# 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

## Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;

turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

in the shadow of your wings protect me.

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 45:1.4-6

# I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whom he has taken by his right hand

to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings,

to force gateways before him

that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,

of Israel my chosen one,

that I have called you by your name,

conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;

there is no other God besides me.

Though you do not know me, I arm you

that men may know from the rising to the setting of the

that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

# Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

#### (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)** 

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

# (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

# A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 1:1-5

## We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:15. 16

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

you are offering it the word of life.

#### Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 22:15-21

# Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the lord.

#### Communion Antiphon:

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mk 10:45





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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: <a href="www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention">www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention</a>

# 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 Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Monbulk 59 Moores Road
Mass Times	WEEKEND	On Zoom	On Zoom	On Zoom	On Zoom
	WEEKDAY			On Zoom	On Zoom

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Dear loving parishioners,

S.D. Gordon has a beautiful story about the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. When the grand welcome ceremony was over, the Archangel Gabriel approached Jesus to resolve his doubts. He said, "I know that only very few in Palestine are aware of the great work of human salvation you have accomplished through your suffering, death and Resurrection. But the whole world should know and appreciate it and become your disciples, acknowledging you as their Lord and Savior. What is your plan of action?" Jesus answered, "I have told all my Apostles to tell other people about me and preach my message through their lives. That's all." "Suppose they don't do that?" Gabriel asked. "What's your Plan B?" Jesus replied, "I have no other plan; I am counting on them." On this World Mission Sunday, the Church reminds us that Jesus is counting on each one of us to make Him known loved and accepted by others around us.

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as **the 94<sup>th</sup>** *World Mission Sunday*. **Pope Pius XI** instituted this annual observance in 1926 by Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on, and prayer for, the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. Of the 3000 dioceses in the world, about 1000 are missionary dioceses—they need assistance from more established dioceses to build catechetical programs, seminaries, Religious Communities, chapels, churches, orphanages and schools.

**His Holiness Pope Francis** in his message on World Mission day on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2020 reminded the members of the Universal Catholic Church to be generous to the work of evangelization saying,

"Understanding what God is saying to us at this time of pandemic also represents a challenge for the Church's mission. Illness, suffering, fear and isolation challenge us. The poverty of those who die alone, the abandoned, those who have lost their jobs and income, the homeless and those who lack food challenge us. Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God. The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church. The charity expressed in the collections that take place during the liturgical celebrations of the third Sunday of October is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all. May the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Comforter of the Afflicted, missionary disciple of her Son Jesus, continue to intercede for us and sustain us."

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Anthony Cruz

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# REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Lucia Pepi (91), Patricia Grace Corcoran(89) lived in Monbulk for 53 years, Marilyn Duivenvoorden. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

# Anniversaries:

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

# Prayer for the deceased

Lord open wide the door of your compassion to those who died in this week in different parts of the world, and in your mercy receive them into your kingdom.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Josie Walsh, Damien Van der Linden, Andrew Schmidt, Bryan Cummins, Lida Ploeg and Robert Ploeg, 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, StepheLois Lenaghan, B. O'Connor, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, Alida Cabret, David Bourke, Martin Fergus, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John

# **Special Thanks**

Dear all

Thank you for all the good wishes for the passing of my wife Marilyn Duivenvvoorden.

Anybody that would like to watch the funeral mass can download it on

www.Westwardfilms.com.au/funerals

Regards

Barry Duivenvoorden



Need a house painter? Mike is a member of our local community and an Iranian refugee who is in great need of work at present. He has permission to paint outsides of buildings and internally if buildings are empty. His work is meticulous and he is friendly and generous.



AS OF NOW ALL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS STAND SUS-PENDED except funerals with restricted numbers. Please call 03 87518112 if any of you want to talk to me. You are most welcome to call me on that number, too, if you want me to offer Mass for any of your personal intentions.

Fr. Cruz

<u>Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom</u>

**ZOOM ROSARY:** Now held on Monday to Saturday immediately after the holy mass.

Join Zoom Meeting
<a href="https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?">https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?</a>
<a href="pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGQT">pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGQT</a>
<a href="mailto:09">09</a>

Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

Passcode: 7mJTwW

# Days and times of ZOOM live masses

# St Thomas More Belgrave

Weekdays Monday - Saturday 9.00am

# Sacred Heart, Gembrook & & St. Joseph's -Emerald

Sunday 9.00am

# St.Thomas More -Belgrave & St.Paul's -Monbulk

Sunday 10.30am followed by the Holy Rosary.

Please join with your community if you can.

# eSafety Commissioner resource - Online safety for grandparents and carers

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps.

Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online:

https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers

Safeguarding Officer, Eastern Region Professional Standards Unit

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

# <u>Prayers of the Faithful - Twenty ninth Sunday in</u> <u>Ordinary Time Year A</u>

**PRIEST:** 'Give to God what belongs to God'. The Word of God nourishes us in our journey through life. We have listened to its teaching and now we turn to our God for what we need.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** May we honour our God in all of life by what we say and what we do, and may we be witnesses to the teachings we have received. Lord hear us.....

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For people who are unable to have a funeral when a loved one has died; that they will be comforted in their time of loss and that their grieving will eventually bring them healing. Lord hear us......

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For leaders of nations; that they act with wisdom and compassion as they establish controls and measures within their countries to limit the spread of Covid 19.Lord her us.....

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For our church, as we celebrate Mission Sunday; that we may recognise in all people we meet our brothers and sisters and give thanks for diversity of race, culture and lauguage. May the Spirit guide us so that in this world we build bridges rather than walls, and peace instead of war. Lord hear us.....

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For our own special needs.... Lord hear us.....

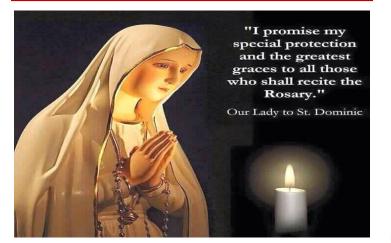
Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:** God of wisdom and power, by your providence you guide all that you have made. Look upon us on the path of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

## **Important Dates**

18th Of October

St.Luke the Evangelist
World Mission Sunday



#### LUKE THE EVANGELIST



Luke was an Evangelist, the writer of the third Gospel. He never met Christ in person, but in his Gospel he says that he came to know about Jesus by talking to eyewitnesses to the events of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection. Hearing those stories helped Luke to become a believer, and he wrote his Gospel so that others would come to know and love Jesus.

Luke was a doctor and he traveled with Saint Paul on his second missionary journey. In fact, Paul calls Luke his "beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). Because he cared for the bodily needs of others, Luke is the patron saint of doctors. He is also the patron saint of artists because it is believed that he painted a famous portrait of Mary, our Blessed Mother.

In his Gospel, Luke helps us to know how concerned Jesus was for the sick, the poor, and anyone in need of help, mercy, and forgiveness. Luke tells us that Jesus came to save all people. Through Luke's Gospel, we learn how compassionate and caring Jesus was. Some of the most famous stories Jesus told are found in Luke's Gospel: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37) and the Lost Son (Luke 15:11-42).

The symbol for Luke's Gospel is an ox, an animal that was often sacrificed as an offering to God in ancient times. In his writings about Jesus, Luke reminds us of the great sacrifice Jesus made to save all people through his death on the cross and his Resurrection.

Luke is also the author of the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts, we learn about the coming of the Holy Spirit; the work of the Apostles, especially Saint Paul; and how the Church grew in the world. He was the one person who was said to have remained with Saint Paul during his imprisonment and until his death.

We celebrate Saint Luke's service to the Church each year on October 18. We remember that his Gospel continues to help us know and love Jesus. Luke's Gospel also reminds us to look for ways to imitate Jesus by reaching out to help our brothers and sisters in need.

Source: saintsresourcesRCL Benziger

# Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli 'Saints among God's saints'

Visit the below link

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Ft-SKZp77I

#### **Mission Sunday Collection**

As we are observing 94<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday today, let us contribute our donations for the mission of the Universal Catholic Church. You can contribute through direct debit (mention in your statement for Mission Sunday) or mail to the Saint Thomas More Parish office Belgrave.

#### Dear parishioners

St.Francis of Assisi Parish, Mill Park runs this year's **ALPHA** course on Zoom every Wednesday at 7pm. If you are interested, you can join with the below link.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87437674072

#### 'Meditation & Mindfulness'

'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction), this event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practise.

Cost \$25. Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/663916">https://www.trybooking.com/663916</a> For more information, contact <u>holsc@bigpond.com</u> or tel 9890



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# Finding Christ in a Covid Christmas

fered over four weeks, these vent formation sessions are ideal liturgy and parish leadership ims looking to bring the season life in their local communities this time of uncertainty with DVID restrictions.

COVID restrictions.

