

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:7,9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

A reading from the book of Exodus

Ex 19:2-6

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 5:6-11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News! **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 9:36 – 10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 17:11

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Next week's readings

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15

Gospel: Mt 10:26-33



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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	

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 17th / 18th June, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.



Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred

[Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023

June - For the abolition of torture - We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

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:

Jim Puls, Daniel Templer, Carol Quinn, Terry Garrick.

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: 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.**

Help Needed

We have some wool which needs knitting into squares once again. The wool has been placed in the St. Thomas Mores Church foyer. The idea is to make up knee rugs for distribution.

Any size square is fine as long as they make up a sizeable rug. Lots of nice colours to choose from.

Please feel free to sew them together if you feel you can.

Once completed please contact either Paula Holloway on 0423 133 162 or Marilyn Huber (Emerald Church)



Church Volunteers

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.

Thank You.

THURSDAY MORNING TEA

All parishioners are invited to join Father Cruz for morning tea on Thursday after the 9 am Mass. Come and meet some new people.



TEMPORARY USE OF CAR - URGENT NEED

An heroic lady who is a recent widow with significant health issues requiring ongoing medical treatment, and who is caring for 2 adult children with disabilities, is in urgent need of a reliable vehicle in good order - if possible as a loan of 2 to 3 months. Her own car has "died" and is not worth repairing. And her story, if it was told, is an extraordinary mix of courage and heartbreak. Do you know someone who might help? Any additional insurance required will be covered. For further information, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au.

Propagation of the Faith Appeal

We would like to thank you again for your generosity, whether it be a one-off gift or through your commitment as a Mission Partner, through the recent Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where they are addressing critical health issues such as tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for our regular newsletter.

If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to give a gift in support, please go to catholicmission.org.au/timor today.

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Scam E mail under circulation

Dear parishioners

Someone has created a new e mail address (faithlepastor6@tutanota.com) in my name and circulating among some of our parishioners, asking money and gift vouchers. Please ignore such e mails, if have received. Please be aware of such scam e mails aimed at exploiting the goodness and generosity our parishioners.

Fr. Anthony Cruz

The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Jun 05, 2017 by Mary Thierfelder

12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/12-promises-sacred-heart-of-jesus-2-6075#>

St. Vincent de Paul's Winter appeal

St. Vincent de Paul's annual winter appeal is being held during the month of June.

Any non perishable food could be left at the church foyer and would be collected by conference members.

Envelopes will be available at church for those that are able to donate financially.



Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website.



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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Safeguarding Officer

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Pastoral Worker - Our Lady of Help Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Youth Minister - Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Evangelisation Coordinator - Corio & Lara Catholic Parish
- Parish Secretary - Parishes in Partnership, Thornbury
- Parish Secretary - Holy Eucharist, St Mary's & St Joseph's Parish, Malvern

Other Positions

- Facilities and Operations Director – Newman College
- Spiritual Care Worker - Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda
- Banking and Finance Officer - Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

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

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Social Club ☆
Party For Single Catholics In The
28 To 60 Age Group
Saturday 24th June
Starting at 8.00 pm
Location : School Hall at
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Corner of Burwood Highway and
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Cost \$13.00 Includes Supper And
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