

## Thirty– Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**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 book of Proverbs**

**Prv 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31**

**Give her a share in what she has worked for**

A perfect wife – who can find her?

She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff,

her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,

And let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life. **(R.)**

**(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thesalonians**  
**1 Thes 5:1-6**

**The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.**

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:4. 5**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**Mt 25:14-15. 19-21**

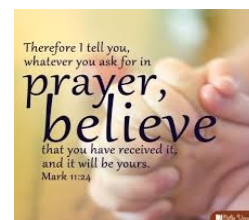
**Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

**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.





# 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](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 Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am (On Zoom Only)	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

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#### POPE FRANCIS' REFLECTION ON THE 33RD SUNDAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, the Gospel presents to us the Parable of the Talents (cf. Mt 25:14-30). Before setting off on a journey, a man gives his servants talents, which at that time were coins of considerable value: he gives five talents to one servant, two to another, one to another, to each according to his ability. The servant who had received five talents was resourceful and he traded with them, earning another five. The servant who had received two behaved likewise, and acquired another two. However, the servant who had received one dug a hole in the ground and therein hid his master's coin.

Upon the master's return, this same servant explained to him the reason for this action, saying: "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground" (vv. 24-25). This servant did not have a trusting relationship with his master, but was afraid of him, and this hindered him. Fear always immobilizes and often leads to making bad choices. Fear discourages us from taking the initiative; it induces us to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus end up not accomplishing anything good. To move forward and grow on the journey of life, we must not have fear; we must have faith.

This parable helps us understand how important it is to have a true concept of God. We must not think that he is a cruel, hard and severe master who wishes to punish us. If this mistaken image of God is within us our life cannot be fruitful, because we will live in fear and this will not lead us to anything constructive. On the contrary, fear paralyzes us; it causes our self-destruction. We are called to reflect in order to discover what our idea of God really is. Already in the Old Testament he revealed himself as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6). And Jesus always showed us that God is not a severe or intolerant master, but a father full of love, of tenderness, a father full of goodness. Therefore, we can and must have immense faith in him.

Jesus shows us God's generosity and care in so many ways: with his words, with his gestures, with his welcome toward everyone, especially toward sinners, the little ones and the poor, as today — the first World Day of the Poor — also reminds us. But he also does so with his admonitions, which show his interest so that we do not pointlessly waste our life. Indeed, it is a sign that God has great esteem for us: this awareness helps us to be responsible people in all our actions. Therefore, the Parable of the Talents reminds us of a personal responsibility and of a faithfulness that even becomes the ability to continually set out anew, walking new paths, without "burying the talent", that is, the gifts which God has entrusted to us, and for which he will call us to account.

May the Blessed Virgin intercede for us, so that we may remain faithful to the will of God, cultivating the talents that God has given us. Thus we will be helpful to others and, on the last day, we will be welcomed by the Lord, who will invite us to take part in his joy.

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** James Perry (65). Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

**Anniversaries:** 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: Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster,Irene,Linda and Robert Ploeg,Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo Walsh, Father Noel, MacKay. Stephen, Loise Lenaghan, B O'Connor,Linda Bullinant.Maureen& Peter Lyons,Laurie Fitton,Ingyin Collins,Alida Cabret,David Bourke,Eileen Banyard, Brendan,Mrtin Fergus.

### **Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass Join Zoom Meeting**

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**Passcode: 7mJTww**

### **Mass days and times**

- 1.) St Joseph's Church Emerald, Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass) (20 Participants )
  - 2.) St Thomas More Church, Belgrave, Sunday 9am ( 20 Participants and mass on Zoom )
  - 3.) Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook, Sunday 9am ( 15 Participants Only)
  - 4.) St Paul's Church, Monbulk, Sunday 11am (20 Participants and mass on Zoom )
- On Weekday St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave 9am & mass on Zoom.

To do the bookings for next weekend masses kindly contact the following persons:

St Thomas More, Belgrave – Mirani / Fr. Cruz on 97542141 & 87518112

Or email your First Name, Last Name and Contact number to [belgrave@cam.org.au](mailto:belgrave@cam.org.au)

St Joseph's, Emerald - John Conway on 59684083

### **Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**

#### **The Church scattered and gathered**

Visit the below link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xE3N3Ux-wbI>

*Need a house painter? Mike is a member of our local community and an Iranian refugee who is in great need of work at present. He has permission to paint outsides of buildings and internally if buildings are empty. His work is meticulous and he is friendly and generous.*



Dear parishioners,

Kindly keep in your prayers the students of St Thomas More School, Belgrave and St Paul's School, Monbulk as they are preparing themselves to receive Sacraments in the coming weeks, so that all of them would experience the Mercy of God the Father, redemptive and loving touch of God the Son and the strengthening and sanctifying grace of God the Holy Spirit in their lives.

### **Dates for St Thomas More School, Belgrave:**

First Reconciliations - Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 ( 3.30pm -5.30 pm).

Confirmations - Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (5 pm).

First Holy Communion - Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 (5pm).

### **Date for St Paul's School Monbulk:**

Confirmations - Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2020 (7pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave).

N.B: First Reconciliations and First Holy Communion for the students of St Paul' School are scheduled for next (2021) academic year

### **Children's Week Activity: "Just as I have loved you"**

As people of faith strive to live by Jesus' message to his disciples: 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34) Jesus' commandment reminds us that we are each loved by God, who created us in his own image and likeness. We are then invited to show that same love to our neighbours - within our families, our local parish, school communities and the wider community.

