

## All Saints

### Entrance Antiphon:

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

**Rv 7:2-4. 9-14**

***I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language***

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6**

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;

on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?

Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him,

seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

**A reading from the first letter of St John 1 Jn 3:1-3**

***We shall see God as he really is.***

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Mt 11:28**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**Mt 5:1-12**

***Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.***

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

**The Gospel of the lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

**Mt 5:8-10**

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



# 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 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	6.00pm Vigil Mass		9.00am	
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

### Homily for the Solemnity of 'All Saints'

If a Christian wants to reach heaven, he or she should ask themselves if they are living for the pleasures of the world, or if they are striving after holiness with all their strength, Pope Francis said on the feast of All Saints. "Let us ask ourselves what side we are on: that of heaven or that of the earth? Do we live for the Lord or for ourselves, for eternal happiness or for some fulfilment now?" the pope said.

"Let us ask ourselves: do we really want holiness?" he continued. "Or do we content ourselves with being Christians who believe in God and esteem others but without going too far?" "In short, either holiness or nothing!" he said. In his message before the prayer, he said it is good for Catholics to let themselves be encouraged by the saints, who did not live their lives by "half measures."

In heaven, the saints "cheer" for those on earth when they see them "choose God, humility, meekness, mercy, purity," he said. The saints "understand us, they love us, they know what our true good is, they help us by their intercession, and they wait for us. They are happy, and they want us to be happy with them in paradise." The Pope noted that among the saints are also those who may not be known to us, or who are not on the Church's liturgical calendar, but are nevertheless with God in heaven. And they are all one's brothers and sisters – making the feast of All Saints, "a family party," he said.

Pope Francis recalled a significant point in the Mass, when the "Sanctus," or "Holy, Holy, Holy," is recited or sung. "It is a hymn – that the Bible says – comes from heaven," he said. When singing the "Sanctus" at Mass, Catholics "not only think of the saints, but we do what they do [in heaven]: at that moment, in the Mass, we are united with them more than ever."

The saints encourage people to follow the Beatitudes, which are "the path of happiness," he said. He acknowledged that this is not always easy, especially because the world says, blessed are the rich and the arrogant, not "blessed are the poor in spirit" or "blessed are the meek." But as the day's first reading from the book of Revelation says, the saints have "palm branches in their hands," which is a symbol of victory, the pope said, adding that the saints "have won them, not the world, and they exhort us to choose their part, that of God who is holy." Today Christians are called to hear and to put the Beatitudes into practice, Francis said. Winning the victory of heaven is not always about doing extraordinary things but is "about following this path every day... in the family, at home."

"Today we glimpse our future and celebrate what we were born for: we were born to never die again, we were born to enjoy the happiness of God!" he said. "May the Holy Mother of God, Queen of the saints, help us to firmly walk the path of holiness?"

Fr. Anthony Cruz

An edited homily of Pope Francis preached on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Henny Phillips. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

**Anniversaries:** William Dyer, Cyril (Bernard) Holmes, Mark Stokes, Stan Simek, Mabel Irving.

### **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: 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.

### **Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass Join Zoom Meeting**

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Dear Parishioners,

Good afternoon to you. May our loving Lord shower His choicest blessings upon each one of us and let us be thankful to him for his ever embracing love and providence especially during this toughest time of the Pandemic. Now that we are allowed to have 10 people for 'indoor masses' we can open up our Churches for weekend masses with the permitted number (10 participants for indoor and 20 participants for outdoor).

Something to begin with:

I am celebrating mass tomorrow (Saturday) 6pm at St Joseph's Church, Emerald for 10 participants.

I'm also celebrating Sunday 9am mass at St Thomas More Church, for 10 participants and this mass will be on zoom live streaming. All those who are participating in the weekday masses for last couple days will make the way for the others to participate in Sunday mass.

Let us see how we go with these two Churches this weekend. From next weekend onwards we shall have masses in all our four Churches. The number of participants (though 20 will be allowed) will be limited according to the size of space in the Churches.

