

**Entrance Antiphon Ps 85:1-3**

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**Is 66:18-21**

***They will gather all of your people from all nations.***

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15**

***Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.***

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)

Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13**

***The Lord disciplines those he loves.***

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in

peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Lk 13:22-30**

***From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.***

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon Jn 6:54**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**Next week's readings**

First Reading: Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Lk 14:1, 7-14



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

### Homily for the Twenty—First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 20th / 21st August, 2022

This Sunday, the church reminds us of the reunion of all God's people at the feast of His kingdom. It is not only Jews and Christians that the Lord will gather unto himself. He will also gather people from all nations, all those willing to submit to his loving care. The readings of this Sunday, especially the first and the gospel, are closely related. Both bear a powerful message of hope. That is the reunion and restoration of the people of God.

The first reading is a prophecy about the return of God's People to Jerusalem. It is an assurance that God will fulfil his promises to us. Here, the prophet makes three essential points. The first is that God will soon fulfil his promise of restoring us to himself. He will surely do this to show his saving power.

The second is the fact that God has a purpose for this gathering. This is for the glory of his name. In other words, every work he does has the remote aim of giving glory to him. Third, in addition to gathering us unto Himself, God will also make us his ambassadors to other nations. Hence, he promises, "I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations...that have never heard of me or seen my glory."

This also underscores the missionary nature of our call. God initiates it and then uses us to accomplish it. Hence, God commissions us to: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news." This good news is that God will restore our lost glory for the sake of his glory.

The second reading from Hebrews reminds us that obedience and discipline will help us respond and effectively return to the Lord. The path to this return will definitively not be an easy one. In it, we shall encounter thorns and pains. As a loving father, God will also reprimand and punish us. However, this is in order to correct and guide us through the right path.

William Shakespeare wrote in Hamlet, "Sometimes, I must be cruel to be kind." As a loving father, this is the way God also handles us at times. He is the porter, and we are the clay. He crushes, treats us hard, and finally moulds us into a beautiful shape (Jer 18: 1-17). So, we must learn to endure as Christ did through His suffering and death on the cross (Phil 2, 4). This is important if we must witness the glory of God. Success comes through hard work and hard work through discipline and obedience.

In today's gospel, Jesus answers a challenging and tricky question: Sir, will there be only a few saved? His response was straightforward, clever, and of course, an intelligent one. He replies, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door!" So, rather than occupy oneself with arguments about the number of those to be saved, it is better to work hard for one's salvation.

Through this, Christ reminds us that the invitation to His feast is open to all. However, each person must struggle to be there. We must do what we have to do by playing our roles well. This is the only way we can be guaranteed a place in the feast of the kingdom of God.

Source: <https://frcanicenjoku.com/2022/08/21/homily-for-the-21st-sunday-of-ordinary-time-year-c/>

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### **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** John Faragher (92) the father of John Faragher and father in law of Sally Anne. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

### **Anniversaries:**

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

**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: Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Diane Kamoen, 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, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen ■ Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, 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.

### **NEED TO DISPOSE OF A VEHICLE?**

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse.

Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life.

If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or adam-kaali@hotmail.com).

### **"Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace:**

Wednesday the 24th August, at 7pm, Father Cruz will recommence the Candlelight Vigil including Mass, private prayer and the Rosary, offered for the end of the war in Ukraine and for peace in the world. This intention is also one of the requests of Mary the Mother of God, when she appeared in Fatima to three peasant children, several times in 1917.

Time will be strictly 7 pm – 8.15, but come for whatever time you can.

7 pm Mass  
7.30 Private prayer  
7.45 Rosary  
8.00 Benediction  
8.15 Finish.

Everyone is welcome to attend. "



### **CatholicCare Victoria Appeal 2022**

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue to ensure that vulnerable individuals and families in our community have the opportunity to live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)

**Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or

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### Appeal for the Unforeseen Expense

We were recently made aware that our Electrical boards in the Churches (Emerald and Belgrave) and Presbytery were no longer safe and compliant, and if we did not update these urgently, our fire insurance on both the Presbytery and Church buildings would not be covered. These were upgraded this last week to ensure we retain our full insurance coverage.

To help pay for this unforeseen extra cost, any help from any extra coins – or other - each week that you could spare, would be most helpful in helping pay of this cost. There is a collection box near the exit of the Belgrave church for this.

Or if you could provide parish office with a larger donation in relation to this work, your help in all of this would be most appreciated.

**Fr. Anthony Cruz MC**

### **Fundraising Event**

The Social Justice Group will be holding a stall on Social Justice Sunday the 28th August after 9am Mass at St. Thomas More church, Belgrave. Please bring along some extra cash to spend on gifts and cakes.

All money raised will go to the

[UKRAINECRISISAPPEAL.ORG](http://UKRAINECRISISAPPEAL.ORG)

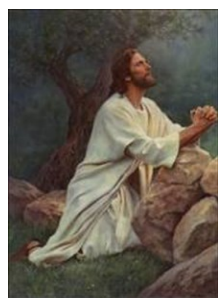
### **Inner Healing & Forgiveness through**

Meditation on Jesus

September 16 – 17, 2022

(Prayer & Meditation through gentle postures and breathing in the Holy Spirit, heals body, mind and soul.)

Gospel of John 17:11; “Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me...”



Retreat begins at 5.30pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September and concludes at 4.30pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of September Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo SVD

Contact: At 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, Victoria 3155. RSVP Tel: 0424202191 or

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### **Parish Lunch at Yarra Ranges Estate**

**Sunday 21 August and Cost \$50 per person**

**RSVP to John Conway by 7 August**

**Email: [jfgconway@yahoo.com](mailto:jfgconway@yahoo.com)**

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### **Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist**

Please pray for the following children who will be receiving their First Holy Eucharist this weekend at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.



**Alice Rose Brunette**

**Maria Meztli Larissa**

### **Feast of Queenship of the blessed Virgin Mary - August 22**



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

#### **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

- **Bookshop Manager - Permanent Full Time**
- **World Youth Day (WYD) Coordinator**
- **Account Executive, Client Services, Catholic Development Fund**
- **Parish Animation Consultant**

#### **Parish Positions**

- **Bookkeeper - St Peter Apostle Mission Parish**
- **Parish Business Manager - South Yarra Catholic Parish**
- **Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator - Hoppers Crossing Parish**
- **OSHC Program Coordinator - Hoppers Crossing Parish**
- **Parish Bookkeeper - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine**
- **Parish Secretary - St Mary's Parish, Castlemaine**
- **Senior Pastoral Associate - St Mary's Parish Greensborough**
- **Parish Secretary - St Dominic's Parish**
- **Parish Manager - St Dominic's**

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 [hradmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hradmin@cam.org.au)