#### How to participate

To celebrate Children's Week this year, we are inviting all children and young people (from the ages of 4 years to 17) to participate in an activity. We want you to share with us what the words "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34) mean to you through a drawing or artwork (mixed media). For more information visit the below link.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/celebrating-childrens-week-2020>

[Download the activity flyer & submission form](#)

[Download activity colouring sheet \(for the little ones!\)](#)

Along with your artwork, please include an answer (150 words or less) to the following question: *In what ways do you feel part of the parish community and how do you try to make others feel welcome?*

#### **New PSU Resources:**

**Rights and Responsibilities poster:** A poster for parishes to use to communicate to children and young people a snapshot of some of their rights highlighted in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Entries should include the completed submission form and can be sent to [psu@cam.org.au](mailto:psu@cam.org.au) on or before 5pm on 18 November 2020. (Parents are welcome to answer the question on behalf of their child/ren if they are too young to do so.)

It is important to note that this is not a competition, but a reflection and an opportunity for adults to hear the voice of our young ones. Those who participate will be invited to an online gathering with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli following the activity.

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**Priest:** Father, you love us and promise us salvation. With confidence and humility we offer these prayers. – We pray

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

May your Holy church use its material and spiritual wealth in your service. May it bring honour to you. – We pray

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the world-wide pandemic and economic recession motivate world leaders to come together and share their country's individual strengths with those less fortunate. – We pray

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

May families experiencing domestic abuse, find the courage and humility to seek professional help. May respect for each member of the family be restored. – We pray

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

May all people of faith work to eradicate the subjugation of certain religious groups, races, minority groups and women. May these groups come to find joy in your presence. – We pray

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

May all your children recognise and use their innate gifts in your service. May those who have low self esteem or lack confidence, find strength through the trials of Jesus.

For our personal needs:-PAUSE – We pray

**Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest:** Father, you never ask more of us than what we are capable of. May we serve you well in this life and be prepared for the day of the Lord's return. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### Important Dates

15th November	St. Albert the Great
16th November	St. Gertrude the Great
18th November	Dedication of the basilicas of saints Peter and Paul apostles

We have a special collection this week for "Melbourne Overseas Mission". Let us be generous in our donations so that our good Lord too will be generous to us. You can either send it to St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave or by **direct debit payment**.

#### Mass for the Holy Souls

Month of November is the month of all souls. You may wish to offer a mass for the deceased family members or deceased friends. If so, please use the below envelope or your own with the names of the deceased to make offerings addressed to St. Thomas More Parish Office, Belgrave or by **direct debit payment**.



### The dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul

November 18 is the memorial of the dedication of two of the oldest and most important basilicas of the Church, the first St. Peter's Basilica and the first St. Paul's Basilica. Both churches were in Rome, one inside the ancient city walls on the Vatican Hill where local Christians believed that the grave of St. Peter was located, the other outside the ancient city walls on the Via Ostia where the relics of St. Paul were buried.

The Emperor Constantine (d. 337) ordered that churches be built at both sites. Construction on St. Peter's began while he was alive and was completed by his sons. A smaller church was built on the Via Ostia at the direction of Constantine, and in 386 the construction of a huge basilica began under Emperor Valentinian II and continued under Emperors Theodosius and Honorius. St. Peter's was dedicated in 350 AD and St. Paul's was dedicated in 390 AD by Pope St. Siricius.

Both basilicas, as impressive as they were, were later replaced by the magnificent basilicas of today. Construction on St. Peter's Vatican Basilica began in 1506, continued through the Sixteenth Century under the direction of Michelangelo (d. 1564), the main architect, as well as a number of other architects, and was consecrated on November 18, 1626, by Pope Urban VII. The first Basilica of St. Paul was destroyed by fire in 1823, was completely rebuilt, and the new Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls was consecrated on December 10, 1854, by Pope Pius IX. They are two of the four main pilgrimage churches in Rome, along with the basilicas of St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major.

While both basilicas have great spiritual significance, the saints that they honor are the main focus. Sts. Peter and Paul are remembered together twice during the liturgical year, on their Solemnity on June 29, and on the memorial of their first basilicas on November 18. They are the two princes of Christ's apostles, St. Peter, our leader in faith, the apostle to the Jews; and St. Paul, the fearless preacher of the faith, the apostle to the Gentiles. St. Peter raised up the Church from the faithful flock of Israel; St. Paul brought Jesus' call to the nations and became the teacher of the world (Preface 63, former Sacramentary).

Both saints have much in common. Peter and Paul were both Jews; both laborers, one a fisherman, the other a leather worker; both were called individually by Jesus, Peter while he was fishing, Paul while he was on the road to Damascus; both were aware that they were sinners, Peter, who said, "I am a sinful man" (Lk 5:8), Paul who wrote, "Christ Jesus came to save sinners ... of these I am the foremost" (1 Tm 1:15); both traveled extensively as missionaries to preach the gospel, Peter throughout Israel and then to Rome, Paul to Syria, Asia Minor, Greece, and Rome; both wrote extensively, Peter wrote two letters and most likely provided Mark with the information for his gospel, while thirteen letters are attributed to Paul; both were imprisoned, Peter in the Mamertinum prison in Rome, Paul in Philippi, Caesarea, and Rome; and both were martyred, Peter crucified upside down and Paul beheaded with a sword.

The Church received the beginning of her knowledge of things divine through Sts. Peter and Paul, and these two apostles are most responsible for the spread of Christianity. The truth was handed down to us by them, and we are governed under their patronage (Roman Missal).



St. Peter's Basilica  
Rome, Italy

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