#### **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A**

#### **Entrance Antiphon:**

#### Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;

turn to the Lord and his strength;

constantly seek his face.

#### A reading from the book of Exodus Ex 22:20-26

# If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

#### The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2

#### (R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;

my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:

when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king

and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 1:5-10

# You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to

become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

#### The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

#### Jn 14:23

All who love me will keep my words,

and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

#### Mt 22:34-40

## You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

#### The Gospel of the lord.

#### **Communion Antiphon:**

Eph 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,

as a fragrant offering to God.



Parish office closed due to lockdown Internet: pol.org.au/belgrave			The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of chil- dren, 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: <u>www.catholic.org.au/</u> <u>responseandprevention</u>		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	<b>St. Thomas More</b> <b>Belgrave</b> Reynolds Lane	<b>St. Paul's</b> <b>Monbulk</b> 59 Moores Road
Mass	WEEKEND	<u>On Zoom</u>	<u>On Zoom</u>	<u>Outdoor mass</u>	<u>On Zoom</u>
TIMES	WEEKDAY			Outdoor mass	
Dear paris	shioners, just tried	to bring to you the gist of the	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time recent papal encyclical signed on 3 FRATELLI TUTTI: A SHORT S	rd October.	

Pope Francis describes it as a "Social Encyclical" which borrows the title of the "Admonitions" of Saint Francis of Assisi, who used these words to "address his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel." The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship.

Chapter One: dark clouds cover the world - In the first of eight chapters, which is entitled "Dark Clouds over a Closed World", the document reflects on the many distortions of the contemporary era: the manipulation and deformation of concepts such as democracy, freedom, justice; the loss of the meaning of the social community and history; selfishness and indifference toward the common good; the prevalence of a market logic based on profit and the culture of waste; unemployment, racism, poverty; the disparity of rights and its aberrations such as slavery, trafficking, women subjugated and then forced to abort, organ trafficking . It deals with global problems that call for global actions, emphasizes the Pope, also sounding the alarm against a "culture of walls" that favours the proliferation of organized crime, fuelled by fear and loneliness.

**Chapter Two:** strangers on the road - The second chapter, "A stranger on the road", is dedicated to this figure. In it, the Pope emphasizes that we are all called – just like the Good Samaritan – to become neighbours to others, overcoming prejudices, personal interests, historic and cultural barriers. We all, in fact, are coresponsible in creating a society that is able to include, integrate and lift up those who have fallen or are suffering.

Chapter Three: vision of an open world - In this chapter Pope Francis exhorts us to go "outside' the self" in order to find "a fuller existence in another" seeking better for the life of the other, far from all selfishness. The sense of human solidarity and fraternity begin within the family.

Chapter Four: heart open to the world - To the theme of migration, the latter, entitled "A heart open to the whole world". With their lives "at stake" fleeing from war, persecution, natural catastrophes, unscrupulous trafficking, ripped from their communities of origin, migrants are to be welcomed, protected, supported and integrated

**Chapter Five:** better politics - The task of politics, to promote human solidarity and subsidiarity and to find a solution to all that attacks fundamental human rights, such as social exclusion; the marketing of organs, tissues, weapons and drugs; sexual exploitation; slave labour; terrorism and organized crime. The Pope makes an emphatic appeal to definitively eliminate human trafficking, a "source of shame for humanity", and hunger, which is "criminal" because food is "an inalienable right."

Chapter Six: dialogue and friendship - Dialogue and friendship helps us to learn something from others. No one is useless and no one is expendable. Pope's reference to the miracle of "kindness", an attitude to be recovered because it is a star "shining in the midst of darkness" and "frees us from the cruelty ... the anxiety ... the frantic flurry of activity" that prevail in the contemporary era.

