

## Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B

**Entrance Antiphon:** Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

**Jer 31:31-34**

**The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.**

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12**

**(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

**Heb 5:7-9**

**He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.**

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Jn 12:26**

**Alleluia,**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
**alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**Jn 12:20-33**

**If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

- **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

**Next week’s readings:**

**First Reading:** Is 50:4-7

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

**Second Reading:** Phil 2:6-11

**Gospel :** Mk 14:1 – 15:47



# Parish of Belgrave

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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	6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am	9.00am	10.30am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

### Homily for the Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B — 21st March, 2021

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

This Sunday the readings focus us on the life and death of Jesus and the Old Testament passages that help us understand the life and death of the Lord. It is really important for us to recognize that without the Old Testament, the Jewish Scriptures, it would be very difficult for us—perhaps even impossible—to understand Jesus and His life and death.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Jeremiah. This Prophet is clear that the relationship of God with His people has been difficult and that the previous Covenants have been broken and that there is a need for a New Covenant that will last forever. The Prophet Jeremiah shows us a God who is always seeking us out, who is willing to start a New Covenant with us, who always wants to love us. And so we hear in this reading today: “All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the Lord, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.”

What a wonderful God we have. This God was known and loved by the Prophet Jeremiah and we are invited to know and love this same God, who loves us and who always forgives us—and forgets our sins!

The second reading comes from the Letter to the Hebrews. This letter is used more and more during the time we come close to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The letter speaks so clearly of the sufferings of the Lord Jesus: “Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.”

God has taken on our flesh and our human weakness even though God in Christ never sins. God in Christ knows our sinful nature and truly suffers. The carrying of the Cross and the death on the Cross are real and unite Jesus to us in a way that is unimaginable for God to share in our lives. Yet God chooses this way to draw us to Himself. We are invited to learn obedience to the will of the Father, even though we know that in the process of obedience, we also shall suffer.

The Gospel from Saint John today includes a short passage in which the divine breaks through into the ordinary life once again. When we hear a voice from heaven in the Gospels, then we know that the divine is breaking into the ordinary. Jesus says: “Father, glorify your name.” The Voice from Heaven says: “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

The challenge in this last part of Lent is to LISTEN to the Lord, to the whole of the Old Testament and to the Church. God is speaking to us. Will we answer? Will we give our lives in obedience to the Lord Jesus—always with love and joy?

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Yvonne Mitchell and Kathleen Dawson. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

**Anniversaries:** Peter (Goff) Martin, Thea Iaquinto, Dawn Taylor, Paul Kolemvus, Joshua Whyte, John Van Bergenhenegouwen, Maria Gawronski.

### **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: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, 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, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter 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, Helen Hermann, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Peter Champion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

### **Prayer to St Joseph**

St Joseph,  
You were receptive to God working in your life.  
Help us by your prayers at this time of trial.

You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care:  
may your prayers assist our local Church  
to respond to those in need.

You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers:  
help us to follow his example of love.

You were part of God's plan for all humanity:  
assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day.

You spent your life in service:  
may we be mindful of others,  
particularly the elderly and vulnerable,  
caring for them in these difficult days.

You trusted in the clear primacy of God  
over all history and every situation:  
help us to grow in faith and pray to the  
Father, *Thy will be done.* Amen.



### ***Yvonne Mitchell***

We wish to let our school and parish communities know of the sad news that Yvonne Mitchell passed away last Friday, 12 March in Queensland. Yvonne worked in the Administration Office at St Paul's for 30 years before her retirement in 2015. Yvonne was extremely dedicated to our school community, with generations of families having passed through our doors during her time here. She was the welcoming face of the school for such a long time and was much loved by all.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends at this sad time.



## **THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2021**

**1st Prize is a SUZUKI BALENO!**



**All New 2021 Suzuki Baleno Series II GL valued @ \$22,390 Drive Away**

2nd Prize – Gift Cards to the value of \$5,000

3rd Prize – Gift Cards to the value of \$2,000

4th - 6th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of \$1000 each

7th – 20th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of @ \$500 each

**Tickets \$2 each. The tickets are available from the below Volunteers.**

Belgrave	Suzanne Rangan	0413046755
Monbulk	Tony Whyte	0409005176
Emerald	Tony Green	0408683972
Gembrook	Mary Lahey	0400602591

**RAFFLE DRAWN June 5th 2021**

**Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No - 10110/21**

**Ticket sales close Friday, May 7th 2021**



St Paul's Primary School, Monbulk, invites you to join us for...

