

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 27:8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jer 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, “Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!” But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Rom 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mt 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 10:11,15

I am the Good Shepherd, and I lay down my life for my sheep, says the Lord.



Next week's readings

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Gospel: Mt 10:37-42



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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 Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A - 24th/ 25th June, 2023

REFLECTION by Dianne - Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

[Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time A \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://www.liturgyhelp.com)

The Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2023

June - For the abolition of torture - We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/popes-monthly-intentions-2023>

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths:

Many people across the world who have died due to natural calamities (Turkey and Syria) and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Kevin Ryan, Harry Tuplin, Fr, Lgnacy Smaga SChr, Berenice Shaw, Joop Bakker, Anne Durrant, Jason Breakwell, Mary Thornburn, Fr. Leo Saleeba, Kevin Ryan, Terry Garric.

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: John Barber, Kaz Holt, Dimuthu, Glen Butler, Aliyah Lawless, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, 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, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, ■ Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, 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 Breerton, 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.**

Help Needed

We have some wool which needs knitting into squares once again. The wool has been placed in the St. Thomas Mores Church foyer. The idea is to make up knee rugs for distribution.

Any size square is fine as long as they make up a sizeable rug. Lots of nice colours to choose from.

Please feel free to sew them together if you feel you can.

Once completed please contact either Paula Holloway on 0423 133 162 or Marilyn Huber (Emerald Church)



Church Volunteers

A very big **thank you** to our church volunteers who render your valuable service to our parish church communities in various capacities.

Please enter your details in the volunteer list placed in the church foyer. If you have not submitted a copy of your working with children check, please hand over to your mass manager or parish office.

Thank You.

TEMPORARY USE OF CAR - URGENT NEED

An heroic lady who is a recent widow with significant health issues requiring ongoing medical treatment, and who is caring for 2 adult children with disabilities, is in urgent need of a reliable vehicle in good order - if possible as a loan of 2 to 3 months. Her own car has "died" and is not worth repairing. And her story, if it was told, is an extraordinary mix of courage and heartbreak. Do you know someone who might help? Any additional insurance required will be covered. For further information, contact Fr. Kevin Dillon on 0421 777 360 or frkdillon@outlook.com.au.



Transport for pastoral care

One of the major works of *Aid to the Church in Need* is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included 564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks for the pastoral work of the Church – particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport or scan the QR code to make an offering and learn more.



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Scam E mail under circulation

Dear parishioners

Someone has created a new e mail address (faithlepastor6@tutanota.com) in my name and circulating among some of our parishioners, asking money and gift vouchers. Please ignore such e mails, if you have received. Please be aware of such scam e mails aimed at exploiting the goodness and generosity our parishioners.

Fr. Anthony Cruz

The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Jun 05, 2017 by Mary Thierfelder

12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine/12-promises-sacred-heart-of-jesus-2-6075#>

St. Vincent de Paul's Winter appeal

St. Vincent de Paul's annual winter appeal is being held during the month of June.

Any non perishable food could be left at the church foyer and would be collected by conference members.

Envelopes will be available at church for those that are able to donate financially.

There will be a third collection this weekend for Vincent de Paul winter appeal. Give your generosity.



Please see below an update to current vacant roles listed on our Melbourne Catholic website.

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

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne

- Safeguarding Officer

Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria (ACMV) Coordinator

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary – St Dominic's Parish, Melton
- Pastoral Worker - Our Lady of Help Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Youth Minister - Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren
- Evangelisation Coordinator - Corio & Lara Catholic Parish
- Parish Secretary - Parishes in Partnership, Thornbury
- Parish Secretary - Holy Eucharist, St Mary's & St Joseph's Parish, Malvern

Other Positions

- Facilities and Operations Director – Newman College
- Spiritual Care Worker - Sacred Heart Mission, St Kilda
- Banking and Finance Officer - Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst

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 hrrad-min@cam.org.au