

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:5-8. 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can ever receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.



Next week's readings

- First Reading:** Acts 1:1-11
- Responsorial Psalm:** Ps.46:2-3,6-9
- Second Reading:** Eph 1:17-23
- Gospel:** Mt 28:16-20



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	

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - 13th/14th May, 2023



The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023 — Month of May

For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2023>

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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: Many people across the world who have died due to natural calamities (Turkey and Syria) and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Gerard Kruyer, Ross Smith, John Connor, Norman Jones, Mary Rose Cannon, Alex Steel Koen Goederee, Gregory Papa, Stephen Surman, Willem Rath.

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: Kaz Holt, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, 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.**

Our Parish has a long tradition of social activities which raise much needed funds for our Parish. With increasing costs and income from Mass attendance dwindling, our Parish financial situation is dire. After three years of interruption by COVID the Parish Finance Committee would like to reestablish a fundraising/social group who would investigate and implement social activities to source funds. If you are interested in either joining or chairing such a group please contact Philip Morison on 0400202797 or pmorison@mlmc.vic.edu.au

If such a group is still operating please advise Philip of such.

Similarly if you are able to increase your Thanksgiving contribution please contact Fr Cruz at the Parish Office.

We appreciate the many active participants in our Parish and do not want to diminish good work that is currently being undertaken.

Philip Morison

Principal -Mount Lilydale Mercy College

Religious Artifacts

Silverius Culas from St. Anthony's catholic supplies will be visiting St. Thomas More church this weekend to sell the religious artifacts such as Rosaries, Medals, Statues, pictures of saints and much more at a reasonable price. Give your generous support.

Church Volunteers

A very big **thank you** to our church volunteers who render your valuable service to our parish church communities in various capacities.

Please enter your details in the volunteer list placed in the church foyer. If you have not submitted a copy of your working with children check, please hand over to your mass manager or parish office.

Thank You.

CHURCH CLEANING:

The Parish is looking for some volunteers to vacuum the church, sacristy and entrance to the Church on a regular basis.

Ideally, if the cleaning is shared between a number of groups of volunteers, then it is not too demanding on anyone. E.G. 3 teams of 2 or 3. As the church only needs vacuuming every two weeks then each team will be rostered on every 6 weeks. If we create a roster then people can swap with someone if they are unavailable.

Job is open to all ages and everyone. E.G. A whole family is welcome to volunteer. If you think you would like to contribute to this task please call Marie Madden on 0478 434587 or Maureen Coyne on 0431 483963



THURSDAY MORNING TEAS:

All parishioners are invited to join Father Cruz for morning tea on any Thursday after the 9 am Mass. Come and meet some new people.

Maureen Coyne



Awaken
PENTECOST 2023
AWAKE, AWAKE, PUT ON YOUR STRENGTH!
(ISAIAH 52:1)
A REGIONAL GATHERING OF OUR CHURCH
DRAWING CLOSE TO THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD
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27TH MAY, 1PM - 4:30PM
AVILA COLLEGE, 35 CHARLES ST, MOUNT WAVERLEY

Schedule:
12:30pm: Doors open
1pm: Rally
2pm: Workshops & afternoon tea
3:15pm: Closing Rally

Four streams available:
Adults
Youth (Year 7-12)
Children (Year 3-6)
Children (Prep-year 2)

WITH SPECIAL GUEST ROB FALZON (MEN ALIVE, BRISBANE)
Contact: info@awakenmelbourne.com.au
Free entry, but registration is essential: www.trybooking.com/CIBCN

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Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community

Parish Social Justice Group

Our Parish Social Justice Group was formed in 2002, under the leadership of Sister Maureen Keating, SGS. In the 20 years that followed we worked hard to represent the parish in numerous outreach and support programs, in accordance with our Mission Statement.

From 2008 until 2020, with the help of teams from within and outside the parish, we ran Tucker in the Tin Shed, which served a hot, two course meal to people experiencing hardship in the Hills area. We offered friendship and entertainment and we met many memorable personalities.

We held Sausage Sizzles, Book Fairs, Car Boot Sales and Cake Stalls to raise money for East Timor, Wellsprings for Women, Opening the Door Foundation and the Salesian Missions. We recently supported meals held in Emerald to raise money for Seekers of Asylum and Ukraine.

We supported a young Filipino Nursing student to complete her studies. She is now working in the Paediatric ICU department of a hospital in Saudi Arabia, and supporting her parents and siblings back home.

We collected and distributed clothing and blankets. We published newsletters, held film screenings and two "Hope Sunday" events to raise awareness of Social Justice issues and needs.

In all of these efforts we enjoyed the unquestioning support of all parishioners and we formed strong friendships amongst ourselves.

We have recently held our final meeting. We are all 20 years older than we were when we began, and health issues and life events have impacted us all.

We take this opportunity to thank parishioners for their loyal support and to express the hope that our example will be taken up by others, and that our parish will continue to reach out to those who need help, as Jesus taught us to do.

We have a wealth of experience in how to stage and manage events, which we can pass on, so no one needs to start a group like ours from scratch. We urge parishioners to consider starting a new group. The work, no matter how small, is needed and rewarding.

In gratitude and service, Marilyn Huber, Group Convenor.



Catholic Archdioceses of Melbourne job vacancies are available on <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

For positions vacant in Catholic education, please visit the [Catholic Education Melbourne website](#).

For positions vacant in our social services provider, CatholicCare Victoria, please visit the [CatholicCare Victoria website](#).

For positions vacant at Villa Maria Catholic Homes, please visit the website the [VMCH website](#).

Nigeria campaign

The Catholic Charity **Aid to the Church in Need** has launched their "Nigeria: Young, Faithful, Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal or scan the QR code.

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Dear parishioners,

You may have heard, I am fundraising to have the tower (Silo) beside the memorial wall painted. This is a parish project not a charity, no receipt. All I am asking for 200 people from the St. Thomas Mores and Mt. Dandenong ranges church communities to donate \$50 each before the end of May. I have already communicated to Belgrave, Emerald and Gembrook church communities. I will be communicating to Monbulk Church community on Sunday. Please forward your donations to below bank account or pay by cash directly to the respective mass managers or to the volunteers below.

Belgrave Josie Walsh and Loretta Gamley

Emerald Marilyn Huber

Gembrook Christine Borg

Monbulk Mim Van Hister

Bendigo Bank

St. Thomas More Parish Belgrave

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Thank you.

Josie Walsh

