

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 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 prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Timothy 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel. **Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Mark 10:46-52

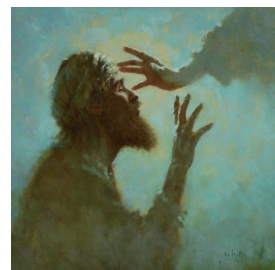
Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ephesians 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.



Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2
Second Reading	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel	Mark 12:28-34



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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.....

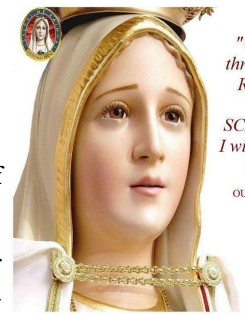
CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 17 Terry Avenue, Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

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REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Jesus hears,' Pope Francis says, 'and immediately stops. God always listens to the cry of the poor.'

The story of Jesus' encounter with blind Bartimaeus shows this to be true. Shouting for aid, Bartimaeus evidently irritates many of those following Jesus. To an extent, this is understandable. They wanted to see and hear from Jesus, after all, and Bartimaeus was disrupting the procession. But Jesus hears the cry of one who, as the Pope puts it, is 'full of faith, a faith that is not afraid to insist.' As the Pope points out, Bartimaeus keeps his prayer simple. He honours the Lord and then asks first for mercy and only secondly for sight. In light of this, the Pope suggests that we take Bartimaeus' prayer as our own and use it to reflect on the authenticity of our prayer life. Are we 'content with making a formal greeting every now and then,' or is our prayer regular and heartfelt? Are our prayers 'anaemic, superficial, made up of rituals, without feeling and without heart,' or do we honestly share our experiences and worries with God? Do we try to silence others, or do we try to listen to them in the spirit of the One who hears us all?



"One day through the ROSARY and SCAPULAR I will save the world."
 OUR LADY to St. Dominic

<https://liturgyhelp.com/calendar/date/2024Oct27/0/RefNickB>

October - For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Kenneth Jack weir.

Many people across the world who have died due to Covid-19, wars, civil restlessness and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Henny Phillips, William Dyer, Cyril (Bernard) Holmes, Mark Stokes, Stan Simek, Mabel Irving

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Elisabeth Drake, Faye & Colin Brown, Patricia Grant, Kate Joy star, John Kuyper, Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper, John Barber, Dimuthu, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, 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.**

Belgrave church reading roster 27th October

Robert Quirk and Sharon Bennett

Next week — 3rd November

Eileen Collins and Helen Garrick



For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

Thanksgiving envelopes are available at our four mass centres.

To Contribute Financially to St. Thomas More Parish

St Thomas Mores Parish Church Account

BSB: 083 347, Account: 67214 6192

Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347, Account : 669831148



Prayer for the Parish

(To be prayed at the end of the mass before the recessional Hymn)

Loving God,

We ask you to pour out your spirit upon our parish

And grant us a new vision of your kingdom,

a new faithfulness to your Word,

a new consecration to your service,

that we may become a growing community of disciples,

that seeks to bring your word to the world,

through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. Paul, Pray for us.

St. Claire, Pray for us.

St. Thomas more, Pray for us.



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)



Twilight session at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

Awakening to the Divine in Nature

This interactive seminar will enable you to deepen your spirituality through interconnection with all of life. Includes input, sharing of ideas and a reflective experience in Fitzroy Gardens.

Facilitated by Peter Hay, a passionate explorer of ecological spirituality as a way of bringing us into a more authentic way of living in these critical times. He is a spiritual director, professional supervisor and a lecturer at Heart of Life, teaching units in Spiritual Leadership and Ecological Spirituality.

Day : Thursday, 21st November 2024

Time: 5.45 pm to 7.45 pm.

Venue : Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 street, East Melbourne

Price: \$40 (Light refreshments provided at 5.30 pm)

For more information please visit the link below:

<https://mmhc.org.au> Tel: (03) 9926 9300

CALLING ALL MAKERS; BAKERS; SEWERS AND GROWERS !!!!!!!

(And a spoiler alert for all other parishioners to keep the date free :>)

We are hoping to hold another of our Christmas craft table event after the 9.00 am Mass at Belgrave on Sunday November 24th, with the aim of once again raising funds towards any project anywhere within the parish as Fr. Cruz and his financial advisers allocate.

We are once again asking for all our super generous makers etc. to get their mind and hands into gear to make donations of items which we will then aim to sell on the day.

If there are sufficient donations to go around, we are also willing to visit the other Mass centers with items for sale as we have now done a couple of times.

We again hope to also have items worthy of raffling, I'm happy to be the contact person if anyone wants to contact me to answer questions, Thanks in advance everyone, Marianne. 0408306129

Important Dates

1st November All Saint's day

2nd November All Soul's day

The All Soul's day mass will be at 9am and 7pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.

In November we remember and pray for all the faithful departed and the holy souls in Purgatory.



Why do Catholics pray for souls in Purgatory?

One of the most beautiful things about the Church is that it is the Body of Christ. Whether it's the Church on Earth, or in Heaven, or in Purgatory, it is all one Body, and it is all connected. Our very ability to intercede for one another comes through our interconnection in the Mystical Body of Christ.

Praying for the Holy Souls in Purgatory is one of the beautiful ways of experiencing that reality.

Purgatory is that state in which people who have died in God's Grace, but have not let go of some of the imperfections and attachments of sin, go through a purification before entering Heaven, where nothing unclean may enter.

Even when sins are forgiven, there remains the business of reparation for one's wrongdoing. (For example, a convicted murderer may be forgiven by God, but he must still do his time in prison.) Prayers and offerings from us, help atone for those sins committed by those now in Purgatory.

In Purgatory, the Holy Souls are not able to actively take part as they are purified. They are receptive to God's actions as a patient might be to a surgeon, or a precious metal that is purified by flame. Through his love, God has allowed those of us still on Earth to aid, by our prayers, the purification of the Holy Souls. Just as we can pray for our loved ones who are living, and our prayers, personal penance, and sacrifices can be channels of Grace for them, the same is true for our departed loved ones in Purgatory. The greatest prayer is the Sacrifice of the Mass, that is why we offer funeral Masses for the deceased souls in Purgatory—to help make recompense for their sins.

How many of us have grieved at the death of a loved one over things we wish we had said, or acts of love we wish we had done? If only we had another chance, we wouldn't miss those opportunities.

We do have another chance. We can continue acts of love for our loved ones, and offer them in place of those we didn't do when they were with us. And whether we pray for parents or grandparents or friends, or perhaps souls we never knew in this life, when those souls stand before God in Heaven, we can be confident that they will remember us in their prayers.

Because we are all connected through the Body of Christ, we can stay connected in a very real and powerful way to those who have gone before us; we help them with our prayers, Mass offerings and sacrifices; and we prepare to enjoy Heaven with them for all eternity.

<https://stmatthias-milw.org/2016/11/why-do-catholics-pray-for-souls-in-purgatory/>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sacred Heart Church Gembrook October 27th
9.00am

Congratulations to **Boston Cole Holmes**

Aston Lee Willis

Mia Rose Willis

Ethan Jeremiah Perera

On celebrating their First Eucharist on Sunday.

We ask the Lord to bless them and their families as they grow and enrich their eucharistic journey today and into the future.

May they always treasure this special relationship with Christ and may we "taste and see the goodness of the Lord" within them always.

Abundant prayers to you all from our Parish.

