

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house,
she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine,
she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants
and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says,
'Come and eat my bread,
drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live,
walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 6:56

Gospel Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. **Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give

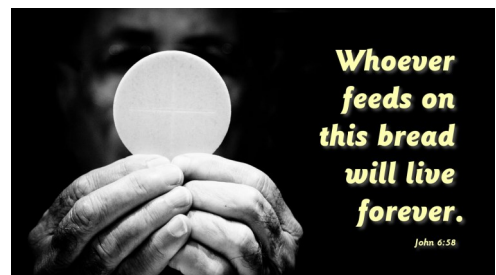
is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 6:51- 52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.



Next Sunday Readings

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel John 6:60-69



St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

The Catholic Church in the Dandenong Ranges

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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	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk
		Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Main Road	17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'The Eucharist', Pope Francis famously said, 'is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' Reflecting on today's Gospel passage, the Pope encourages us to avoid becoming 'arbiters of grace'. Rather, he says, we should be 'its facilitators'.

As the Pope points out, Jesus gives us the Eucharist 'with a specific purpose: that we may become one with him.' The Eucharist is Jesus himself who gives himself entirely to us', the Pope reminds us, which helps us to become a living 'gift to God and to our brothers and sisters.' In one sense, we do this individually. Being nourished by the Eucharist, the Pope explains, 'means entering into harmony with the heart of Christ, assimilating his choices, his thoughts, his behaviour.' Each of us therefore seeks to become what we consume. But we do not do so alone.

Communion is a celebration of the Body of Christ – the Church – which means we are being transformed together as the pilgrim People of God. Communion, the Pope says, 'means entering into a dynamism of love and becoming people of peace, people of forgiveness, of reconciliation, of sharing in solidarity.' What this all means is that we should approach the Eucharist with openness to being changed, individually and collectively, into the Bread of Life for all.

<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Aug18/0/RefNickB>



The Pope's Monthly Intention for the month of August

For political leaders — We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and for the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: **Patricia Ann (Pat) McCarrick**, the wife of Len and the mother of Paul, Michael, Katrina and Andrea.

- **The funeral mass is on 23rd August at St. Thomas More church Belgrave at 11.30pm.**

Many people across the world who have died due to Covid-19, wars, civil restlessness and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Ed Hodat, Hilary Gill, Jack Durrant, Ray Kiker, Noelene Nardi, Brother Patrick Henigan, OFM, Fr. Joseph Dargan PE, Fr. Tom Brophy PE

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Kate Joy star, John Kuyper , Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper John Barber, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, 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.**

Belgrave church reading roster 18th August

Sharon Bennett & Maryanne Ferraro

Next week — 25th August

Marianne Kuyper & Mo Cromar



For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

To Contribute Financially to St. Thomas More Parish

Church Name: St Thomas Mores Parish Church Account
BSB: 083 347, Account: 67214 6192



Prayer for the Parish

(To be prayed at the end of the mass before the recessional Hymn)

Loving God,

We ask you to pour out your spirit upon our parish

And grant us a new vision of your kingdom,

a new faithfulness to your Word,

a new consecration to your service,

that we may become a growing community of disciples,

that seeks to bring your word to the world,

through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. Paul, Pray for us.

St. Claire, Pray for us.

St. Thomas more, Pray for us.



St. Joseph's church Emerald

Fund raising raffle

Tickets \$2 each or \$5 for 3 tickets

Prizes
1st Prize 6 Bottles of Wine
2nd Prize Kitchen pro Rice Cooker
3rd Prize \$30 Voucher (Emerald Fruit Barn)
4th Prize \$30 Voucher (Laughing Fox Café)
Other Prizes Cholates

- The raffle will be drawn on 24th August at Emerald church at 7.00pm.

The tickets are available by 4th August after mass at your church.

Emerald Bea Eadie
Belgrave Helen Garrick
Monbulk Sue Luxford
Gembrook Christine Borg



Position available at Don Bosco Retreat Centre Lysterfield for Maintenance Person. 6 hours per week, experience desirable but not essential. Please send your expression of interest to Fr Shane at dbrclysterfield@gmail.com

Feast days

20th August St. Bernard
21st August St. Pius X, Pope
22nd August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24th August St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Parish office notice

The parish office is closed on Thursday, 29th August due to parish priest and the staff will be attending for the Parish Administration Forum..

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE PEOPLE ESSENTIAL TRAINING

As a continuation of our commitment to doing the best to protect our children and vulnerable people, the arch diocese requires volunteers within the parish to complete Essentials Training every three years.

It has been many years since we've been able to offer this as a parish event, but we have been very lucky to secure the services of Brech Burgess from the archdiocese to come and run this training for us.

It is open to all our parish volunteers from all our mass centres and will only take about an hour of your time.

When: August 25th, at 10:30am after 9am mass at Belgrave

Where: over in the St Thomas More school staffroom, after post-mass cuppas

If you have any questions or are unsure if you need to attend, please speak with Father Cruz or Jeanette Wicks for clarification.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

The Safeguarding Committee

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - bringing to your kind attention to all the Leaders of Parish Group and Ministry.

(Mass Managers, Parish council members, Parish Finance Committee members, Social Justice group, Lectors, Money collectors and counters, Sacramental Coordinator, Musicians, Choir members, visitation group, Special communion ministers, Working bee organizing committee members, Vincent de Paul Committee members, Garden maintain volunteers, Child Safety Committee members, Alter decorators, Cleaners, and other Volunteers...) Make sure that all your members have a Valid Working With Children Check. Please contact parish office on 97542141 or email to belgrave@cam.org.au.

Special thanks for the volunteers who have already submitted the copy of a Working With Children Card to the parish office.

Baptism

Let us welcome **Sol Robert Vianello** into our faith community by virtue of his baptism and may he be richly blessed with every spiritual blessings throughout his life so that he would continuously experience God's unconditional love.



Archbishop's Campaign 2024



The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. GSTs of \$2 or more are tax-deductable. Tax-deductable donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christ College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductable donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly giving to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are a Fached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a giving online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishops-campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

Please visit the below link for more information.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/2024-archbishops-campaign-supporting-the-future-of-our-faith-community>

Vocations | Invitation - Ordination Breakfast 21 September 2024

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites you to the annual Melbourne Ordination Breakfast.

DATE: **Saturday 21 September 2024**

TIME: **7.45am for 8am start**

VENUE: **Park Hyatt, The Library**

This is an opportunity for you to personally invite a young man from your parish to join you at the breakfast and afterwards at the **Ordination Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral**.

We envisage the young man to be 18+ and actively involved in the life of the parish, perhaps through liturgical or youth ministry or other activities.

From 9am all guests will walk across to the Cathedral to witness the priestly Ordination.

Each ticket includes breakfast for you and your guest at a cost of **\$25 each**.

RSVP required by Friday 13 September.

Click here to register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CTMSY>



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)