**Chapter Seven:** renewed encounter - The Pope underlines that peace is connected to truth, justice and mercy. Far from the desire for vengeance, it is "proactive" and aims at forming a society based on service to others and on the pursuit of reconciliation and mutual development. Forgiveness is linked to peace. We must vehemently reaffirm: "Never again war!" The total elimination of nuclear arms is "a moral and humanitarian imperative. Death penalty is inadmissible and must be abolished worldwide. Not even a murderer loses his personal dignity" the Pope writes.

**Chapter Eight:** religion and fraternity - The Pope says that terrorism is not due to religion but to erroneous interpretations of religious texts as well as "policies linked to hunger, poverty, injustice, oppression." The role of the Church is to work for the common good and concern for integral human development.

#### An edited short summary from By Isabella Piro

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

**<u>Recent deaths</u>**: Lucia Pepi (91), Patricia Grace Corcoran(89) lived in Monbulk for 53 years, Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

<u>Anniversaries</u>: Katrina Campions, Ray Talintyre, Lilian Onley, Ruby Johnson, Fr.Anthony Guelen.

#### Prayer for the deceased

Lord open wide the door of your compassion to those who died in this week in different parts of the world, and in your mercy receive them into your kingdom.

**<u>Prayers for the Sick:</u>** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Damien Van der Linden, Andrew Schmidt, Bryan Cummins, Lida Ploeg and Robert Ploeg, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster.

#### <u>Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary</u> <u>on Zoom</u>

<u>ZOOM ROSARY</u>: Now held on Monday to Saturday immediately after the holy mass.

#### Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?</u> pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMlZ0STY0TFRRYXJGQT09

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Days and times of Outdoor and ZOOM live masses

#### <u>St Thomas More Belgrave</u>

Weekdays Monday – Saturday 9.00am

followed by the Rosary.

Sacred Heart - Gembrook, St.Joseph's Emerald and St.Paul's - Monbulk

Sunday 9.00am (Zoom Only)

#### St.Thomas More -Belgrave

Sunday 9.00am

It's not suitable to conduct outdoor masses in Sacred Heart Gembrook and St.Paul's Monbulk as it will be windy and rainy this Sunday. There is not enough space as well.

Depending upon the weather forecast, we may have outdoor mass next Saturday the 31st of October, at St.Joseph's Church, Emerald.

Please join with your community if you can.

Need a house painter? Mike is a member of our local community and an Iranian refugee who is in great need of work at present. He has permission to paint outsides of buildings and internally if buildings are empty. His work is meticulous and he is friendly and generous.



#### St Josephs College Annual Memorial Mass

#### for Deceased Past Pupils and Staff

A Prayer Service will be held via ZOOM

on Thursday 5 November at 7PM

#### Join Zoom Meeting

https://stjosephs.zoom.us/j/99375729909? pwd=UFR0YTFoOFZmRDEvOE1wTIZud2VOQT09

Meeting ID: 993 7572 9909 Passcode: 457665

#### 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 THE HOLY SOU ffer Mass for the Fan		
Friends, Re	latives and Benefact	tors of:	
Name:			
Address:			
Amount \$			
"It is a holy and	wholesome thought to pray for the may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46	) dead,	

#### <u>Prayers of the Faithful - Thirtieth Sunday in</u> <u>Ordinary Time Year A</u>

**Priest:** We join our hearts and our voices in prayer to the God who is our rock, our mighty help, our stronghold.

#### Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Reader:**For all Christians: that they may live out in their lives the two commandments of love. We pray in faith

#### Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the world in which we all have our home: that love and peace may prevail over hatred and violence. We pray in faith.

#### Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For political leaders: that they may show special concern for the less advantaged members of society. We pray in faith.

#### Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For refugees, strangers, and rejected: that they may find welcome and hospitality. We pray in faith.

#### Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all gathered here: that we may love ourselves in such a way that it enables us to love others and to love God. We pray in faith.

#### Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

For our own special needs......We pray in faith.

#### Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

**Priest:** All loving God, your Son summed up all your law in two commandments: that we should love you and love one another. He himself lived these two commandments to the full. Help us to follow his example to the full. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord.

