

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Entrance Antiphon:

Cf. Est 4:17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is 5:1-7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians Phil 4:6-9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt

from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

See Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the lord.

Communion Antiphon:

Lam 3:25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

'I tell you, then,
that the *kingdom of God*
will be *taken from you*
and given to a people
who will *produce its fruit.*'

Matthew 21:43



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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 Emerald	Sacred Heart Gembrook	St. Thomas More Belgrave	St. Paul's Monbulk
		Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Main Road	Reynolds Lane	59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	<u>On Zoom</u>	<u>On Zoom</u>	<u>On Zoom</u>	<u>On Zoom</u>
	WEEKDAY			<u>On Zoom</u>	

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Dear parishioners,

The Catholic Church dedicates the whole month of October the holy rosary.

The rosary was forged in an age of chivalry. It is a spiritual weapon, a heavenly sword, fashioned by the hands of a Divine Craftsman. All swords take time and skill to make, but this heavenly sword required the greatest of efforts — centuries — to produce. It is a weapon unlike any other. It has the power to slay dragons (demons), converts sinners, and conquer hearts. The blade of this sword was forged in the living Word of God, shaped by the hammer of divine inspiration, and entrusted to the Queen of Heaven and her chosen servants.

When the weapon was finally battle-ready and the time set for the Divine Craftsman to unsheathe its power, the Queen of Heaven revealed it to the world and chose a zealous preacher to be its founder. She knighted him with the divine weapon and commissioned him to preach it far and wide. From this holy man an Order of Preachers would be formed to champion the weapon with its mysteries and hand on the sword to all who desire to wield it. These chosen souls are known throughout history as champions of the rosary.

St. Dominic: The First Champion of the Rosary: At the beginning of the 13th century, the Church was experiencing violent opposition from a group known as the Albigensians, a heretical sect named after the town of Albi in southern France where it originated. During the spread of this heresy, a Spaniard named Dominic Guzman established himself as a dynamic orator against their errors. His preaching was not so effective as thought. According to tradition, St. Dominic retreated into the silence of the Prouille forest near the town of Toulouse, France, to pray, begging heaven to come to his aid and give him what he needed to overcome the Albigensians. After three days of intense prayer, the Queen of Heaven came to his assistance. This was the founding moment of the holy rosary of Mary. It was the moment the sword was unsheathed.

Papal Champions of the Rosary: For the last 800 years, those who have held the office of the Vicar of Christ have relentlessly promoted the rosary to the faithful. If one were to catalogue all the statements made by popes on the rosary the content would fill a library. The first pontiff to promote the rosary lived in the same century as St. Dominic. His name was Pope Urban IV (pope from 1261-1264). Even in our own day (20th and 21st centuries), St. Pope John Paul II, once noted: "It would be impossible to name all the many saints who discovered in the rosary a genuine path to growth in holiness. Pope Benedict XVI greatly promoted the rosary during his pontificate, and Pope Francis is following his predecessors by also championing the rosary. So let us try best to pray the rosary daily to obtain spiritual blessings, personal holiness and protection from our God almighty.

Source: <https://catholicexchange.com/rosary-spiritual-sword-mary>

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Fr. Anthony Cruz

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Prayers of the Faithful - Twenty seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Priest: God of Creation, you offer us peace and everlasting life. In trusting faith we offer our prayers. – We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the Gift of Wisdom: May your church and its leadership discern your will in these challenging times. – We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the Gift of Compassion: May Country leaders and governing bodies be moved by the desperate plight of the many due to the Global depression and pandemic. May they respond with generosity and compassion. – We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the Gift of Gratitude: May we be aware of the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gratitude be reflected in our actions and concern for others. – We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the Gift of Peace: May the many who have lost loved ones or been denied access to them during their illness and at time of death, find peace through your love and mercy.

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For the Gift of Repentance: May all your children acknowledge their failings, seek your forgiveness, and endeavour to live their faith with courage and good works. – We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

For our personal needs:-PAUSE – We pray

Response: Lord hear our prayer.

Priest: God our Father, have mercy on our troubled world. May we welcome your son into our hearts. May our lives be fruitful. Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi



The popular image of St. Francis of Assisi is warped with romantic notions. Many see him as a sweet simpleton who picked flowers and talked with animals. Francis was gentle and loved God's creation, but he was not naive. Just the opposite. As a youth he went to war eagerly, patiently endured imprisonment and illnesses, embraced Lady Poverty as his bride, and gave up everything to follow Christ. The real St. Francis of Assisi was a courageous spiritual warrior. Francis's vocation cost him dearly. Decision by decision he stripped himself of attachments so as to be more like Jesus. Once en route to a war in southern Italy, Francis heard a divine voice invite him to stop serving the servant and dedicate himself to the master. He responded by committing himself to live for God alone. In his early twenties Francis decided to become like the poor he met in Assisi's back streets and took "Lady Poverty" as his bride. Then one day when Francis was praying in the dilapidated church of St. Damian, he heard a voice from the crucifix say, "Go and repair my church." At first Francis literally worked to fix the building, but later understood that his real call was to renew people spiritually. From that day Francis devoted himself to Christ crucified. Francis's father took him to the bishop's court, demanding that his son repay the money he had used to repair St. Damian's church building. The saint submitted, but then stripped naked, returning his clothes to his father as a sign that he forsook his family and his inheritance.

Then Francis began his itinerant ministry in central Italy, attracting young followers as he went. Once in 1209 at Mass he heard the gospel about Jesus sending his disciples to preach, to heal, and to do spiritual warfare. He took it literally as a life pattern for him and his band of men (see Matthew 10:7-10). In 1210, Francis got formal approval for his community of Friars Minor from Pope Innocent III, and by 1221 he had hundreds of brothers and had established friaries all over Europe. In 1224 at his retreat on Mount Alvernia, Francis had a vision of a seraph, a great angel, nailed to a cross. As he watched, Francis himself received the stigmata. Replicas of the Savior's wounds appeared in his hands and side, acknowledging the saint's intimacy with Christ. The movement Francis launched has reverberated through the centuries, touching millions of souls. He died in 1226.

