

Entrance Antiphon Jer 29:11,12,14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

A reading from the prophet Malachi

Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Mk 11:23-24

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Next week's readings

First Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121:1-5. R. see v.2

Second Reading: Col 1:12-20

Gospel: Lk 23:35-43



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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	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 12th / 13th November, 2022

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this end-time with patient endurance of difficulties.



Source : [Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (liturgyhelp.com))

Pope Francis intention for November.....

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November is for children who suffer, including war victims and orphans. "There are still millions of boys and girls who suffer and live in conditions very similar to slavery," the pontiff said in a video appeal issued Monday. "They aren't numbers," he said, "they are human beings with names, with a face of their own, with an identity that God has given them."

"Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war,"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-10/pope-november-prayer-intention-children-who-suffer.html>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Sebastiano (Sam) Granieri.

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:

Jim Goodie , James Perry, Paul Gatley, Therese Hope, Robert, Coroal Ring, Frances Lee, John Ruigrok, Marianne Janssen, Trudy Francis.

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, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, 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 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.**

Society of St Vincent de Paul—Flood Appeal

Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Important Dates

13th November	Centenary Celebration of Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook
20th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe
27th November	First Sunday of Advent

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Catholic Deaf

There will be a special collection for Catholic Deaf on 12th/13th November. Thank you for your generosity.

Your donation will:

- Provide support to Deaf families through counselling and social gatherings.
- Assist in maintaining a community centre for all deaf people and their families.
- Assist in offering liturgies, visitation of the sick and sacramental preparation in Auslan.
- Support deaf people whose needs do not conform to Government funding guidelines or disability criteria.

Craft stall/table

With the support of the Belgrave Small Christianity Community, and following on from discussions about the feasibility of resurrecting the Mountain Doo recently, there will be a fundraising stall to raise some funds towards the installation of emergency lights and exit signs at the St. Thomas More Church.

There will be a quite variety of crafty items all with a Christmas theme. (Things such as Christmas decorations (decorated Christmas baubles and ornaments; Christmas gifts such as machine embroidered coasters/glass bottles and glass bricks decorated and filled with lights. Decorated battery operated candles and more)

Date: 20th November

Time: after 9am mass

Venue: In church entrance (or just outside of the church if the weather is good.)

Hope to see you there and please give generously.

Our SCC group will also be supplying tea and coffee on that day.

Marianne Kuyper



Novena for all souls

In November we remember and pray for all the faithful departed and the holy souls in Purgatory. You may also begin our traditional 'All Souls' Novena, say any consecutive nine days. The flyers are available at St. Thomas More Church foyer.

Honor your loved ones by entering their names on the Church Memorial book.

"Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace:

(Every Wednesday)

Father Cruz will recommence the 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.

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.



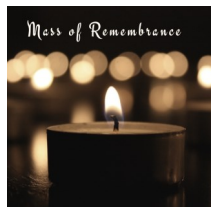
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

Mass for all the deceased family members and friends of St Thomas More's Parishioners. Sunday 20th November at 9 am Mass.

Parishioners are invited to light a remembrance candle and place it near the altar in remembrance of their loved ones. Candles will be provided.

Please let others know about this opportunity to pray for those we have lost.



Dear Parishioners,

We would be honoured if you could join us to celebrate the Sacred Heart Gembrook Church turning 100 years old on Sunday, **November the 13th!**



We want to give back to the community, past and new families, by celebrating history together, so we invite you to a

*Mass celebration: at 9am by Archbishop of Melbourne - **Most Rev. Peter Comensoli**

From 10am - 1pm:

- * Free morning tea
- * Free entertainment
- * Free Jumping castle
- * Free Sausage sizzle
- * A photo collage

And to view the history of our Church building and parish community.

A Marquee will help this exciting event continue no matter the weather and we would love people to be involved. If you have a story to tell, a historic photo to show, or just want to be involved please contact Sam on gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com

*** If you need disabled parking close to the church please contact us to book a spot.**

***RSVP on gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com**

As this famous song says:

*Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?*

Hope to see you in Gembrook!

Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook Volunteers