

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B

Entrance Antiphon:

Cf. Jn 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: * Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Phil 2:8-9

Alleluia,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark Mk 14:1 – 15:47

- **We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.**

Communion Antiphon: Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Next week's readings:

Easter Vigil

First Reading: [Gen 1:1 – 2:2](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 103:1-2. 5-6. 10. 12-14. 24. 35. R. see v.30](#)

Second Reading: [Ex 14:15 – 15:1](#) **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ex 15:1-6. 17-18. R. v.1](#)

Third Reading: [Is 55:1-11](#) **Responsorial Psalm:** [Is 12:2-6 R. v.3](#)

Epistle: [Rom 6:3-11](#) **Responsorial Psalm:** [Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23](#)

Gospel: [Mk 16:1-7](#)

Easter Sunday

First Reading: [Acts 10:34. 37-43](#)

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24](#)

Second Reading: [Col 3:1-4](#) **Sequence:** *Victimae paschali laudes*

Gospel: [Jn 20:1-9](#)



Parish of Belgrave

The Catholic Church

P.O. Box 100, Belgrave, Victoria 3160

Phone: 97542141

Office Hours: 10am–2pm Tuesday to Friday

Internet: pol.org.au/belgrave

Email: belgrave@cam.org.au

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 Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am	9.00am	10.30am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

The Sunday of the Lord's Passion - Palm Sunday, 28th March 2021

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the *Triduum*—three days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and money-changers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death. When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfilment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

Source: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/palm-sunday-of-the-lords-passion-cycle-b/>

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

Phone:

Parish Secretary:

Parish Office:

Sacraments :

Child Safety Contacts:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Monbulk:

Belgrave:

Gembrook:

Emerald:

Mt. Dandenong:

Fr. Anthony Cruz anthony.cruz@cam.org.au
87518112.

Email: belgrave@cam.org.

97542141

belgrave@cam.org.au

Jeanette Wicks 97542759

Chairperson — Andrew Jans 0419590155

Rin Van Raay

Marie Madden

Pam Giulieri

John Conway & Lisa McLean

Stephen Billington & Virginia Schneiders

ST. THOMAS MORE'S PRIMARY, BELGRAVE

Principal: Caroline Quinton

Phone: 9754-4444

Email: cquinton@smbelgrave.catholic.edu.au

www.smbelgrave.catholic.edu.au

ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, MONBULK

Principal: Michael Watt

Phone: 9756 7201

Email: principal@spmonbulk.catholic.edu.au

www.spmonbulk.catholic.edu.au

REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

Anniversaries: Leanne Murray, William & Kath Pizaro, Maureen Rath, Ron Hearnese, Richard Gilchrist, Elizabeth Ruigrok, Brian FitzGerald, Louise Ryan, Catherine Wijenands, Janine Lancashire, Joe Schubert, Judy Lloyd.

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: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, 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, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, 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.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2021



1st Prize is a SUZUKI BALENO!

All New 2021 Suzuki Baleno Series II GL valued @ \$22,390 Drive Away

2nd Prize – Gift Cards to the value of \$5,000

3rd Prize – Gift Cards to the value of \$2,000

4th - 6th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of \$1000 each

7th – 20th Prizes - Gift Cards to the value of @ \$500 each

Tickets \$2 each. The tickets are available from the below Volunteers.

Belgrave	Suzanne Rangan	0413046755
Monbulk	Tony Whyte	0408024887
Emerald	Tony Green	0408683972
Gembrook	Mary Leahy	0400602591

RAFFLE DRAWN June 5th 2021

Victorian Commission for Gambling Regulation Permit No – 10110/21

Ticket sales close Friday, May 7th 2021

St Joseph Prayer



Heavenly Father,

St Joseph set aside his own plans
to embrace your dream for us.

You invited his help in caring
for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,
and the Revealer of your wonderful love.
Enable us to live by your loving plan
and to reflect to the world the light of Christ.

St Joseph, man of dreams
and trusting steward, pray for us.

Lord Jesus,

You grew in wisdom and maturity
as you lived in the family
of Nazareth in daily communion
with St Joseph and Mary your mother.

From St Joseph you learned
the dignity of human work.

Give parents the wisdom
to support their children and to guide them
in the way and work of your Kingdom.

St Joseph, faithful parent
and diligent worker, pray for us.

Creator Spirit,

We see in St Joseph a tenderness
and reverence for all your creation.

We learn from him to approach others justly
and tenderly, and to see our world as endowed
with the glory of God.

Teach us to love one another
and to be of humble service to all of creation,
empowered by your life within us.

St Joseph, wise protector and humble servant,
pray for us.

Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

1. Record Keeping is required for all attendees beyond a 15-minute visit and must include: First Name + Contact Number + date and time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days;
2. People must carry a fitted face covering at all times. Fitted face coverings are no longer mandatory indoors or outdoors (except in particular circumstances, note above), but should be worn by participants (unless they have a lawful exemption or are children under 12 years of age) if a distance of 1.5m cannot be maintained.
3. Hygiene precautions must continue to be maintained throughout;
4. We can have the following numbers of the participants in each mass centre.

Belgrave - 100 people **Emerald - 60 people**
Monbulk - 80 people **Gembrook - 60 people**

Station of the Cross

Friday 26th March at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave church at 7.00pm



Dear parishioners,

Hope and pray that all of you are safe and fine. I am quite sure that we are already thinking of vigil mass of Easter. I appeal to your generosity to donate flowers for the alter decoration. Thank you in advance for your voluntary service and donations of flowers.

With love and prayers

Fr Cruz

Social Justice Pamphlets.

Over the next two weekends, pamphlets entitled "Ten Steps towards Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World" will be distributed at Mass Centres.

They provide useful information and further reading, to remind us of our rights and responsibilities, as users of digital media.

The Social Justice Group invites all parishioners to take the opportunity to take a pamphlet and pass it on to family and friends.
Marilyn Huber

Divine Mercy Novena at St. Thomas More Church Belgrave

Dear parishioners

Divine Mercy Sunday this year falls on 11th April. Divine Mercy Novena starts on Good Friday 2nd of April.

Flyers for Novena and Chaplet available in the Foyer

Confession heard on Saturday 9.30am—10.30am, and on the Divine Mercy morning 8.30am—10.00am (by a visiting priest)



Holy Week Program

Thursday of the Lord's Supper—1st April

7.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave — Washing of the Feet and Eucharist.

8.30 pm Solemn Reservation. Adoration.

Good Friday - 2nd April:

10.00am. The Stations of the cross at Sumava Czech Centre, Locks Way, Belgrave South.

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Adoration of the Holy Cross and Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night —Saturday

3rd April: 6.30pm at St. Thomas More Church, Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

Blessing of the Fire. followed by the vigil Mass.

Sunday of the Resurrection — Easter Sunday

4th April:

6.30am -St. Joseph's Church, Emerald.

Blessing of the Fire, Holy Eucharist.

Please note also.... that breakfast will be served after the Easter Dawn Mass at St. Joseph's church. All welcome. (***Depend on the Pandemic restrictions***)

9.00am - Holy Eucharist at Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook.

9.00am—Holy Eucharist St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.

10.30am—Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's Church, Monbulk.

Come Sing along with us

Music rehearsal for Holy Thursday,

Good Friday and Easter Vigil

7 pm Monday 29th March

at St Thomas More's, Belgrave

All welcome.

