

**Entrance Antiphon**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**A reading from the prophet Amos      Am 8:4-7**

***The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.***

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm    Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**

***Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.***

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy      1 Tm 2:1-8**

***Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.***

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation    2 Cor 8:9**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke      Lk 16:1-13**

***You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon      Jn 10:14**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

**Next week's readings**

First Reading: Am 6:1. 4-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

Second Reading: 1 Tm 6:11-16

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31



# 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	

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C—17th / 18th September, 2022

Dear parishioners of St. Thomas More,

We are delighted to invite you to see and purchase handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus).

The exposition will take place on the **18<sup>th</sup> September after 9.am mass at St. Thomas More Church Belgrave.**

*Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996. Our missionary began in National mental hospital located not far from the Convent. Sisters take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Life of the child with diagnoses such as Down syndrome, birth traumas or congenital physical defects may be quite short and it is painful to see them suffering. Also the adult patients need constant support owing to the fact that their illnesses make it impossible for them to adapt socially.*

In the recent years a shelter and house of Labor for former drug and alcohol addicted people was organized 20 miles away from the Convent. A lot of homeless, struggling and lost people get a chance for new start in life to find the God.

In order to help these people some workshops were organized on the premises of the Convent where vulnerable people have a possibility to express themselves in art for God working together with nuns and sisters and making icons (including hand painted), crosses, crucifixes, wood carvings, embroidered and ceramic gifts, rosaries and vestments. All these goods made with love and prayer bring blessings to their owners.

We are happy and thanking God for the opportunity to introduce and offer them to you.

*With Love in Christ,*

*Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent*



## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS!

We will have a visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth (Minsk, Belarus) on

The Sisterhood of St. Elisabeth was founded in 1996 and was named in honour of the Holy Martyr and Grand Princess Saint Elisabeth.

Sisters brought with them beautiful religious handicrafts made in the workshops of the Convent.

Handicrafts are available after Masses in our church. The goods at display:

- church vestments;
- icons;
- crosses;
- rosaries;
- other religious items;
- souvenirs;
- CDs;

PLEASE TAKE THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY to support beautiful work and mission of the sisters by purchasing the items of devotion.

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**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:**

James Williams, James Kelleher, Rita Bell, Barrie Jackson, Aileen & Jack Malcomson, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Lucy Granieri, Ruby Johnson, Mona Csipek, Raymond Cutting.

**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 Champion, 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, Ingyin 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.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

## **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**

## **SEASON OF CREATION by Nick Brodie**

Jesus' instruction to use money to win welcome in the 'tents of eternity' is really an encouragement for us to be good stewards who are more concerned with the future than finances. After all, he makes this point after describing a wasteful steward who, for personal gain, dishonestly writes off chunks of money owed to his master – hardly a model citizen. Money is tainted, Jesus says, and it will inevitably fail us. Only the bigger picture and set of relationships we build with it really matters.

So, this Season of Creation we would do well to reflect on how we use both money and the earth's resources. Do we cut corners for our own selfish aspirations, like the dishonest steward? Do we trample the needy for our own gain and comfort, like the contemporaries of Amos? Or might we cooperate with God in lifting the lowly and raising the poor from trash piles and dung heaps? Do we recycle the world's resources, or throw away our unwanted things to accumulate and afflict the poorest? Do we pray with St Paul for those in authority to make right decisions, or do we vote for unjust policies which make the rich richer, the poor poorer, and the earth dirtier?

**Source: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C (liturgyhelp.com)**

## **"Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace:**

**21st and 28th September**

Over next two Wednesdays evenings we will hold a Candlelight Vigil including Mass, private prayer and the Rosary, offered for the end of the war in Ukraine and for peace in the world. This intention is also one of the requests of Mary the Mother of God, when she appeared in Fatima to three peasant children, several times in 1917.

***"Let's not forget this ongoing war and the need of our prayers for all those involved"***

Time will be strictly 7 pm – 8.15, but come for whatever time you can.

7 pm Mass  
7.30 Private prayer  
7.45 Rosary  
8.00 Benediction  
8.15 Finish.

Everyone is invited to participate.



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This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living.

The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

**Please check our website for more details.**

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## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE



### A STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB, PRESIDENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.

September 9, 2022

## SAVE THE DATE

Working bee on Grand Final Day.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of September 10am till 2pm.



Loads of jobs both outside and inside the church from branch cutting to cleaning out cupboards and some painting. The more the merrier and the quicker we will be with lots of hands-on-board.

Come and help make our parish look and feel well cared for.

Morning tea and lunch provided so please come for whatever time you have free.

**Enquiries Maureen and Patrick Coyne 0418 585834 or 0431 483963**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:



### Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

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

- Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time Catholic Development Fund
- Account Executive, Client Services
- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst
- Relationship Manager
- Account Executive, Bunbury

### Parish Positions

- Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish
- Parish Administration Coordinator, Sacred Heart-Emmaus Parish
- OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish
- Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish
- Parish Manager - St Dominic's Parish
- Pastoral Associate - St. Clement of Rome Parish, Bulleen
- Parish Secretary – St Bernard's Parish, Belmont
- Parish Pastoral Worker - St Bernard's Parish, Belmont
- Evangelisation Coordinator - St Catherine of Siena Parish
- Stewardship Coordinator - Strathmore & Moonee Ponds Parishes

### Other Positions

- Accounts Assistant - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus
- Administration Officer, Property - 12-month contract, Faithful Companions of Jesus
- Maintenance Assistant – Mannix College

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 [hadmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hadmin@cam.org.au)