

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time— Year A

Entrance Antiphon :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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant. Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you,

I will adore before your holy temple.(R)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
Which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul.(R)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
And the haughtily he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands.(R)

**(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Rom 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his

Methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt. 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the lord.

Communion Antiphon:

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





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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	<u>No Masses</u>	<u>No Masses</u>	<u>No Masses</u>	<u>No Masses</u>
	WEEKDAY				

Mass changes: MASSSES CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE ON-LINE DUE TO COVID19 RESTRICTIONS—we will keep you up-to-date.

Reconciliation: Marriages & Baptisms by appointment. To speak with Fr. Cruz, phone 03 8751 8112 and leave a message if not answered.

23RD AUGUST, 2020 — 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope and pray that all of you are safe and sound. Certainly our Good Lord is with us blessing us all with his presence. In the Gospel of Mathew Jesus assured us of his saying, presence “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mathew 28:20). Let not us forget that in our moments of difficulties and hardships our loving Lord Jesus is with us, sustaining us with his graces and blessings.

The stage 4 lockdown is really harder and tougher than the previous lockdown stages, but we are able to see the good results as the number of COVID19 -19 cases coming down day by day. Let us pray that soon we will have zero cases of COVID -19. The Federal and State governments do their best to reduce and stop the spread of the COVID -19. Let us continue to strictly abide by the regulations in place.

As a strong Catholic faith community (that lives in the Dandenong Ranges) we can also do something on our part in our own way to put an end to the killer pandemic COVID19 -19. We need to increase our prayers to terminate the corona virus globally. Have you ever heard about 54 days of Miracle Rosary Novena to Our Lady ? The “54 days of Miracle Rosary Novena ”begins from the solemnity of Assumption of Our divine Mother (15th August) and it ends with the feast of our Lady of the Holy Rosary (7th October). We have begun it on the solemnity of Assumption on zoom. Our daily mass on zoom begins at 9 am and ends by 9.40 am. After the mass we have the exposition of Blessed sacrament within which we are praying the rosary. All those who are interested in praying the holy rosary can join for the rosary as well.

Kindly keep in your prayers our new secretary Mirani Perera that she will be able to serve us better by quickly adapting herself to the unique situation our parish.

Fraternally,

Fr Anthony Cruz

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Gembrook: Pam Giulieri & Matthew Thomas

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Henri Donker (81), the elder brother of Maria (Mia) Jansen. Many people across the world who have died from the corona virus and calamities. *Eternal rest grant unto them, Our Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them and may their dear souls rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversaries:

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

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Lida Ploeg Lida and Robert Ploeg, 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, Stephen, Lois Lenaghan, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, Alida Cabret, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Geoff Henwood, 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.

Days and times of ZOOM live masses

Weekdays – Mon. – Sat . 9.00 a.m. St Thomas More Belgrave

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Sunday 10a.m.— 11.15a.m.

St Joseph's, Emerald

Saturday 6.00 p.m.– 7.15 p.m.

Sacred Heart, Gembrook

Sunday 8.30a.m.- 9.45 a.m.

St. Paul's Monbulk

Sunday 11.30a.m. – 12.45 p.m.

All of you are most welcome to participate in the holy Eucharistic celebration as a community via ZOOM.

AS OF NOW ALL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS STAND SUSPENDED *except funerals with restricted numbers. Please call 03 87518112 if any of you want to talk to me. You are most welcome to call me on that number, too, if you want me to offer Mass for any of your personal intentions.*

Fr. Cruz

ZOOM ROSARY: now held on Monday to Saturday immediately after the holy mass. Father's Zoom link below.

FR. CRUZ WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS VIA ZOOM every day.

Topic: Father Cruz's Zoom Mass

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

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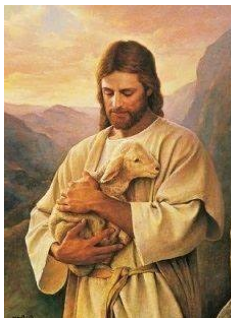
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A PRAYER FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 *from the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, Ireland, and worth repeating in the newsletter again this week as the number of health care workers contracting the virus has risen.*

*Loving God,
we place into your care
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
Give them courage of heart
and strength of mind and body.
Keep them safe from harm.
May they know our deep gratitude
for all they are doing
to heal and help those affected by
the coronavirus.
God of all consolation
may they know your protection and peace.
Bless them in these challenging days
and bless their families.
Amen.*



I cast my cares on the Lord.....

