

Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

Entrance Antiphon:

Rv 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Ez 34:11-12. 15-17

You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

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Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose. **(R.)**

Near restful waters he leads me,

to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path;

he is true to his name. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell

for ever and ever. **(R.)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

1 Cor 15:20-26. 28

He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who be

belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Mk 11:9-10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 25:31-46

He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

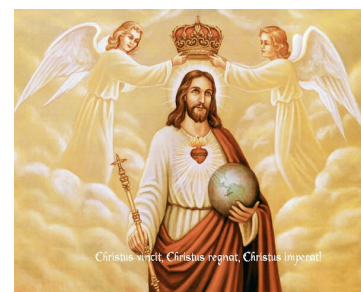
The Gospel of the lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.





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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 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	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King

Christ has conquered, Christ now rules: In the middle of St Peter's square in Rome, there stands a great obelisk. It about four and half thousand years old and it originally stood in the temple of the sun in the Egyptian city of Heliopolis. But it was brought to Rome by the dreadful Emperor Caligula and it was set right in the middle of Circus of Nero, equally dreadful, that was on the Vatican hill. It was in that Circus that St Peter was martyred, and the obelisk may well have been the last thing on this Earth that Peter saw. On top of the obelisk there now stands a cross.

In ancient times there was a gold ball representing, of course, the sun. Now there is a cross however, the cross of Christ, and on the pedestal of the obelisk there are two inscriptions. The first of them in Latin, "*Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat*", which translated means, Christ has conquered, Christ now rules, Christ now reigns supreme. The other inscription, "The Lion of Judah has conquered". So here we have the language of victory. Christianity has triumphed by the power of the cross and triumphed over even the greatest power that the ancient world had known, the Roman Empire, and here in the middle of St Peter's square stands the obelisk bearing those triumphant inscriptions.

The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "*Pax Christi in regno Christi*" ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty they owed to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross had made them both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honor Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing him to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is his throne and the Sermon on the Mount, his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: "*Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you.*" His love is selfless, compassionate, forgiving, and unconditional. He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: freeing us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance in the eternal life of heaven.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Anthony Dale (86). Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: Eng- Seong Tan, Jim Goodie, Trudy Francis, Carmelo Dell'Universita, Stephen Manion, Nelly Van Raay.

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: Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Irene, Linda and Robert Ploeg, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo Walsh, Father Noel, MacKay. Stephen, Loise Lenaghan, B O'Connor, Linda Bullinant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, Alida Cabret, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus.

BAPTISM: This weekend at Belgrave, we will warmly welcome **Elena Carpenter** into our faith community. May Elena be richly blessed throughout her life, constantly aware of the unconditional love and mercy of God.

- To arrange a Baptism in the Parish, please phone the parish office during the office hours on 9454 2141.

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass Join Zoom Meeting

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Mass days and times

- 1.) St Joseph's Church Emerald, Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass) (20 Participants)
- 2.) St Thomas More Church, Belgrave, Sunday 9am (20 Participants and mass on Zoom)
- 3.) Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook, Sunday 9am (15 Participants Only)
- 4.) St Paul's Church, Monbulk, Sunday 11am (20 Participants and mass on Zoom)

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

For bookings for weekend masses kindly contact the following persons:

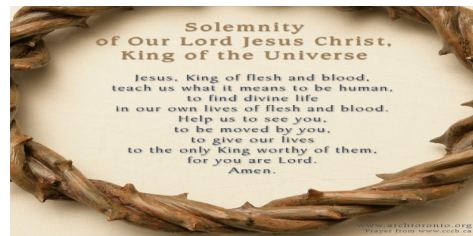
St Thomas More, Belgrave – Mirani / Fr. Cruz on 97542141 & 87518112

Please note: For mass bookings on Tuesday to Friday 10.15am to 1.30pm by calling the Parish office or by email to belgrave@cam.org.au with your First Name, Last Name and Contact number.

St Joseph's, Emerald - John Conway on 59684083

Sacred Heart, Gembrook – Pam Giulieri on 59681378

St Paul's Monbulk – Mim on 0409005176



Dear parishioners,

Kindly keep in your prayers the students of St Thomas More School, Belgrave and St Paul's School, Monbulk as they are preparing themselves to receive Sacraments in the coming weeks, so that all of them would experience the Mercy of God the Father, redemptive and loving touch of God the Son and the strengthening and sanctifying grace of God the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Dates for St Thomas More School, Belgrave:

First Reconciliations - Friday, 20th November, 2020 (3.30pm -5.30 pm).

Confirmations – Thursday, 26th November, 2020 (5 pm).

First Holy Communion – Friday, 27th November, 2020 (5pm).

Date for St Paul's School Monbulk:

Confirmations - Thursday, 3rd December, 2020 (7pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave).

N.B: First Reconciliations and First Holy Communion for the students of St Paul' School are scheduled for next (2021) academic year

A little thought for us on the feast of Christ the King

"Many today are starving for ordinary bread. But there is another kind of hunger – the hunger to be wanted, the hunger to be loved, the hunger to be recognised. Nakedness too is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect. And homelessness is not just want of a house; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society. The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for. The greatest evil in the world is lack of love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour." Lord, warm our cold hearts with your grace, so that we your disciples may produce the fruits of love as you have taught us and with this love we shall overcome the world."

-- Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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 or by **direct debit payment**.



