

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

**Entrance Antiphon:** Ps 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to raise you.

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah** Jer 1:4-5. 17-19

*I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed. I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 70:1-6. 15. 17. R. v.15

*(R.) I will sing of your salvation.*

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians** 1 Cor 13:4-13

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Lk 4:18

**Alleluia, alleluia** The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. **Alleluia.**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke** Lk 4:21-30

*Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.'

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon** Mt 5:3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

**Next week's readings:**

**First Reading:** Is 6:1-8

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

**Gospel** Lk 5:1-11



# Parish of Belgrave

## The Catholic Church

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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](http://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	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am Saturday Confession 9.45 am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

### Homily for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 30th January, 2022

Our lives are lived in two directions –the vertical and the horizontal directions. While the horizontal pertains to the things we can see around us, the vertical pertains to the Divine, the unseen God. The horizontal involves the world, but the vertical involves Heavens. The vertical is the source point of all that is good; it involves Divine interventions, while the horizontal is the distribution point of what has been given from above. It is a grave mistake to look only around the horizontal for the proper interpretation and understanding of everything before we believe. In difficult moments, there must be a time when we must learn to look beyond what we can see and touch, beyond what we had known to be the status quo; beyond the horizontal, if we must get help.

What the Jews in today's gospel could not reconcile was how such gracious words could proceed from the mouth of the son of a common carpenter – “this is Joseph's son surely?” – Mk 4:23. By these words of contempt and degradation, they were concentrated on the things they see around the horizontal – Joseph the carpenter, his son; and these appeared so common that nothing wonderful could be made out of it. I think they were not wrong; yes, but only as it concerned the horizontal. Yes, the things we find within the horizontal must not be relied upon for they can disappoint us at any time; and they must not scare us either, even when they appear terrifying. The meaning of our existence lies beyond the horizontal and that was the major error of the Jews.

Like the Jews, many of us live and interpreted their lives within the horizontal axis alone. They trust on, and seek help in what they can see around them – their political god-fathers, their brother or son living abroad, the fat bank account which they have amassed for themselves or which has been left for them as a patrimony. These are the things that they would remember and heave a sigh of relief. Sorry! Such is to be pitied. If we enjoy any good within the horizontal, we must acknowledge that such good must have come to us from above, within the vertical line. And we are bound to crash if we lose sight of this. Another great error is to get panicking when things on the horizontal breathe terror on us. In today's first reading, God encouraged the prophet, Jeremiah to stand strong and fearless in the face of horizontal giants – Jer 1:8.

A lesson which Jesus wanted to teach them with examples from the 1 and 2 books of the Kings is that things change any moment we look beyond the horizontal. The Zeraphat woman once looked within the horizontal only – the jar of oil and the finished flour (1 Kg 17:12). Also, Naaman the leper once looked within the horizontal only – the Jordan River that was less attractive than the rivers of Damascus (11 kg 5:11). But when they looked beyond the horizontal, things changed. The oil of the woman never got spent, and the leprosy left Naaman. When we look beyond the horizontal, we encounter the power of God that changes things.

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 AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.**

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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. May their souls rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Hella Becker, Julie Moore, Henk Koelewijn, Cees Cabret, Catherine Bernard, Frank Volta, Marie Rivalland, Anna-Maree Chia, Maria Robinson, Marinus Bissels, Rosaria Coniglione, Joseph Melia, Nella Renna, Peter Straubenmuller.

## **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: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen 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, 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.

## **#55 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES**

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne



### **Information Updated: 23 December 2021, 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.

These guidelines are in accordance with Victorian pandemic orders under the Public Health and Wellbeing Act and will be in place until 12 January 2022.

We welcome the opening up of our places of worship and opportunities for gathering but remain mindful and respectful that many in our community remain feeling cautious. We also look forward to the time when all people can join together in various locations, and for the many activities that truly unite us fully as communities.

All Catholics in Melbourne continue to be dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further directed by the Archbishop. We continue to carry the happy obligation to keep Sunday holy, whether we can attend Mass or not, and can do so by any kind of prayer with members of our household and parish, reading holy scripture, and encouraging one another in our faith. Prayerfully participating in online Mass continues to be a great source of comfort on Sundays.

**Face Coverings—** From 11:59pm Thursday 23 December 2021, face coverings will be required for gatherings indoors .

(except in the home) for people aged eight and over, or for those with medical exemptions

**A reminder this will mean: For Clergy:** Face coverings must be worn as you enter for Mass. They may be removed during the celebration of Mass but are to be placed back on for the distribution of Holy Communion and at the conclusion of Mass as you process out.

**The Reader:** may lower his/her face covering for the readings. This applies as well for the Universal Prayer.

**Cantors and Singers:** when a cantor is singing, the face covering may be lowered. It must be worn at all other times. Distancing between singers is recommended.

**Communicants:** Each communicant comes forward and removes one side of their face covering and sanitises their hands at a sanitation station provided nearby. Following reception of the Blessed Sacrament they step to the side to place the host on their tongue. The communicant replaces their face covering and returns to their seat.

