

Entrance Antiphon Psalm 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, Pince her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Mark 10:17-27

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon 1 John 3:2

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 53:10-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:14-16
Gospel	Mark 10:35-45



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

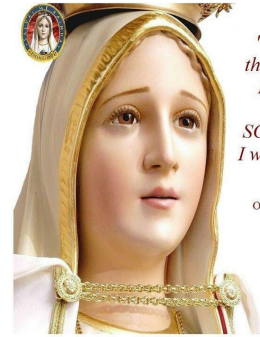
Our Parish Vision Statement:
We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

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	

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 12th/13th October, 2024

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded. We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword. One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.



*"One day through the ROSARY and SCAPULAR I will save the world."
 OUR LADY to St. Dominic*

<https://liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Oct13/0/RefDiBer>

October - For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Robin Collis.

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:

Jordan McCarthy, Lillian Onley, Sebastiano Sam Pepi, Marie Rundle, Katrina Campion, Lucia Pepi, Patricia Grace Corcoran, Marilyn Duivenvoorden, Aletta Burger, James Kelleher, Rita Bell, Barrie Jackson, Aileen & Jack Malcomson, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Lucy Granieri, Ruby Johnson, Barrie Jackson, Mona Csipek, Raymond Cutting.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Faye & Colin Brown, Patricia Grant, Kate Joy star, John Kuyper, Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper, John Barber, Dimuthu, 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, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, 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.**

Belgrave church reading roster 13th October

Michael Couche and Mia Jansen

Next week — 20th October

Patrick and Maureen Coyne



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

Prayers of the Faithful Roster

Calling for new members to join the roster. Natural attrition, (moving out of parish or into nursing homes) has left the roster very short. This is a chance for new voices to enhance these prayers. Please contact the parish office, or Denise on 9751-2896.

Prayer for the Parish

(To be prayed at the end of the mass before the recessional Hymn)

Loving God,

We ask you to pour out your spirit upon our parish

And grant us a new vision of your kingdom,

a new faithfulness to your Word,

a new consecration to your service,

that we may become a growing community of disciples,

that seeks to bring your word to the world,

through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. Paul, Pray for us.

St. Claire, Pray for us.

St. Thomas more, Pray for us.



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](#)



Australian Catholic University Centre for Liturgy presents

A FAITHFUL PROMISE

**Catholic Marriage Covenant and Calling
Prof Clare Johnson**

EVENT DETAILS

When: 15, 22, 29 October 2024 and 12 November 2024

Time: 7:00 pm (AEST)

Where: Via Zoom

Cost: \$25.00 for each session

Registration:

To register, please visit the link below.

[Registration - ACU](#)



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St Thomas Mores Parish Church Account

BSB: 083 347, Account: 67214 6192

Presbytery Account

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Life, Marriage and Family Sunday

13th October

Holy Family, pray for us.



Parish Working Bee at St. Clare's

Mt. Dandenong

Saturday 26/10 9am -3pm

We have been granted permission by the Archbishop of Melbourne to move forward with a commercial lease of St. Clare's Mt. Dandenong. To prepare for this a working bee has been arranged. Tasks include sweeping and raking outdoors, cleaning, cutting blackberry bushes, burning off, wiper snipping, mowing, window and gutter clearing, pruning. Morning Tea/Lunch will be provided. If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Tony on 0411804443 (phone/text) re your name, availability, hours and tools you are providing looking forward to seeing as many as possible on the day.



October, Month of the Holy Rosary

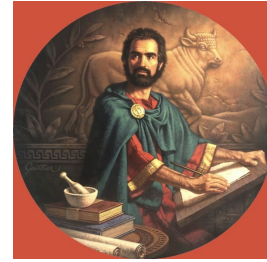
October is the special month of the Holy Rosary.

There will be an intention book placed in the church. Come and join us if you can or write your intentions in the book so we can support each other on a daily basis.

Church	Start Date	Start time
Belgrave	Monday 14/ 10	After week-day Mass Monday to Saturday

St. Luke the Evangelist

Feast day: Oct 18



On October 18, Catholics and other Christians around the world will celebrate the feast of St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ. St. Luke wrote a greater volume of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church. Ancient traditions also acknowledge Luke as the founder of Christian iconography, making him a patron of artists as well as doctors and other medical caregivers.

Luke came from the large metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey. In Luke's lifetime, his native city emerged as an important center of early Christianity. During the future saint's early years, the city's port had already become a cultural center, renowned for arts and sciences. Historians do not know whether Luke came to Christianity from Judaism or paganism, although there are strong suggestions that Luke was a gentile convert.

Educated as a physician in the Greek-speaking city, Luke was among the most cultured and cosmopolitan members of the early Church. Scholars of archeology and ancient literature have ranked him among the top historians of his time period, besides noting the outstanding Greek prose style and technical accuracy of his accounts of Christ's life and the apostles' missionary journeys.

Other students of biblical history adduce from Luke's writings that he was the only evangelist to incorporate the personal testimony of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose role in Christ's life emerges most clearly in his gospel. Tradition credits him with painting several icons of Christ's mother, and one of the sacred portraits ascribed to him – known by the title "Salvation of the Roman People"-- survives to this day in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Some traditions hold that Luke became a direct disciple of Jesus before his ascension, while others hold that he became a believer only afterward. After St. Paul's conversion, Luke accompanied him as his personal physician-- and, in effect, as a kind of biographer, since the journeys of Paul on which Luke accompanied him occupy a large portion of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke probably wrote this text, the final narrative portion of the New Testament, in the city of Rome where the account ends.

Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St. Paul in the year 67, St. Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and possibly died as a martyr. However, even tradition is unclear on this point. Fittingly, the evangelist whose travels and erudition could have filled volumes, wrote just enough to proclaim the gospel and apostolic preaching to the world.

Patronage: artists, bachelors, bookbinders, brewers, butchers, doctors, glass makers, glassworkers, gold workers, goldsmiths, lacemakers, lace workers, notaries, painters, physicians, sculptors, stained glass workers, surgeons.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-luke-the-evangelist-23>

A memorial mass

Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

On behalf of the Salesian and St Joseph's College Communities, we invite you and your family to the Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Past Pupils, Staff and Loved Ones.

The Mass will be celebrated on
Wednesday 6 November, 7:00pm
in the St Joseph's College Chapel

A light supper will follow at the end of the service.

RSVP: bdean@stjosephs.com.au or 9758 2000