

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah** Jer 23:1-6

***The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.***

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 22. R. v.2

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians** Eph 2:13-18

***Christ, our peace, has made us one.***

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia,** My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

**alleluia! Alleluia !**

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

**Mk 6:30-34**

***They were as sheep without a shepherd.***

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

**Next week’s readings:**

**First Reading:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 144:10-11, 15-18. R. v.16

**Second Reading:** Eph 4:1-6

**Gospel :** Jn 6:1-15



# 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 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 ( on Zoom)	9.00am ( On zoom)	9.00am( On zoom)	9.00am ( On zoom)
	WEEKDAY			9.00am ( On zoom)	

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 18th July, 2021

Dear parishioners,

Wish you all happy feast of our Lady of Mount Carmel. What an uncertain time we are living in. Again another lockdown for 5 days declared by Victorian Government. Let us be at home and be safe. I assure you of my prayers for all of you. And, let us be united in prayers and support one another. May God bless us and protect us all.

Fr. Anthony Cruz

#### Homily

In this today's Gospel, we read the report of the return of the Twelve, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, heal the sick, and drive out demons. When the Twelve return to Jesus, he invites them to come away from the crowds and rest. But the crowds will not give them peace. As the Twelve have shared in Jesus' ministry, they now appear to share in his popularity. The crowds continue to approach them, and Mark reports that the disciples don't even have time to eat. In an effort to get away, Jesus and his disciples board a boat in hopes of finding a deserted place. But the crowds notice this and arrive ahead of them. The crowds are so persistent that Jesus and his disciples cannot find a place to be alone. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus is moved with pity and begins to teach the crowds.

Our Gospel for today stops here, but Mark's report of the unyielding demands of the crowd continues in the verses that follow. If we were to continue reading from Mark's Gospel, we would hear Jesus instruct his disciples to feed the crowd in the familiar miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The work of Jesus and his disciples appears to be a round-the-clock job. In the next few weeks, we will hear the story of Jesus' feeding of the multitude, but our Lectionary will turn to the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John to report and reflect on this story.

In today's Gospel, we hear the Twelve referred to as "apostles." The word apostle is a Greek word meaning "one who is sent." Jesus chose twelve men from among his disciples whom he sent to share in his ministry of preaching and healing. The first report of this is found in the third chapter of Mark's Gospel, where the Twelve are also called apostles and the names of this select group are listed.

We who are Jesus' disciples today have also been sent to share the Gospel with others. Perhaps our commitment to following Jesus as his disciple leaves us feeling tired and overwhelmed. In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm the importance of times of rest and renewal. Jesus wanted his disciples to come away and spend time alone with him. This is what we seek and find in our life of prayer and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/16th-sunday-of-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

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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.

**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: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingvin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

**Prayers of the faithful - 16th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**PRIEST:** Let us pray to The Father who cared about us so much that he sent his son to be our Shepherd and our Friend.

**READER:** The response today is .... Lord hear us in your love.

**READER:** We pray for those who are leaders among God's people, that they may be faithful to the teachings of the Scripture, that they may be people of integrity and honesty and be alert to the promptings of God's Spirit. Lord hear us....Response.

**READER:** We pray for those who are like sheep without shepherds, who are searching for the truth about life and about God's reality. May they find meaning in the teachings of the Gospel and find peace and joy in living the way of Christ. Lord hear us.....Response.

**READER:** For all here today, that through our own suffering we may understand more the suffering of others and show them compassion. Lord hear us ....Response.

**READER:** In prayer we ask you Lord to help us listen to your voice, to trust you and to follow you even if it means leaving the crowd and walking a lonely path. Lord hear us....Response.

**READER:** For our own intentions.....  
Lord hear us..... Response.

**PRIEST:** God of all people, you are our shepherd and you care for us always. Hear the prayers we have made and grant them we pray through Christ our Lord. AMEN

*Please pray before the Recessional Hymn*

**St Joseph Prayer**



Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans  
to embrace your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring

for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,

and the Revealer of your wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving plan

and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams

and trusting steward, pray for us.

Lord Jesus,

You grew in wisdom and maturity

as you lived in the family

of Nazareth in daily communion

with St Joseph and Mary your mother.

From St Joseph you learned

the dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom

to support their children and to guide them

in the way and work of your Kingdom.

St Joseph, faithful parent

and diligent worker, pray for us.

Creator Spirit,

We see in St Joseph a tenderness

and reverence for all your creation.

We learn from him to approach others justly

and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed

with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another

and to be of humble service to all of creation,

empowered by your life within us.

St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant,

pray for us.

As of now all the Liturgical Celebrations stand suspended until we receive further information from Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Parish office is closed. Weekdays and weekend masses available on zoom only. Monday to Saturday 9.00am

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm and Sunday 9.00am

**Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass on Zoom**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?](https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=SOYwS3FiQndpMIZOSTYOTFRRYXJGQT09)

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**Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..**

**Passcode: 7mJTwW**

**FR. CRUZ WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS VIA ZOOM every day.**

**Fr. Anthony Cruz**

### #39 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES



**COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: 15 July 2021, 5.00pm**

**Face masks must be worn inside and outdoors:** everywhere except your own home.

- There will be 5 Reasons to leave home:
  - shopping for necessary goods and services (one person per household, once per day, a support person can accompany if required; within 5km);
  - caregiving or compassionate reasons;
  - authorised work or permitted education, or work interstate (if you can work from home, you must work from home);
  - exercise (up to two hour two hours, with one other person or members of your household; within 5km);
  - receive a vaccination.

**Private and public gatherings will not be permitted:** Single person bubbles will be allowed.

**PRAYER:** and RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES: No in-person gatherings permitted. Livestreaming and Broadcast is permitted with a total of 5 people present including technicians.

**FUNERALS:** (indoor and outdoor): Permitted with no more than 10 people (and those necessary to conduct the funeral). Children under 12 months old are not counted towards this cap.

**WEDDINGS:** (indoor and outdoor): Not permitted unless end of life or for deportation reasons. Involves only 5 persons (including the two persons being married, celebrant, two witnesses).

**AGED CARE:** No visitors are permitted into aged care or other residential facility settings, except for end-of-life reasons.

**HOSPITALS:** No visitors are permitted into health care settings, except for end-of-life reasons, as a support partner for birth, or a parent to accompany a child.

### House cleaning

If you need a reliable woman to clean your house, either regularly or one-off, ring **Sophie** on 0451189292.



### INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on 14 August, Saturday 10:00 - 11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information:

Watch: Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons <https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

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### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For all deacons, guardians of the service in the Church, that their faithful service to the Word, altar and to the poor may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church<sup>1</sup>. Let us pray to the Lord.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER.

<sup>1</sup> Based on Pope Francis' 2020 prayer intention for the Deacon around the world.

### Catholic Vocations



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

Dear Parishioners and Fr. Cruz

Thank you all for your prayerful support and kindness during Peter's illness.

May God reward Peter for dedicating his life to helping others. May the soul of Peter Rest In Peace.

Kind regards

Margaret Campion