**Weddings:** Face coverings must be worn by all participants indoors, except the Bride and Groom who do not need to wear face coverings during the ceremony. Face coverings can be removed for photos, but people must be encouraged to stay 1.5m away from others.

**Numbers—** There are no limits on participants at Places of Worship for Weddings, Funerals, and general Worship – including the opening for private prayer.

**QR Code Check ins—** QR code check in is required for all Places of Worship.

For those who do not have a device, provision must be made to assist with a check in or to capture name and contact details.

**Vaccinations—** There will not be any vaccination requirements nor any requirement for organisers to check vaccination status at Places of Worship for Weddings, Funerals, and general Worship.

**Workers at Places of Worship (staff and volunteers) must still be fully vaccinated.**

Please note that other activities outside of worship, particularly those activities that involve hospitality, will require full vaccination for participation and will entail QR code check-ins and COVID Marshals. This will apply to varying activities held within the parish-context.

People under 18 years of age will no longer be required to show proof of their vaccination status.

### **Cleaning of Facilities**

Places of Worship will not need to be cleaned between use, but good hygiene standards should be maintained according to a parish COVIDsafe plan. This includes the continued availability of sanitiser throughout the venue.

### **Care Facility Visitors**

### **Hospital Visitors**

There are limits on attending high-risk settings, even when fully vaccinated. Please work with the care provider in determining what is required and permitted

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS



**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact )

Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au)

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Tel: 9326 1895

### Voluntary Pastoral workers needed for our mass centres

Who would assist Fr. Cruz in providing information about our own parishioners who are sick and not able to come to church for weekend mass. It's a important ministry in the parish like the ministry done by the visitation group.

Belgrave 3 ( 2 already accepted to be, **one more needed**)

Gembrook 1 ( one person needed)

Emerald 1 ( one person needed)

Monbulk 1 ( one person has accepted to be )

Please contact the parish office on working office hours.

**Fr. Anthony Cruz**

### Funeral Arrangements for Fr. Noel Mackay



**Viewing from 7pm to 7.25pm. Rosary and a Sharing of Memories** will take place at **St Jude's Church** at **7.30pm on Wednesday evening, 26 January 2022.**

**Pontifical Requiem Mass** for the repose of the soul of **Fr Noel Mackay** will be offered on **Thursday 27 January** at **11am** at **St Jude's Church, Scoresby.**

Followed by light refreshments in the **Parish Reception Centre.**

**Please note that on entry to the church you must wear a face mask sign in via the QR code, sanitise your hands and social distance where possible.**

The **Mass, Rosary & Sharing of Memories** will be **Live Streamed** go to the William Matthews Funeral Web Page to view.

[www.williammatthewsfunerals.com.au](http://www.williammatthewsfunerals.com.au) and click *Upcoming Service List—Watch the service live*

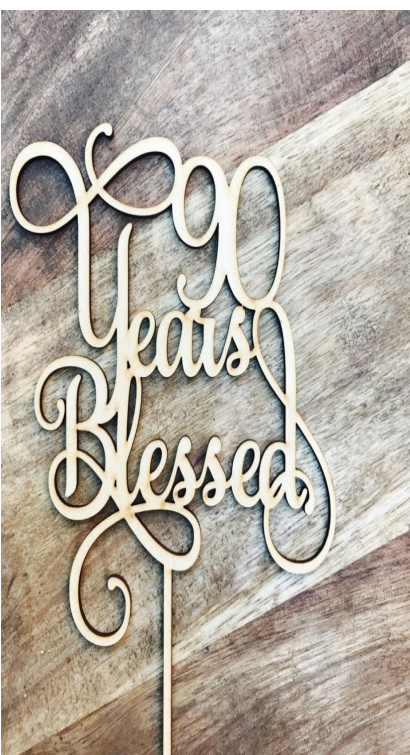
## Special Thanks

Dear sisters and brothers, as we have concluded the 2020/2021 year I am mindful of the the great sacrifices that we as a people have had to endure. First Delta followed by Omicron, diseases that has devastated the community, and brought so much pain and anguish to us all. Nonetheless I am encouraged by the resilience of the St Thomas More parish community, in the way it pulls together , and continues to assist each other when and where needed. We are God's people, doing good amongst His people. So I thank you for your Christian charity .

I would also like to thank all parishioners who have contributed to the St Thomas More Thanksgiving Offering over the past year, your contributions are most thankfully received, as it supports me as your priest and supports the various church maintenance funds, so necessary for our church buildings and infrastructure. As custodians of our church we need to keep all structures in good order.

And to our wonderful volunteers who do so much to keep the St Thomas More church community operating in an orderly manner, we couldn't do it without you.. Thank you for your kindness.

**Fr Anthony Cruz MC**



Join Fr Peter Carrucan in celebrating a milestone

Date	19 Feb 2022
Day	Saturday
Time	2pm- 4.30pm
Venue	St Augustines Parish Grounds 631 Bourke St Melbourne Vic 3000

Note: Please bring a platter to share and drinks for your consumption  
Cake will be cut at 3pm

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