

## 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

**A reading from the Prophet Zachariah 9:9-10.**

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of  
Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

He is victorious, He is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps.144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14.**

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

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name forever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name forever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all His creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all His words  
and loving in all His deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

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

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the  
Romans 8:9. 11-13.**

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made His home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ, you would not belong to Him, and if the spirit of Him who raised Jesus

from the dead is living in you, then He, who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through His Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves, or to live unspiritual lives. If you do not live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 11:25-30.**

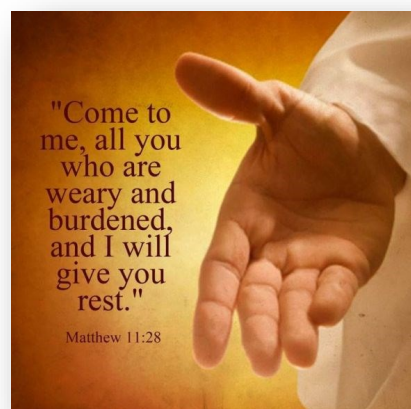
Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.’

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon:** Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**Next week’s readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Ps. 64:10-14; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23.**





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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 Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	<u>6.00 p.m. Saturday (25 attendees only).</u>	<u>9.00 a.m. from Sunday 5/7/20 (15 attendees only).</u>	<u>9.00 a.m. AND 11.00 a.m. Sun. (25 attend. only).</u>	<u>12.30 p.m. Sunday 25 attendees only.</u>
	WEEKDAY				

Mass changes: **PARISH MASSES ARE RESTRICTED TO 20 + 5 PARISHIONERS. Updates as they come to hand.**

Reconciliation: Marriages & Baptisms by appointment. **RECONCILIATION: Email Fr. Cruz—[anthony.cruz@cam.org.au](mailto:anthony.cruz@cam.org.au) or phone 0400436793 to book.**

## JULY 5TH, 2020 — FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A.

Today we approach the middle section of Matthew's gospel. We read one short passage from the two chapters (11 and 12) that lead from the Mission Sermon (10:1 – 11:1) to the Parable Sermon (13:1–53).

Fundamental aspects of the mystery of the divine and human Jesus are revealed to us today. Jesus' ecstatic prayer offers us a precious insight into his loving communion with the Father. This heavenward gaze is complemented by the open arms of an earthly embrace: "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened". In accordance with the vision of the prophet Zechariah, Jesus comes among us as a humble man of peace, not as a warrior king.

We are enabled to live like Jesus – in peaceful communion with God and with one another – because we possess the Spirit of God. As Paul taught the Romans, "the Spirit of God has made his home in you". We remain flesh-and-blood human beings but enlivened by the Spirit "who raised Jesus from the dead".

*Readings and Commentaries—Liturgy Brisbane*

# Come unto Me

... AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**Recent deaths:** Terry Garrick (husband of Helen, Belgrave); we continue to pray also for the many thousands of people across the world who have died from the corona virus. May their dear souls rest in peace.

**Anniversaries:** Annie Philomena (Phil) Jones, Joe Beekman, Cyrille Paruit, Lyn Hearnnes, Tom West, Inez McLaughlin, Anne Di Nardo.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Lida and Robert Ploeg, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, Stephen, Lois Lenaghan, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, Alida Cabret, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Kevin Ryan, Geoff Henwood, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Terry Garrick, 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.

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY APPEAL:**

Every year the St Vincent de Paul Society hold a **Poormans' Mass Appeal** to help those in need, especially throughout the cold winter months. To assist you in making a donation, please go to the link below. Donations over \$2 tax deductible.

**Here is the link for the online donations:**

**<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/donation-hub>**

Please put **"Belgrave Conference" in the comment field**, so that when their fundraising team process the donation, it will be allocated to our Parish Conference for use in distributing food, vouchers and other assistance to those in need across the Dandenongs.

**There will be a THIRD COLLECTION at Masses throughout the Parish THIS WEEKEND for those who do not wish to donate via the internet.**

**Please note: non-perishable food items are always welcome contributions. Bring them to your Mass Centre [on a regular basis, if you like] and they can be passed on to the local conferences for distribution.**

**A 'THANK YOU' must go to our Mass Managers at all Centres (you know who you are). Every week during this crisis, you have made sure that sanitisers have been available, have marked off attendees as required, and made parishioners feel very welcome and safe.**

## **UPDATE ON COVID19 RESTRICTIONS:**

Recently, restrictions returned to allowing only 20 people plus 5 attendants to attend each Mass in the Parish—there is an exclusion with regard to **Gembrook Mass Centre—only 10 + 5** will be able to attend owing to the size of the church building.

