me at all times.
 Therefore, console me in my present necessity and grant me the help that, with full confidence, I hope for. Amen.
 Say your request.
 Make the sign of the cross.

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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.

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

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: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, 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, Helen Hermann, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Peter Champion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

- All venue attendees must register via the QR Code system; the register sheets are still available at the church.
- Face coverings must be worn indoors unless an exception applies, and outdoors where 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained; The wearing of face coverings remains mandatory outdoors in Metropolitan Melbourne.
- Hygiene precautions must be maintained at all times;
- Per person 4 square meter social distance needs to be maintain at all times.

We can have the following numbers of the participants in each mass centre.

Belgrave - 50 people

Emerald - 30 people

Please pray before the Recessional Hymn

St Joseph Prayer



Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans
to embrace your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring
for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,
and the Revealer of your wonderful love.
Enable us to live by your loving plan
and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams
and trusting steward, pray for us.

Lord Jesus,

You grew in wisdom and maturity
as you lived in the family
of Nazareth in daily communion
with St Joseph and Mary your mother.

From St Joseph you learned
the dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom
to support their children and to guide them
in the way and work of your Kingdom.

St Joseph, faithful parent
and diligent worker, pray for us.

Creator Spirit,

We see in St Joseph a tenderness
and reverence for all your creation.
We learn from him to approach others justly
and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed
with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another
and to be of humble service to all of creation,
empowered by your life within us.

St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant,
pray for us.

2021 Winners Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle



Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Originating Parish, Location
1	Suzuki Beleno (White)	067629	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
2	\$5,000 Gift Cards	076169	St Simon's, Rowville
3	\$2,000 Gift Cards	032504	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
4	\$1,000 Gift Cards	049130	St Michael's, Ashburton
5	\$1,000 Gift Cards	051855	St Thomas, Clyde Nth
6	\$1,000 Gift Cards	032099	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
7	\$500 Gift Cards	047457	Resurrection, Keysborough
8	\$500 Gift Cards	034273	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
9	\$500 Gift Cards	030396	St John Evangelist, Epping
10	\$500 Gift Cards	053783	Sts Peter & Paul, Doncaster East
11	\$500 Gift Cards	063650	St Paul, Endeavour Hills
12	\$500 Gift Cards	044181	Resurrection, Keysborough
13	\$500 Gift Cards	044752	Resurrection, Keysborough
14	\$500 Gift Cards	050482	St Michael's, Ashburton
15	\$500 Gift Cards	048859	Resurrection, Keysborough
16	\$500 Gift Cards	067768	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
17	\$500 Gift Cards	076793	St Simon's, Rowville
18	\$500 Gift Cards	067736	Holy Trinity, Wantirna South
19	\$500 Gift Cards	041340	Nazareth, Beaumaris
20	\$500 Gift Cards	040880	Nazareth, Beaumaris

Many thanks to all the Parish for supporting Combine Church raffle. We raised \$2385. Special Thanks for *Suzanne Rangan , Anna , Tony Green, Mary Leahy, Tony Whyte*



Homily for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 13th June 2021

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday's Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition;

The Sacrament of Confirmation has been postponed to 14th August 2021.

St. Thomas More Church Belgrave at 12pm

St. Paul's Church Monbulk at 2pm



just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/Sunday-connection/11thsundayinordinarytimebsundayconnection/>

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass on Zoom

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FR. CRUZ WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS VIA ZOOM every day.

Fr. Anthony Cruz

Solemnity of Sacred Heart of Jesus

11th of June