**From next week onwards (the 8<sup>th</sup> of November), we would go back to our regular mass timings:**

- 1.) St Joseph's Church Emerald, Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- 2.) St Thomas More Church, Belgrave, Sunday 9am & mass on Zoom
- 3.) Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook, Sunday 9am (**On Zoom Only**)
- 4.) St Paul's Church, Monbulk, Sunday 9am (**On Zoom Only**)

On Weekday St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave 9am & mass on Zoom.

To do the bookings for next weekend masses kindly contact the following persons:

St Thomas More, Belgrave – Mirani / Fr Cruz on 97542141 & 87518112

Or email your First Name, Last Name and Contact number to **belgrave@cam.org.au**

St Joseph's, Emerald - John Conway on 59684083

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St Paul's Monbulk – Mim on 0409005176

I really than you all from the bottom of my heart for your support, cooperation and the contribution you are making through direct debit and thanks giving envelop. Assuring you all of my humble prayers I remain

With Love and prayers  
Fr. Anthony Cruz

*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.*



### **St Josephs College Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Past Pupils and Staff**

**A Prayer Service will be held via ZOOM  
on Thursday 5 November at 7PM**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

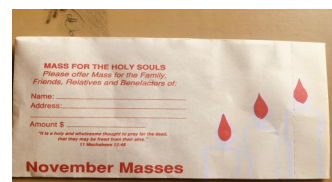
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### ***Mass for the Holy Souls***

**Month of November is the month of all souls. You may wish to offer a mass for the deceased family members or deceased friends. If so, please use the below envelope or your own with the names of the deceased to make offerings addressed to St. Thomas More Parish Office, Belgrave.**



**Prayers of the Faithful Sunday 1st November All Saints Day**

**Celebrant:** Today is the Feast day of all God's people. WE are the gentle, the merciful. WE belong with "the people of every nation, race, tribe and language", So, as God's saints, we confidently express some prayers for our church, Our world and ourselves.

**Response: Lord guide us.**

**Reader:** For the Universal Church: May our leaders model the practice of all the attitudes listed by Matthew in today's gospel reading ( pause) , Together we pray

**Response: Lord guide us.**

**Reader:** For all people of the world: May all nations have faith in the future, especially where there is poverty, war or extreme climatic threat. May governments actively seek remedies and hope for their people. ( pause) Together we pray

**Response: Lord guide us.**

**Reader:** For the Hills region: May leaders and citizens seek to preserve our natural beauty and to support and care for the vulnerable among us. (pause) Together we pray

**Response: Lord guide us.**

**Reader:** For Ourselves: May we support one another and be willing where we can, to contribute actively and in prayer, to our Parish and our neighbourhoods (pause) Together we pray

**Response: Lord guide us.**

**Reader:** For everyone affected by Covid19: May physical and mental healing be available for all (pause) Together we pray

**Response: Lord guide us.**

**Reader:** For our individual special intentions and needs, we pray quietly ( longer pause) Together we pray,

**Response: Lord guide us.**

**Celebrant:** These petitions, and all our prayers, we offer in the name and spirit of Jesus  
Amen.

**All Souls' Day History**

All Soul's Day is on November 2, just after the All Saint's Day and is an official holiday of the Catholic Calendar. It is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have left for their heavenly abode. All Soul's Day has its roots in the ancient Pagan Festival of the Dead, based on the pagan belief that the souls of the dead would return for a meal with the family. Candles kept in the window guide the souls back home and another place was set at the table. Children came asking for food to be offered symbolically to the dead, but then distributed them among the hungry. Catholics believe that those who die are not immediately eligible for the Beatific vision (the reality and goodness of God and heaven) and need to be purged of their sins. The Catholic Church calls this purification of the elect "purgatory." The Catholic church maintains that

(a) there will be a purification of the believers prior to entering heaven and,

(b) the prayers and masses of the faithful benefit those in the state of purification.

In All Soul's Day the friends and relatives of the departed souls pray and offer requiem masses. There are three Requiem Masses that are said by the clergy to assist the souls from Purgatory to Heaven: one for the celebrant, one for the departed, and one for the pope. While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live lives on the holy path and that there will be purification of the souls of those destined for Heaven.