#### Important Date

28th October

St.Simon ,Apostle St.Jude,Apostle

### Sts. Simon and Jude

However meagre in details is the history of these glorious apostles, we learn from their brief legend how amply they contributed to this great work of generating sons of God. Without any repose, and even to the shedding of their blood, they "edified the body of Christ"; and the grateful Church thus prays to our Lord today: "O God, through the work of the apostles you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world's deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey, that we may proclaim the good news with our lives."St. Simon is represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom. St. Jude's square points him out as an architect of the house of God. St. Paul called himself by this name; and St. Jude, by his Catholic Epistle, has also a special right to be reckoned among our Lord's principal workmen.

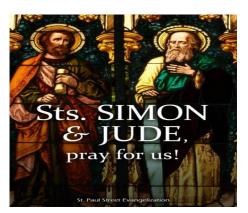
But our apostle had another nobility, far surpassing all earthly titles: being nephew, by his father Cleophas or Alpheus, to St. Joseph, and legal cousin to the Man-God, Jude was one of those called by their compatriots the brethren of the carpenter's Son. We may gather from St. John's Gospel another precious detail concerning him. In the admirable discourse at the close of the last Supper, our Lord said: "He that loveth Me, shall be loved of My Father: and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him." Then Jude asked Him: "Lord, how is it, that Thou wilt manifest Thyself to us, and not to the world?" And he received from Jesus this reply: "If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My word. And the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me." The churches of St. Peter in Rome and Saint-Sernin at Toulouse dispute the honor of possessing the greater part of their holy remains. -Excerpted from The Liturgical Year, Abbot Gueranger O.S.B.

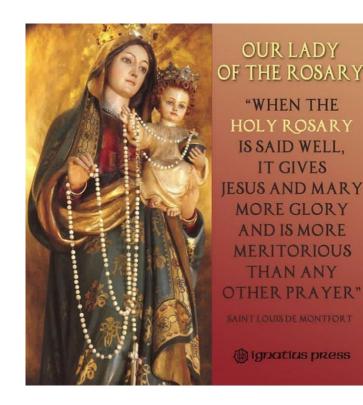
**St. Jude—Patron:** Desperate situations; forgotten causes; hospital workers; hospitals; impossible causes; lost causes; diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida.

Symbols: Bearded man holding an oar, a boat, boat hook, a club, an axe or a book; nearly every image depicts him wearing a medallion with a profile of Jesus, and usually with a small flame above his head; often carries a pen or sits at a writing location to make reference to the canonical Epistle; sailboat; inverted cross; square; halbert; club; loaves and fish; long cross; knotted club; boat hook; fuller's bat; lance; saw; flail; closed book; shield: red with sailboat with a cross on the mast. St. Simon- Patron: Curriers; sawmen; sawyers; tanners.

**Symbols:** Boat; fish; man being sawn in two longitudinally; fish and book; oar; saw; two fishes; lance; fuller's bat; axe; cross; saw and oar saltire; fish on a boat hood; sword; shield: red background with two oars and a hatchet.

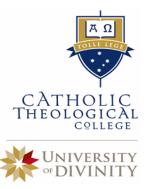
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### To Our Lady of the Rosary

#### O Virgin Mary, grant that the recitation of your Rosary may be for me each day, in the midst of my manifold duties, a bond of unity in my actions, a tribute of filial piety, a sweet refreshment, an encouragement to walk joyfully along the path of duty. Grant, above all, O Virgin Mary, that the study of the mysteries may form in my soul, little by little, a luminous atmosphere, pure, strengthening and fragrant, which may penetrate my understanding, my will, my heart, my memory, my imagination, my whole being. So shall acquire the habit of praying while I work, by interior acts of admiration and of supplication, or by aspirations of love. I ask this of you, O Queen of the Holy Rosary, through Saint Dominic and Blessed Bartholomew Longo, your sons of predilection, the renowned preachers of your mysteries and the faithful imitators of your virtues. Amen