Free e-book (with church imprimatur) for your computer/tablet/ phone:

Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1

The new Liturgical Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent. This e-book may be downloaded free of charge to any computer/ tablet/ phone. It offers the Gospel for every day of the coming Liturgical Year B-1 (Sundays Year B, weekdays Year 1), followed by a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. The e-book may be passed on for downloading to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given when he was Bishop of Parramatta. **Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year B-1** may be accessed at the following URL address:

www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/

Prayers of the faithful

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

PRIEST: On the celebration of Christ the King, we have been nourished by God's word, and we turn to our Lord with confidence for what we need.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

READER: May we be faithful servants of our king, living lives that reflect the values of his reign, reaching out to those in need and caring for them in the church and in the community. Lord hear us

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

READER: For those in leadership roles in the Church, that they may show the kindness and sensitivity of the Good Shepherd, who minds all the sheep, especially those in need. Lord hear us

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

READER: For those who visit us as strangers, that we may learn to give a warm welcome to refugees and immigrants. Lord hear us.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

READER: As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, may we reflect on our crucified Lord with the desire to imitate his attitude of humility and service to others. Lord hear us.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

READER: We ask for your comfort for those worldwide, who are still suffering during this pandemic. Lord hear us.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

READER: For our own needs and intentions, that we now recall in our hearts, we pray to the Lord. Lord hear us.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

PRIEST: Almighty God, we worship and honour your name. Help us to respond to you in love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Important Dates

22nd November	Feast of Christ the King
23rd November	St. Clement 1
24th November	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
25th November	Saint Catherine of Alexandria

Feast of Christ the King

In our own time, there are many varied images of what being a king means. We have the idea that a king or a queen has a leading position of responsibility or leadership in a particular country. Our mind directly associates being a king with a particular country and the responsibilities of a king lie mainly with the material development and well being of the people of that particular nation.

Jesus' kingship is very different. The feast of today gives us an opportunity to reflect whether Jesus Christ reigns in me. We are today given the chance to reflect whether I am living my life according to the attitudes, values and teachings of Jesus Christ. The kingship of Jesus is much more radical because it has a direct bearing on how each one of us responds to the invitation of Jesus Christ to pattern our lives on his own. This is an invitation that St Paul recognized very well and an invitation that encouraged St Paul to model his own life on the example of Jesus.

This is the reason why in his letter to the people of Galatia which was a city in modern Turkey, he proclaims. "It is no longer I who lives, but it is Jesus who lives in me". (Gal 2:20)

Jesus Christ has influenced millions of people throughout the past 2000 years. Incredible things have been achieved by people who seriously tried to mould their lives on His teachings.

from the moment of birth till the time when we have to depart from this life. We do not need to go far to realize this. If we take a look at our Diocese, we are blessed with so many opportunities where care is given to so many. So many volunteers working with so many church organizations are constantly providing daily practical help to so many. The sick are being cared for with great expertise and care; our aged care facilities are places where the dignity of each person is respected, the Diocesan social services are providing so much needed encouragement and practical guidance to those who are in need. Members of the St Vincent de Paul and Catholic Women's League are at the present time providing much needed moral and financial sustenance to so many of our people who are suffering the effects of the drought which is gripping our country. Our schools are making their contribution to provide a thorough and solid preparation to our students for life; while overall our parishes are a constant source of generosity, care and service. All of these things are animated by the fact that Jesus Christ is alive today in you and in me. Whatever we do as Catholic people in the area of taking care of others stems from our basic belief. Just as Jesus Christ gave everything for us we are in turn obliged to give ourselves in order to cater for the needs of everyone because every person as created by God deserves the best. Whenever we put this into practice we are saying very clearly that only Jesus is our King, the motivation of what we say and do.

As I speak the image of Maureen Considine comes to mind. Maureen has a beautiful family. One of the sons has a disability. Shortly after I came to the Diocese, she came to see me with her friend Bernadette to see what we as a Diocese can do in order to help people with a disability especially when their parents get old and would be unable to provide the necessary care. That meeting gave a rise to so much awareness about the need for care for people with a disability. At the present time, the Diocese with the help of Centacare are working solidly to provide accommodation for people with a disability and for giving the opportunity to these people to live their life in a dignified manner surrounded by care and the due attention. In addition, this afternoon at St Joseph's parish a group of people will meet together as they do every month in order to provide whatever is needed so that people with a disability can exercise their God given talents and where they can worship and give thanks to God respecting their needs and capabilities.

As a Diocese we formally launched the pastoral document entitled "I have a story - People with Disability and their families participating fully in Parish Life", in March 2006. We have done this so that as a Diocese we are reminded that all of us are important to God and therefore all of us contribute to the building up of our Christian community and God's kingdom. We became definitely richer as a church and as a Diocese when we are capable and conscious of welcoming everybody. This launch was not about doing the disabled a favour. It was to realize that the disabled are a gift to the parish family. We are incomplete without their participation. The parish life is enriched by the gifts of each other.

On the day of the launch of the document, Maureen was present. She came out of hospital that day to be with her family and with others. She was receiving treatment for cancer. She was given permission to come only for the Mass. She was sitting in a wheelchair and her right hand was bandaged because she had just been given the necessary medical care intravenously and immediately after the Mass she was expected to go back to the hospital to continue her treatment. Maureen died shortly afterwards. The Diocese has established the Maureen Considine Fund so that her dream of having proper care and accommodation for all disabled would be realized.

Where did she get her energy and commitment from? Where did she get her perseverance from? Her heart was animated and empowered by the spirit of our Jesus Christ. This is why she persevered. She reminds all of us of our call and of the reality that indeed it is no longer we who are living but it is Jesus Christ who is living in us. Indeed Jesus Christ is very much alive today. May we all continue to let Him be the only guide and shepherd of our thinking, of our attitudes, of our values and of our belief so that we can continue to change our society based on what He stands for. "Long live Christ the King".

Source: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/101-feast-of-christ-the-king>