

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 11:22 – 12:2

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, over of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. see v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

2 Thes 1:11 – 2:2

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or

any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Lk 19:1-10

The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Jn 6:58

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

Next week's readings

First Reading: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15

Second Reading: 2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel: Lk 20:27-38



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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 &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church 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	

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 29th/30th October, 2022

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The change of seasons is always an opportune time to marvel at the magnificence of the natural world of which we are a part. Its colours, its textures, its smells all reflect the limitless imagination of the creator. Perhaps the most marvellous feature of the world is the interconnectedness of all the elements of which it consists. Somehow the spirit of the creator is manifested through each and every aspect of this universe. And we are part of it all. The universe may be as a grain in the balance or a drop of morning dew, but each grain and each drop contains within it the possibilities of the future.

Offering hospitality is a profound social act. When we offer hospitality, we invite another into our world, into our lives. We shift our attention from our own cares and concerns to the needs and comfort of the other. By the act of hospitality we transform strangers into friends and intimates, just as Jesus did with Zacchaeus. The hospitality that Jesus offers dissolves all constraints. Relationships disregard the biased measures of propriety, forging bonds of reconciliation and issuing everyone an invitation to intimacy. The hospitality that Jesus offers recreates the world from one of insider versus outsider to one of universal inclusivity. Sinners become friends, the lost are found, and all are restored to the rightful place as children not merely of Abraham but of God. The creativity of the creator is matched by the compassion of the re-creator.

[Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C \(liturgyhelp.com\)](http://liturgyhelp.com)



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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

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

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: Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, Diane Kamoen, 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, Joan Newman, 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, Robert Drake, 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 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.**

Thanksgiving Envelopes are now available for collection in four churches.

Important Dates

1st November	All saints day
2nd November	All souls day



Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

Thursday, 3 November, 7.00pm in the College Chapel

See!
I will not forget you
I have carved you
on the palm of My hand.
Isaiah 49:15

On behalf of the Salesian and St Joseph's College Communities, we invite you and your family to the Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Past Pupils, Staff and Loved Ones. The Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 3 November, 7:00pm in the College Chapel.

A light supper will follow at the end of the service.

We look forward to seeing you on this special evening.

RSVP by Wed 2 November: smazzeo@stjosephs.com.au or 9758 2000



Dear Friends, what a wonderful day we had, organised by Aust Needs Fatima for a public rosary at four hundred sites around Aust on the 15 of Oct. First I would like to thank Bill Ford at the RSL for allowing us to use their lawn & power ect. The music was awesome with Chris Fain Coyn & family in full swing. Oh how I love the violin even people in Safeway car park. Looking on the flowers donated by Guy McDermonit & wonderfully arranged by Helen Garrick, people even commented on the wonderful display as we walked the streets with the statue. A big thanks to Theresa Geary for arranging the music & Matthew & Rachael for crowning our lady. John Roidark has been a great help to me making frames to hold the banners & for all the people who came thank you a lot, so great to catch up with friends over cake & coffee, & most of all to our mother Mary for giving us a good day. God Bless Don Kempster



Craft stall/table

With the support of the Belgrave Small Christianity Community, and following on from discussions about the feasibility of resurrecting the Mountain Doo recently, there will be a fundraising stall for raise some funds towards the installation of emergency lights and exit signs at the St. Thomas More Church.

There will be a quite variety of crafty items all with a Christmas theme. (Things such as Christmas decorations (decorated Christmas baubles and ornaments; Christmas gifts such as machine embroidered coasters/glass bottles and glass bricks decorated and filled with lights. Decorated battery operated candles and more)

Date: 20th November

Time: after 9am mass

Venue: In church entrance (or just outside of the church is the weather is good.)

Hope to see you there and please give generously.

Our SCC group will also be supplying tea and coffee on that day.

Marianne Kuyper



Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Catholic Development Fund

- Account Executive – Bunbury WA
- Integration Engineer
- Risk & Compliance Analyst



Parish Positions

- Pastoral Worker - Westernport Parish, Hastings
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Educator – St Peter Apostles Parish, Hoppers Crossing
- Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Program Coordinator - St Peter Apostles Parish, Hoppers Crossing
- Evangelisation Coordinator - St Catherine of Siena Parish, Caroline Springs
- Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator - St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe
- Parish Secretary – St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park
- Parish Secretary/Finance Administrator - St Joseph's Parish, Chelsea
- Pastoral Worker – St Luke's, Lalor
- Administration Assistant - St Vincent de Paul & St Monica Parishes, Strathmore & Moonee Ponds
- Pastoral Worker - St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Other Positions

- Director of Operations – Toongabbie, NSW. For further information please visit <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/director-of-operations-toongabbie-nsw/>

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 hadmin@cam.org.au

Information Session for studying theology in 2023

Yarra Theological Union (YTU) is holding its annual Information Session via Zoom on Wednesday 9th November 2022, from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.

This event will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in studying Theology to meet the Lecturers and find out about our courses and pathways.

Link to join Zoom on Wed 9th November: <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/85121739377?pwd=cjVqZk9TL3NuZ2FoNk9Fd1JwU0daQT09>

All prospective students are very welcome. No need to register. For further information or enquiries, please email the Registrar - registrar@ytu.edu.au or

Dear Parishioners,

We would be honoured if you could join us to celebrate the Sacred Heart Gembrook Church turning 100 years old on Sunday, **November the 13th!**



We want to give back to the community, past and new families, by celebrating history together, so we invite you to a

*Mass celebration: at 9am by Archbishop of Melbourne - **Most Rev. Peter Comensoli**

From 10am - 1pm:

- * Free morning tea
- * Free entertainment
- * Free Jumping castle
- * Free Sausage sizzle
- * A photo collage

And to view the history of our Church building and parish community.

A Marquee will help this exciting event continue no matter the weather and we would love people to be involved. If you have a story to tell, a historic photo to show, or just want to be involved please contact Sam on gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com

*** If you need disabled parking close to the church please contact us to book a spot.**

***RSVP on gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com**

As this famous song says:

*Come as you are, that's how I want you
Come as you are, feel quite at home
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven
Come as you are, why stand alone?*

Hope to see you in Gembrook!

Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook Volunteers

Baptism

Let us welcome **Isla Valentine Carpenter** into our faith community as she is going to be baptized this weekend at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave. May she be richly blessed throughout her life, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.