Catholic Theological College 2020 Knox Public Lecture Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm

Sheree Limbrick Safe Church: Commitment, awareness & action for cultural change

Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Phone 9412 3333

Venue: online

### Finding Christ in a Covid Christmas

Offered over four weeks, these Advent formation sessions are ideal for liturgy and parish leadership teams looking to bring the season to life in their local communities in this time of uncertainty with COVID restrictions

In Week 1, participants will be given an overview of the Gospel of Mark (Year B of the liturgical oyde), led by Ria Greene (Deputy Principal, Identity, Community and Action, St Bede's College Mentone). In Week 2, Ria will reflect specifically on the Advent Sunday readings. In Week 3: Musician and liturgist Fiona Dyball will explore developing a suitable seasonal repertoire as we begin to celebrate a new liturgical year and in Week 4. The Proclaim: Office for Mission Renewal will lead a discussion to consider practical implications for parish services and an opportunity to share creative responses in the current Covid-19 climate. Tue 20 Oct Tue 27 Oct Wed 4 Nov Tue 10 Nov Gospel of Mark Sundays of Advent Musical repertoire Practical tips for parishes to navigate the Advent/Christmas journey

7.30-9.00pm Zoom (Link sent upon registration) <u>www.trybooking.com/BLYHE</u>

Sessions are free



Nia Greene has worked in Catholic education for more than twenty years, with a focus on religious education and faith formation, but has also worked as a parish catechist and sacraments coordinator, and has completed further studies in religious education and theology. She teaches a senior religious studies class at St Bede's College, where she is Deputy Principal.

Fiona Dyball is a musician, teacher, conductor, composer and iturgist based in Melbourne. She works extensively in adult and youth faith formation and in Music Ministry, inspired by her mentor, Sr Deirdre Browne IBVM. Fiona is *Music Director* at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hawthorn, and also serves on the *Australian National Ururgical Board* for the ACBC. Fiona is also member of the Victorian committee for the *Australian Pastoral Musicians Network*.



For further information



#### **#18 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES**

# COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: Tuesday 20 October 5.00pm

The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the latest directives announced by Government as part of the proposed Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan and Regional areas of Victoria, the following will become operational for Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne from 11:59pm on 18 October, 2020.

#### METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE STEP TWO Summary

Curfew: no longer in place.

**Travel:** Up to 25km (but not into Regional Vic for recreation)

□ Public Gatherings in Public Spaces: up to 10 people outdoors (from max 2 households).

**Religious Gatherings:** Can also take place outdoors with five people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship with only one group permitted at a time. There are no time limits

□ Weddings: Permitted in outdoor public spaces allowed with up to 5 people (the couple and the two witnesses). The faith leader and children under 12 months not included.

**Funerals:** allowed with up to 10 mourners (infants under 12 months of age or people required to conduct the funeral not included in the limit). A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church.

□ End of Life and Care: Faith Leaders may attend a dying resident or provide end of life support to a resident in their home or in a Health or Care facility at the request of the patient. Visits may also be made to support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing if it cannot be done remotely Such care must be undertaken in co-operation with the particular facility and in line with other visiting restrictions and facility guidelines.

□ Visitors to the Home: If living alone or a single parent, one visitor may be nominated to create a 'social bubble.'

**Work:** Continue to work from home.

REVIEW: DHHS Victorian Roadmap for Metropolitan Melbourne

Under no circumstances should anyone awaiting test verification, including Clergy (even without presenting symptoms) attend a church or parish setting until a diagnosis is confirmed. Additionally, under no circumstances should anyone attend who is closely connected to people who are awaiting test results or who have tested positive.

Please note the Latest #18 General Guidelines letter from Archdiocese of Melbourne is available on parish website.

God bless and stay safe!

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.**