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF

MELBOURNE has fantastic online resources to help you through this time of suffering:
www.cam.org.au/coronavirus.

STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS – METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE:

‘Metropolitan Melbourne’ is made up of 31 local government areas. Stage 4 restrictions have been put in place for these areas, which includes this Parish in its entirety.

•**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 Sunday 2 August, 2020 and for a period of 6 weeks unless otherwise directed.**

•All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services, are to be closed. **Fr. Cruz cannot receive visitors for confession, unfortunately.**

•**WEDDINGS:** No weddings are permitted unless an application is made to the DHHS for an exemption on compassionate grounds. If compassionate reasons permit a marriage ceremony to proceed, then only 5 people are allowed, comprising of the couple, the two witnesses and the celebrant.

•**FUNERALS:** will be limited to 10 mourners, plus the minimum number required to conduct the funeral.

•**BAPTISMS:** are to be postponed, unless here is a grave pastoral need. (Can. 857; 860).

•**LIVESTREAMING:** a limit of 5 in total may be present, including the celebrant.

•**VISITATIONS:** home visitations are not permitted unless for grave reasons. Only Clergy (Priests and Deacons) may visit. All hygiene precautions must be adhered including the wearing of face coverings. Holy Communion is not to be given to anyone in their homes or care facilities, including the sick and homebound, except as Viaticum for the dying, which may be administered only by Priests and Deacons, and complying with all hygiene precautions and the protocols of the relevant hospitals or aged-care facilities (washing hands, etc.) as appropriate.

•**CURFEW:** A Curfew is in place from 8pm until 5am each day. You may leave home for the purposes of essential work only.

• **If you can work from home, you must do so.** All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details. **Accordingly, the Parish Office is closed. Phone: 0400436793 or 0387518112.**



Spring is nearly here!!

Thank you to Marilyn Huber for this beautiful photo. It's time to go outside to reflect on the beauty around us—it is everywhere!

THE PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT: Presbytery income is shared with the Priests' Remuneration Fund (25%) and the Archdiocese for the support of the Archbishop (5%) at the end of each quarter. From the balance of income received, the day-to-day living expenses of the priest are paid, including motor vehicle expenses (car lease, insurance & petrol), the housekeeper's wages, Mass supply and Father's stipend. There is generally a shortfall in funds each quarter, but a quarterly report is prepared and a claim submitted for reimbursement from the PRF. Usually, this amount equates to all, or most of Father's stipend, and occasionally a small additional amount.

Prayer of the Faithful for twenty first Sunday in ordinary time, year A

Priest: God of wisdom, you know the true heart of each of your children. Trusting in your compassion, we bring our prayers to you.

Response: Lord have mercy on us.

May your church carry the keys of your kingdom with wisdom, compassion and humility? May it be a comforting presence to all those suffering at this time.

We pray: Lord have mercy on us.

May those who lead nations address the areas of need, brought to light during this Pandemic - those of; inequality in the work force, lack of health services and the basic needs of the poor, homelessness, mental health and disability services.

We pray: Lord have mercy on us.

May those who have been denied access to their dying loved ones due to COVID 19 restrictions, find comfort in you, their friends, family and church communities.

We pray: Lord have mercy on us.

May the beauty of your creation help us to be aware that it is just a taste of your kingdom that awaits us.

We pray: Lord have mercy on us.

We pray for the sick, specially those whose names are in our newsletter. Stretch out your healing hands upon them that they may recover back to health.

We pray: Lord have mercy on us.

Lord we pray for the departed souls, especially those who died recently in our parish. Be merciful to them and grant them eternal rest.

We pray: Lord have mercy on them.

For our personal concerns: Pause...

We pray: Lord have mercy on us.

Priest: God, you offer us joy and peace always. May our trust in you remain strong and our hearts ever open for opportunities to serve you. Through Jesus your Son. Amen