In Week 1, participants will be given an overview of the Gospel of Mark (Year B of the liturgical cycle), led by Ria Greene (Deputy Principal, Identity, Community and Action, St Bede's College Mentone). In Week 2, Ria will reflect specifically on the Advent Sunday readings. In Week 3, Musician and liturgist Fiona Dyball will explore developing a suitable seasonal repertoire as we begin to celebrate a new liturgical year and in Week 4, The Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal will lead a discussion to consider practical implications for parish services and an opportunity to share creative responses in the to share creative responses in the current Covid-19 climate.

Tue 27 Oct Wed 4 Nov Tue 10 Nov Gospel of Mark Sundays of Advent Musical repertoire

Practical tips for parishes to navigate the Advent/Christmas journey

7.30-9.00pm Zoom (Link sent upon registration) www.trybooking.com/BLYHE

Sessions are free



Ria Greene has worked in Catholic education for more than twenty years, with a focus on religious education and faith formation, but has also worked as a parish catechist and sacraments coordinator, and has completed further studies in religious education and theology. She teaches a senior religious studies class at St Bede's College, where she is Deputy Principal.



Fiona Dyball is a musician, teacher, liturgist based in Melbourne. She we and youth faith formation and in Mu her mentor, Sr Deirdre Browne IBVN at Immaculate Conception Catholic





#### **#17 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES**

#### COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: Monday 28 September 5.00pm

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the latest directives announced by Government as part of the proposed Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan and Regional areas of Victoria, the following will become operational for Metropolitan Melbourne only, from 11:59pm on 27 September, 2020.

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE STEP TWO Summary
☐ <b>Curfew:</b> no longer in place.
☐ <b>Public Gatherings:</b> up to 5 people outdoors (from 2 families).
Religious Gatherings: Can also take place outdoors with five people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship with only one group permitted a time. You can only travel up to 5km from your home to attend a gathering and only for 2 hours.
☐ <b>Weddings:</b> Permitted in outdoor public spaces allowed with up to 5 people (the couple and the two witnesses). The faith leader and children under 12 months not included.
☐ <b>Funerals:</b> allowed with up to 10 mourners (infants under 12 months of age or people required to conduct the funeral not included in the limit). A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church.
□ <b>End of Life and Care:</b> Faith Leaders may attend a dying resident or provide end of life support to a resident in their home or in a Health or Care facility at the request of the patient. Visits may also be made to support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing if it cannot be done remotely Such care must be undertaken in co-operation with the particular facility and in line with other visiting restrictions and facility guidelines.
☐ <b>Visitors to the Home:</b> If living alone or a single parent, one visitor may be nominated to create a 'social bubble.'
☐ <b>Work:</b> Continue to work from home.
□ REVIEW: DHHS Victorian Roadmap for Metropolitan Melbourne
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#### STEP TWO - Metropolitan Melbourne

All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies. As of 11.59pm Sunday 27 September 2020 and until otherwise directed:

- All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services are to remain closed except for permitted ceremonies. RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS: permitted with a limit of five people, plus one faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship with only one group permitted at a time. You can only travel up to 5km from your home to attend a gathering and only for 2 hours. Signage, directions and sanitising stations must be clearly available. Contact Records must be kept
- **WEDDINGS:** permitted in outdoor public spaces with a maximum of 5 attendees, including the couple and two witnesses, but not including the celebrant. Children under 12 months are also exempted from the number. Weddings do not need to occur proximate to a place of worship.
- FUNERALS: will be limited to 10 mourners (infants under 12 months of age not included in this number). A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church. You can travel to a funeral outside of metropolitan Melbourne. Restrictions apply based on the location of the funeral, and limits to numbers also apply.
- BAPTISMS: may be celebrated under the outdoor gathering limits. Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water (refer further in these Guidelines). This allows for 5 people including the faith leader outdoors (a child under 12 months not included), meeting all hygiene and distancing precautions and recording names and contact details of all present.
- **LIVESTREAMING:** a limit of 5 in total may be present, including the celebrant.
- VISITATIONS: Homes: Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed, and that the travel to the person's home and the visit are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. only required attendees should visit and just for the service).

Hospitals or Care Facilities: Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. It is important to note that strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. a visit has been requested by a patient). Such services can also be provided using video or live streaming, depending on religious tradition.

## · If you can work from home, you must do so.

All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details.

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE has fantastic online resources to help you through this time of suffering: www.cam.org.au/coronavirus.

#### STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS - METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE:

'Metropolitan Melbourne' is made up of 31 local government areas. Stage 4 restrictions have been put in place for these areas, which includes this Parish in its entirety.

- •All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies. As of 11.59pm Sunday 2 August, 2020 and for a period of 6 weeks unless otherwise directed.
- •All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services. are to be closed. Fr. Cruz cannot receive visitors for confession, unfortunately.