

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

A reading from the letter of St James

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation. **Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Mark

Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 5:9-10

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.

Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Isaiah 35:4-7
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1
Second Reading	James 2:1-5
Gospel	Mark 7:31-37



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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	

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 31st August/1st September, 2024.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'You put aside the commandment of God,' warned Jesus, 'to cling to human traditions.' One of the sharpest lines in the Gospel, this is a watchword for every Christian generation. 'In today's passage,' Pope Francis says, 'Jesus addresses an important topic for all of us believers: the authenticity of our obedience to the Word of God, against any worldly contamination or legalistic formalism.' As the Pope suggests, 'those challenging him seek to strike at the reliability and authority of Jesus as Teacher.' The religious leaders who questioned Jesus on technical points of ritual had deluded themselves about what was essential. The Pope points out that 'Jesus wants to rouse the scribes and Pharisees from the error they have fallen into.' Christ's sharp words are intended to turn people from 'distorting God's will, neglecting his commandments in order to observe human traditions.' 'Today too,' the Pope reminds us, 'the Lord invites us to avoid the danger of giving more importance to form than to substance. He calls us to recognise, ever anew, what is the true core of the experience of faith, that is, love of God and love of neighbour.'



<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Sep01/0/RefNickB>

The Pope's Monthly Intention for the month of September

For the Cry of the Earth - "Let us pray that each of us hears with the heart the cry of the Earth and victims of natural disasters and climate change, personally committing to care for the world we inhabit."

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

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

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:

Peter Lyons, Margot Green, Kathy Sta Maria, Helen Van Bergehengouwen, Stephanie Sephanie Separovich.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Patricia Grant, 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 1st September

David Paton and Eileen Collins

Next week — 8th September

Maureen Coyne and Patrick Coyne



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

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](#)



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.



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>



Upcoming CTC Events

Information Session for Educators

Information Session for Prospective Students

Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions

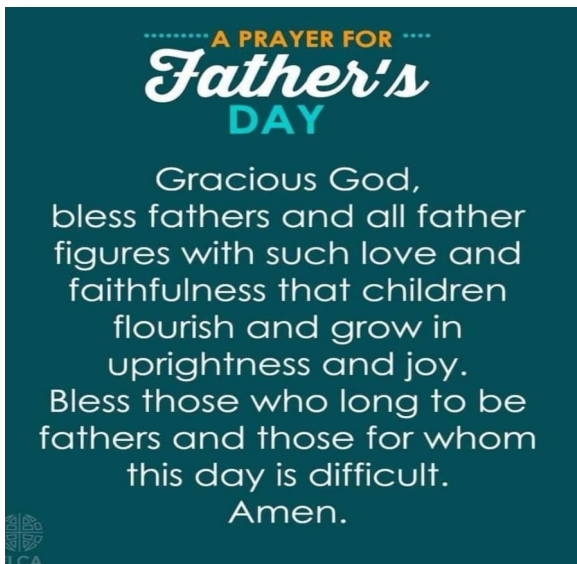
For more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/>

<https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>



Father's day - 1st September



The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary.

Why is Mary called Our Lady of Sorrows?

We celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th. It commemorates the profound union of heart that existed between the Mother of the Redeemer and the Savior, through which she experienced many interior sorrows as a consequence of His Mission, but particularly during His Passion and Death.

To pray and learn about her, the flyers are available in the Belgrave church foyer.



First Friday and First Saturday devotion at St. Thomas more church Belgrave (6th and 7th September)

First Friday and Saturday masses at 9am. After mass Holy Eucharist adoration, Anointing for sick, reciting the Holy Rosary and Devine Mercy Caplet.

Feast days

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| 3rd September | Saint Gregory the Great |
| 5th September | St. Teresa of Calcutta |

Archbishop's Campaign 2024



Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries still available in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishop campaign. I encourage you to please give generously to the Campaign.

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.

God and Beer September

Topic: The Eastern Catholic Churches

Speaker: Fr Collin Nunis

Date: Monday 9th September

Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk

Venue: Notting Hill Hotel ([Steakhouse Room](#)), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC

Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

Tickets: GodandBeer.com.au

Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine, plea for Peace in the Middle East and world peace

Let's redouble our prayers for a resolution for the Ukraine conflict. The candlelight vigil mass is on the first Wednesday of the Month. Lets redouble our prayers for a resolution to this conflict and peace in the world.

7.00pm Mass

7.30pm Private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

7.45pm Rosary

8.05pm Benediction



Baptism



Let us welcome **Sjef Huitema** 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.