Source : Loyolapress

Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

'The gifts of the Holy Spirit'

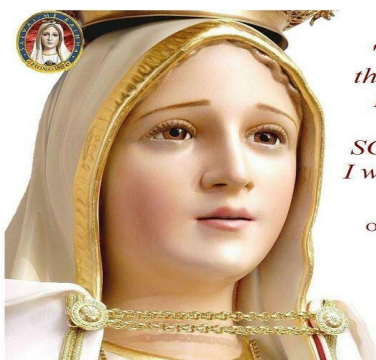
Visit the below link

www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFmLhgcwnn0

Important Dates

4th October Saint Francis of Assisi

7th October Our lady of Rosary



"One day through the ROSARY and SCAPULAR I will save the world."

OUR LADY to St. Dominic



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your free copy of ***Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer***

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to "take fresh courage..." as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to: www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

MARY MACKILLOP
today.

REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Geoff Henwood, Hugh Ilyine. Many people across the world who have died from the corona virus and calamities. *Eternal rest grant unto them, Our Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them and may their dear souls rest in peace. Amen.*

Anniversaries: Ted Madden, Terry O'Brien, Le Thi Ty, Patricia Harrison.

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.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Marilyn Duivenvoorden, 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, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, StepheLois Lenaghan, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, Alida Cabret, 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 Campion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

AS OF NOW ALL LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS STAND SUSPENDED except funerals with restricted numbers. **Please call 03 87518112 if any of you want to talk to me.** You are most welcome to call me on that number, too, if you want me to offer Mass for any of your personal intentions.

Fr. Cruz

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom

ZOOM ROSARY: Now held on Monday to Saturday immediately after the holy mass.

Zoom link is available on the Parish website. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7504645976?pwd=S0YwS3FiQndpMIZ0STY0TFRRYXJGQT09>

Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

Passcode: 7mJTww

Days and times of ZOOM live masses

St Thomas More Belgrave

Weekdays Monday – Saturday 9.00am

Sacred Heart, Gembrook & St. Joseph's - Emerald

Sunday 9.00am

St. Thomas More -Belgrave & St. Paul's - Monbulk

Sunday 10.30am followed by the Holy Rosary.

Please join with your community if you can.

Combined Catholic Parishes' Raffle

Congratulations to all the winners!



Prize No	Prizes	Ticket No	Parish
1	Suzuki Beleno	032770	Good Shepherd, Mulgrave
2	Suzuki Beleno	095457	St Patrick's, Lilydale
3	Suzuki Beleno	049753	Our Lady of the Pines, Donvale
4	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	083496	Our Holy Redeemer, Surrey Hills
5	\$1000 Coles/Myer Gift Card	011368	Clairvaux Primary School, Belmont
6	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	024215	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Dromana
7	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069241	St Damian's, Bundoora
8	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077953	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
9	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	109047	St Simon's, Rowville
10	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	077525	Resurrection Parish, Keysborough
11	\$500 Coles Myer gift Card	92015	St Michael's, Ashburton
12	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	56036	St Scholastica, Bennettswood
13	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	015841	St Agatha's, Cranbourne
14	\$500 Coles Myer Gift Card	069696	St Damian's, Bundoora

A man was walking on a shaking bridge.
He prayed for help!
He saw God on the other side of the bridge & asked God to come near... but God didn't come. The man got angry. With great difficulty he crossed to the other side & saw God holding the broken bridge...

Trust Him...

His ways are amazing!!!





#17 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: Monday 28 September 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 Metropolitan Melbourne only, from 11:59pm on 27 September, 2020.**

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE STEP TWO Summary

- Curfew:** no longer in place.
- Public Gatherings:** up to 5 people outdoors (from 2 families).
- 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. You can only travel up to 5km from your home to attend a gathering and only for 2 hours.
- 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

STEP TWO – Metropolitan Melbourne

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 27 September 2020 and until otherwise directed:

- All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services are to remain closed except for permitted ceremonies. • **RELIGIOUS GATHERINGS:** permitted with a limit of five people, plus one faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship with only one group permitted at a time. You can only travel up to 5km from your home to attend a gathering and only for 2 hours. Signage, directions and sanitising stations must be clearly available. Contact Records must be kept
- **WEDDINGS:** permitted in outdoor public spaces with a maximum of 5 attendees, including the couple and two witnesses, but not including the celebrant. Children under 12 months are also exempted from the number. Weddings do not need to occur proximate to a place of worship.
- **FUNERALS:** will be limited to 10 mourners (**infants under 12 months of age not included in this number**). A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church. You can travel to a funeral outside of metropolitan Melbourne. Restrictions apply based on the location of the funeral, and limits to numbers also apply.
- **BAPTISMS:** may be celebrated under the outdoor gathering limits. Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water (refer further in these Guidelines). This allows for 5 people including the faith leader outdoors (a child under 12 months not included), meeting all hygiene and distancing precautions and recording names and contact details of all present.
- **LIVESTREAMING:** a limit of 5 in total may be present, including the celebrant.
- **VISITATIONS: Homes:** Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed, and that the travel to the person's home and the visit are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. only required attendees should visit and just for the service).

Hospitals or Care Facilities: Under Stage 4 restrictions, faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. It is important to note that strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. a visit has been requested by a patient). Such services can also be provided using video or live streaming, depending on religious tradition.

• **If you can work from home, you must do so.**

All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details.

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.**