

## Third Sunday of Easter Year B

**Entrance Antiphon:** Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

**Acts 3:13-15. 17-19**

*You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7**

**(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

### A reading from the first letter of St John

**1 Jn 2:1-5**

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But

when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Lk 24:35-48**

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

### Next week's readings:

**First Reading: Acts** Acts 4:8-12

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

**Second Reading:** 1 Jn 3:1-2

**Gospel :** Jn 10:11-18





# Parish of Belgrave

## The Catholic Church

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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	10.30am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

### Homily for the Third Sunday of Easter Year B — 18th April, 2021

My sisters and brothers in the Lord,

Here are two phrases from our first two readings today: “Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away,” and “I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin.”

We can ask why there is so much focus on sin on this Third Sunday of Easter? Perhaps because the Gospel today tells us “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

At times we can wonder if our world even believes in sin anymore. There is such a focus on the goodness of people even as we see our world slowly crumbling away around us because of all of the wars and hatreds and conflicts.

Jesus comes to be our Savior, but so many today do not want a Savior. Instead, we humans want pleasure, money and sex. We should not be surprised that the world is a mess. The world has always been a mess and that is why a Savior came for us. But salvation is never imposed on us. Instead, we are invited to live our lives in the way our Savior taught us and actually know the difference in our way of life.

Easter is about the death of Jesus and then His Resurrection. Each of us is invited to share in that death and resurrection and to die to ourselves so that we can live in Christ Jesus and live the way that He lived. His followers did not believe at first that He was raised from the dead. Instead, they had fled from the whole situation and only after a few brave women began to visit the tomb did the word go out: He is not there! Do you think that.....

We are invited in this time of Easter to deepen our faith in the risen Christ by renewing again the promises of our Baptism: to die to self and to live in the Lord. Words are easy and actions can be costly. Once we actually understand and believe, however, that Christ is truly risen, then our lives can change. There is no one else who has ever done this. There is no one else who has invited us to share in the divine life. There is no one else who promises to be with us always.

We can ask ourselves: Can I truly preach forgiveness of sins? Do I really trust that my own sins are forgiven? Do I know that Christ died and then was raised to life and through that, our whole world was changed forever?

Christ is risen, alleluia!

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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:** Jim Aitken, John Pynapples, Monica Hill, Joseph Van der Linden, Cyril Paruit, Malou Van Straelen, Connie Follett, Greg Steele, Angelo Coniglione, Fr. Cyril Blake, Andrew Chan, Myuran Sukumaran.

### **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, Lil Warner, 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, 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, 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, Peter Champion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

**BAPTISM:** To arrange a Baptism in the Parish, please phone the parish office during the office hours on 97542141.

### **Enquire Now!**



Share your skills to help develop the capacity of overseas organisations and the abilities of their people. Low-income communities seek sustainable solutions to poverty, not through money or gifts, but by building self-reliance. All trades and professions are called to assist this mission.

[Enquire now](#) to properly prepare for a placement in 2022. Join our online [InfoZoom](#) on 2 May, visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au), or call Palms now on 02 9560 5333



## 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.

### Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

- Record Keeping is required for all attendees beyond a 15-minute visit and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days;
- People must carry a fitted face covering at all times.** Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors (except in particular circumstances, note above), but should be worn by participants (unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age) if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.
- Hygiene precautions must continue to be maintained throughout;
- We can have the following numbers of the participants in each mass centre.

Belgrave - 100 people

Emerald - 60 people

Monbulk - 80 people

Gembrook - 60 people

### Project Compassion

It is time for us to return the Project Compassion boxes and envelopes. Kindly remember to bring them when you come for this weekend masses. May the Good Lord reward you for generous help you do towards the needy brothers and sisters that benefits through Project Compassion.

### FUNDRAISING NEWS

We are in the process of collecting old stamps and coins. Can you please keep all used postage stamps (Australian and overseas) and overseas money, also old stamp albums.

These are for sale at the Parish fete. Please send to the parish office or call **Tony Whyte** (St Paul's Monbulk) for collection.

### Sacrament Dates and Workshop

The Parish Sacramental Program begins as the schools return on Monday. If you wish your child to receive any of the Sacraments this year you need to contact the Parish Office and complete the required enrolment forms. Confirmation is on 29 May so preparation classes start in the coming weeks.

**The Confirmation program** will run on the Tuesdays, 27 April to 25 May inclusive, in preparation for reception of the Sacrament on Saturday 29 May at 12 noon at St Thomas More's in Belgrave or 2pm at St Paul's in Monbulk.

**The First Reconciliation program** will run at 6pm on Tuesdays from 01 to 22 June, inclusive.

**The First Eucharist program** will run on the Tuesdays from 20 July to 10 August in preparation for reception of the Sacrament on either 15 August at 10.30 am at St Paul's, Monbulk or 22 August at 9.30 am at St Thomas More's, Belgrave.

### The Easter Season

We give thanks for all who contributed to our Easter celebrations in the Parish.

At Belgrave there was much preparation to make the church look beautiful for the Vigil.

The camaraderie in working together to make this happen, reflects the Spirit alive and working in us.

Alleluia. He is Alive indeed!!.

Maree Lyons



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