





# 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](http://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	

## Homily for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

The readings for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C tell us that discipleship can cause division and that we will have people pulling us in different directions. In the first reading we see how Jeremiah was thrown in a cistern for speaking the truth, but finally a court official speaks up for him. In the second reading Paul reminds us of all of the opposition Jesus endured. In the gospel Jesus tells us that he has come up to disrupt our lives and shake us out of complacency.

Fire often represents God. We see the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire. In the Old Testament, we see God in a pillar of fire and in the burning bush. Even in our liturgical worship today, fire plays an important role. We have the Easter candle and baptismal candles, representing the light of Christ.

Fire has the power to transform. It can melt wax or purify metals. It can protect, for example by cooking bacteria out of food. But it can also destroy, especially when it is not treated with respect. And it can disrupt.

But fire can also be peaceful. Think of being mesmerized by a campfire blazing in front of you. It provides warmth and light. In this case, a blazing fire is comforting.

This is the call of the Christian. We must get caught up in beauty of the fire of our Lord. This will transform us, possibly in ways which we do not expect. It will disrupt our current ways of thinking and doing things. But some disruption can be good, and can help us see what needs to change in our lives.



<https://young-catholics.com/3627/20th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-year-c/>

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**Monbulk:**  
**Belgrave:**  
**Gembrook:** Rita McPherson , Louise Jans and Samantha Willis  
**Emerald:** John Conway & Dennis  
**Mt. Dandenong:** Matha Billington and Stephen Billington

**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 corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

## **Anniversaries:**

Joy Goodie, John Maganana, Henri Donker, Irene Bryne Mullan, Lorraine Furness, Dale Furnace, Michael Mulcahy, Howard Banks, Thomas Blunden, Jack Maher, Gerrit Donker, Alan Newman, Bartelo Pepi, Anne Baruday, Maureen Sale, Josephine Miller, Hannah Bedford- Lee.

**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, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingvyn Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, 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.

### **Mass for Protection of the Family**

**Monday 15 August, 2022 - 6:30pm to 8pm**

(Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

**St. Benedicts Catholic Church,**

301 Warrigal Road, Burwood, Vic

(Celebrant: Fr. Peter Ferwerda)

- Holy Rosary (6:30pm)
- Confessions
- Holy Mass
- Adoration
- Anointing of the Sick
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Families

**F.A.M.I.L.Y - Father And Mother, I Love You!**

Enquiries: John, Divine Mercy Australia

Tel: 9830 4386 (W)

## **CatholicCare Victoria Appeal 2022**

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma.

**Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or

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## **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**



<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

- **Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time**
- **World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator**
- **Account Executive, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Parish Animation Consultant**

### **Parish Positions**

- **Parish Business Manager - South Yarra Catholic Parish**
- **Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator - Hoppers Crossing Parish**
- **OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish**
- **Parish Bookkeeper - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine**
- **Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine**
- **Senior Pastoral Associate - St Mary's Parish Greensborough**

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Human Resources at [hrad-min@cam.org.au](mailto:hrad-min@cam.org.au)

### Appeal for the Unforeseen Expense

We were recently made aware that our Electrical boards in the Churches (Emerald and Belgrave) and Presbytery were no longer safe and compliant, and if we did not update these urgently, our fire insurance on both the Presbytery and Church buildings would not be covered. These were upgraded this last week to ensure we retain our full insurance coverage.

To help pay for this unforeseen extra cost, any help from any extra coins – or other - each week that you could spare, would be most helpful in helping pay of this cost. There is a collection box near the exit of the Belgrave church for this.

Or if you could provide parish office with a larger donation in relation to this work, your help in all of this would be most appreciated.

**Fr. Anthony Cruz MC**

### **Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist**

Please pray for the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Eucharist this weekend at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk

- Alex
- Annalise
- Heidi
- Lexi
- Sarah K
- Isabelle
- Sophie



### **National Vocations Awareness Week**

**7 - 14 August 2022**

#### **NVAW Week - 14 August**

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

**Catholic Vocations** Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia Telephone: (03) 9926 5733 Email: [vocations@cam.org.au](mailto:vocations@cam.org.au) [www.vocationmelbourne.org](http://www.vocationmelbourne.org)

*The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*



### **Parish Lunch at Yarra Ranges Estate**

**Sunday 21 August and Cost \$50 per person**

**RSVP to John Conway by 7 August**

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### **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 15th August**



The nine days novena starts on 7th August (August 7th - 15th) at St. Thomas Church Belgrave. The novena books are available at the church foyer. All are welcome.

- The feast day masses — 15th August at 9.00am and 7pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.
- Since we are in pandemic we have exemption from participating mass of obligation due to pandemic. But still those who like to participate you are free to do either at 9am or 7pm mass.

**Fr. Anthony Cruz**



**15 August**

### **The Assumption of Our Lady**

**Solemnity**



The Solemnity of the Assumption is, in some ways, the paramount feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, since it commemorates her passing, body and soul, into the glory of Heaven. Though the dogma of the Assumption was only defined in 1950, it was widely believed by the earliest Christians. Given her Immaculate Conception, the grave was no place for her body.

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