# **READY, SET, PREP!**

Get ready for school with a 'taste' of St Paul's!

## **Registrations Now Open!**

Invitation to: 3yo, 4yo and 5yo pre school children

9:30am Friday 12 March: LIBRARY STORYTIME

9:30am Friday 26 March: EXPERIENCE ITALY

9:30am Friday 30 April: GARDEN TIME - BACKYARD BLITZ

9:30am Friday 14 May: SCIENCE FAIR

Spaces are limited due to density limits – so register today!

To register your place: 9756 7201 or email: [office@spmonbulk.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@spmonbulk.catholic.edu.au)



### Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

1. Record Keeping is required for all attendees beyond a 15-minute visit and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days;
2. People must carry a fitted face covering at all times. Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors (except in particular circumstances, note above), but should be worn by participants (unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age) if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.
3. Hygiene precautions must continue to be maintained throughout;
4. We can have the following numbers of the participants in each mass centre.

**Belgrave - 90 people      Emerald - 40 people**

**Monbulk - 60 people      Gembrook - 40 people**

Let us welcome **Quinn Ruzyla Woodbridge** into our lively faith community as the little baby is going to receive her baptism this weekend at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk. May she receive all the blessings she needs to live and grow as a loving child of God, the Father.

### Lenten Program at St. Thomas More Belgrave



**Station of the Cross on Every Friday at  
7.00pm**

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation - Tuesday to  
Saturday 9.30am —10.15am**

**Holy Hour — Tuesday to Saturday -  
9.30am to 10.15am**



### FUNDRAISING NEWS

We are in the process of collecting old stamps and coins. Can you please keep all used postage stamps (Australian and overseas) and overseas money, also old stamp albums.

These are for sale at the Parish fete. Please send to the parish office or call **Tony Whyte** (St Paul's Monbulk) for collection.

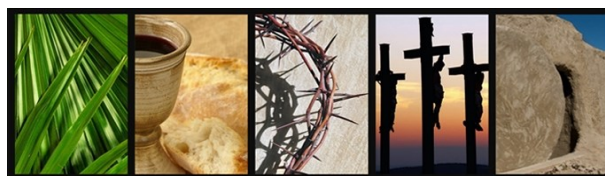
### Social Justice Pamphlets.

Over the next two weekends, pamphlets entitled "Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World" will be distributed at Mass Centres.

They provide useful information and further reading, to remind us of our rights and responsibilities, as users of digital media.

The Social Justice Group invites all parishioners to take the opportunity to take a pamphlet and pass it on to family and friends.

**Marilyn Huber**



### Holy Week Program

#### **Thursday of the Lord's Supper—1st April**

**7.30pm** at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave — Washing of the Feet and Eucharist.

**8.30 pm** Solemn Reservation. Adoration.

#### **Good Friday - 2nd April:**

**10.00am.** The Stations of the cross at Sumava Czech Centre, Locks Way, Belgrave South.

**3.00pm** Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

#### **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night —Saturday**

**3rd April: 6.30pm** at St. Thomas More Church, Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

Blessing of the Fire. followed by the vigil Mass.

#### **Sunday of the Resurrection — Easter Sunday**

**4th April:**

**6.30am** -St. Joseph's Church, Emerald.

Blessing of the Fire, Holy Eucharist.

**Please note also....** that breakfast will be served after the Easter Dawn Mass at St. Joseph's church. All welcome. (**Depend on the Pandemic restrictions**)

**9.00am** - Holy Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook.

**9.00am**—Holy Eucharist St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.

**10.30am**—Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

### Devine Mercy Novena

Dear parishioners

Devine Mercy Sunday this year falls on 11th April. Devine Marcy Novena starts on Good Friday 2nd of April.

Flyers for Novena and Chaplet available in the Foyer

Confession heard on Saturday 9.30am—10.30am, and on the Devine Mercy morning 8.30am—10.00am (by a visiting priest)