The Feast of All Souls owes its beginning to seventh century monks who decided to offer the mass on the day after Pentecost for their deceased community members. However, the choice of the date (Nov 2) for All Soul's Day is attributed to St. Odilo, the fifth abbot of Cluny (city of France famous for the Abby), because he wanted to follow the example of Cluny in offering special prayers and singing the Office of the Dead on the day following the feast of All Saints.

The modern view of death derives in part from Pre-Hispanic times. The Aztecs played a very important role in the development of this tradition. Through their history, this festival emerged as one with many intricacies and with a varied interpretation to it. According to the Aztec beliefs, after a person's death his soul would pass through nine phases before they reached Mictlan - the place of the dead. The Aztecs also believed that a person's destiny was founded at birth and that the soul of that person depended on the type of death rather than the type of life they lead. The type of a person's death would also determine what region they would go to. Once they arrived to their specific region, a person's soul would either await transformation or linger, awaiting the next destiny.

The Spanish Conquest of 1521 brought about an amalgamation of the Catholic attitudes and indigenous beliefs. The theological underpinning of the feast of All Souls is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God.

**Important Dates**

*1st November All saints Day*

*2nd November All souls Day*



Source:<https://www.theholidayspot.com/>

## #19 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES

### COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: Tuesday 27 October 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 **Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne from 11:59pm on 27 October, 2020.**

#### METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE STEP TWO Summary with new additions as of 11.59pm Tuesday 27 October

- Curfew:** no longer in place.
- Travel:** Up to 25km (but not into regional Vic for recreation)
- Religious Ceremonies: Outdoor religious ceremonies:** permitted with up to 20 people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship.

**Indoor religious ceremonies:** permitted with up to 10 people plus a faith leader.

**Note:** *Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is only one group permitted at a time. Plus, Parish needs to have prepared a COVID-safe plan outlining how they will manage gatherings.*

- Private worship:** allowed for a household, and two adults, and any of their children or dependents, plus a faith leader.
- Weddings:** Permitted in outdoor public spaces allowed with up to 10 people. The faith leader, a photographer, and children under 12 months not included in the cap.
- Funerals:** allowed with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months and people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap. A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church.
- Baptisms:** may be celebrated under the latest outdoor and indoor religious gathering limits, Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water.

**Public Gatherings in Public Spaces:** up to 10 people from across multiple households, friends and/or family outdoors (infants under 12 months not included in cap, but other children must be included in number limit).

- Visitors to the Home:** Two adults and children that cannot be left unsupervised can gather in a household within the 25km radius once a day. Visitor records must be kept. If you have visitors, you cannot visit someone else's home that day. Visitors to households must wear masks. Single

bubbles remain in place.

- Work:** If you can't work from home, you can go to work, and you do not need to carry a permit. However, you still need a permit to travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria for work or study. If you can work from home, you must continue to work from home.

#### 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 Tuesday 27 October, 2020 and until otherwise directed:

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All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services may open only for permitted religious ceremonies.

- **OUTDOOR RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** permitted with up to 20 people plus a faith leader and in addition to those required for the service. Must be adjacent to the place of worship. **INDOOR RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** permitted with up to 10 people plus a faith leader. Note: Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is only one group permitted at a time. Plus, Parish needs to have prepared a COVID-safe plan outlining how they will manage gatherings. Signage, directions and sanitising stations must be clearly available. Contact Records must be kept
- **PRIVATE WORSHIP:** is allowed for a household, and two adults, and any of their children or dependents, plus a faith leader.
- **WEDDINGS:** Permitted in outdoor public spaces with up to 10 people. The faith leader, a photographer, and children under 12 months not included in the cap.
- **FUNERALS:** Permitted with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months of age and people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap. 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.
- **BAPTISMS:** may be celebrated under the indoor and outdoor gathering limits. Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water. All hygiene and distancing precautions must be met, and the recording of contact details of all present. It is advised that if families are taking photos or videos – they should be reminded before the celebration that distancing and the wearing of masks should be maintained.
- **LIVESTREAMING:** comes under the indoor ceremonies limit. Up to 10 people plus a faith leader permitted. Technicians must be included in this cap of 10 people.
- **VISITATIONS: Homes:** 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:** 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 continue to do so.**
- All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details.