

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.' **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Matthew

Mt 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and

she told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and prang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.



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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	

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 15th / 16th July, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

<https://liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2023Jul16/0/RefDiBer>

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023

July - For a Eucharistic life — *We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.*

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

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Joe Radocaj. 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: Breda Coyne, Ada Olinda Lyons. Jebamalai Raja, Michael Pete, Lorraine McCart James Stan Moule, Harry Surman, Jim Collins, Ronald Hosie, Tim Shaw, Margaret Sprunhan, Greg Davies, Bella Smith, Les Hill, Bernie Steele, Kit Walsh.

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: Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, 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.**

This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyprojector or scan the QR code.

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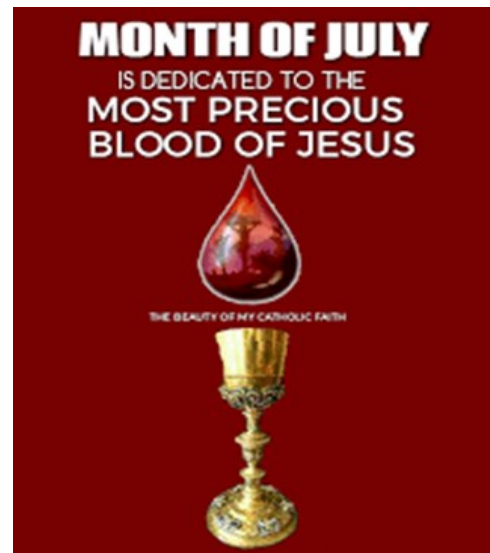
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A very big **thank you** to our church volunteers who render your valuable service to our parish church communities in various capacities.

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.



God and Beer July

- Topic:** Meeting Jesus in the Truth and Beauty of the Catholic Faith
Speaker: Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
Date: Monday 17th July
Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk
Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC
RSVP: Godandbeer.com.au
Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

St John Bosco Relics

We would like to warmly invite all parishioners to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honor of St John Bosco's relics being at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre on Tuesday 18th July 2023. (465 Lysterfield Rd, Lysterfield)

Personal prayer is welcome from 6pm and mass will be celebrated at 7pm.

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Next week's readings

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13.16-19

Responsorial Psalm:
Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43



OUR LADY OF
MOUNT CARMEL

July 16th

Feast Day 16th July

Novena Starts on 7th July to 16th July

The novena sheets and Scapulars are available in the St. Thomas More church foyer.

Forum on the "Voice to Parliament" Referendum

Do you feel you know enough about the upcoming **Voice to Parliament Referendum**? Would you like the chance to explore its implications and ask questions?

If you are seeking more information or understanding this is the forum for you.

It will be presented by Dr Heather Wearne who is a volunteer educator with the "Yes 23" national campaign. Heather is a retired academic who worked in tertiary and secondary education and she has much experience with Indigenous issues. She will provide background information about the "**Uluru Statement From the Heart**" and the "**Voice to Parliament**". She will share her understanding and knowledge about **Constitutional recognition** and the reasons why it matters so much to many First Nations Peoples. She will speak to the role and function of the Voice to Parliament and discuss what is at stake with the **Referendum**. Heather will make sure that there will be time to answer your questions and uncertainties about the Voice.

Date and Time: The Forum will be held at St John's Church, 494 Whitehorse Rd, Mitcham on Sunday 6th August from 12:00 noon (after the 11:15am Mass) until about 2:30pm. Light lunch provided.

**Precious Blood,
ocean of divine mercy:
Flow upon us!**

**Precious Blood,
most pure offering:
Procure us every grace!**

**Precious Blood,
hope and refuge of sinners:
Atoner for us!**

**Precious Blood,
delight of holy souls:
Draw us! Amen.**

- St. Catherine of Siena -

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Catholic Development Fund

Parish Positions

Parish Secretary – Holy Family Parish , Doveton

Other Positions

- Administration Manager-The Redemption Community, Kew
- Engagement & Projects Lead -CSSV

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