After some discussion, it has been decided that **bookings will no longer be taken for Emerald, Gembrook and Monbulk Mass Centres.** Once the numbers have been reached at each Centre, then anyone else will have to return home. We don't think this will happen as numbers so far at the smaller Mass Centres have not reached their full capacity. However, **with regard to the two Masses at Belgrave, bookings still need to be taken** by the existing formats—i.e. Eventbrite RSVP, email, text or phone call to 0400436793 (Mon/Wed/Thurs/Friday 9 a.m.—5 p.m.) OR outside these times, phone 03 87518112 and leave a message.

**[Please note that Mass at Monbulk on Wednesdays has been re-located to Belgrave at 9.00 a.m. for the time-being. Also, bookings are not being taken for the weekday Masses (including Saturday mornings)].**

**Mass times are as follows for weekends in the foreseeable future—**

**Gembrook— 9.00 a.m. Mass each Sunday.**

**Emerald — Saturday 6.00 p.m.**

**Belgrave: 9.00 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Sunday.**

**Monbulk: Sunday 12.30 p.m.**

**Belgrave parishioners PLEASE—make sure that your booking is made before 3.00 p.m. on each respective Friday so that final numbers and lists can be passed on to Fr. Cruz.**

**As stated previously in the newsletter, if you are in a vulnerable age group [elderly, or very young children]/immune compromised category, or are unwell at all, please do not attend a local Mass in person for the time being.**

**Please note: For ALL attending weekend Masses—sanitising wipes will be handed around at the end of each Mass for you to wipe down the surfaces you have occupied during Mass. This way, the responsibility of cleaning and complying with current regulations does not fall on the shoulders of a few and our Mass Centres are kept safe for the next group of Mass-goers. Thank you.**



**ANYONE WISHING FR. CRUZ TO COME AND BLESS THEIR HOME** can phone **03 875 18112** [after hours/Tuesdays], email **anthony.cruz@cam.org.au** OR phone **0400436793** [office hours except Tuesday] with request details.,  
**The same applies if you wish Fr. Cruz to hear your reconciliation.**

**TV, RADIO, ONLINE—FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS DURING THIS CRISIS:**

Mass is available on the following:

**TV - Channel 10, Mass for you at home, Sunday mornings at 6.00 a.m.**

**RADIO - 89.9 Light FM,** -A traditional Roman Catholic Mass, Sunday mornings at 7am.

**ONLINE - Mass online - <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>, or <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/> or <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>**

**AUSTRALIAN JESUITS ON FACEBOOK—**

**Go to:**<https://www.facebook.com/151909541627410/posts/1577966115688405/>

The **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne** has additional online resources to help you through this time of suffering: [www.cam.org.au/coronavirus](http://www.cam.org.au/coronavirus).

**THANK YOU** to all parishioners who have maintained their Parish Thanksgiving contributions during the current restrictions. Anyone who currently does not contribute to the Parish finances this way (by envelope, direct debit or credit card) can phone Helen on 0400436793 during working hours to make arrangements for this to happen. To contribute to the presbytery account (usually the 1st collection) you can also do so by direct debit or credit card. Again, just request arrangements to be made.

**LAST WEEKEND, MONSIGNOR GREGORY CHARLES BENNET, FORMER VICAR GENERAL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE,** was appointed the tenth Bishop of the Diocese of Sale. In accepting his appointment, Bishop-Elect Bennet said, *“I am humbled by Pope Francis’ nomination of me to be the next Bishop of Sale. It is an enormous responsibility and privilege to be asked to undertake this appointment.”* Mgr Bennet also expressed his gratitude to the people of Melbourne, *“I have served in the Archdiocese for 28 years and my heart is grateful for the many people who have formed, nurtured, cared, and supported me throughout my formation and my ministry.”*

We congratulate Monsignor Bennett on his appointment and pray for God’s blessings on his work in the Sale Diocese.

**THIS SUNDAY 5 JULY, ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY** will be celebrated with a theme chosen to respond to the current challenges we face as a community – **Together in the Spirit.** Australian Catholics and parishes are invited to come ‘Together in the Spirit’, united by our faith, to celebrate the gifts of Indigenous spirituality and culture in our Church and wider community. With the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the celebration of Masses across the nation, new ways of marking and celebrating the day have been developed. As such, for the first time, an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass will be **live streamed from St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide on Sunday 5 July at 11.30am.** The livestream will be available from the NATSICC homepage.

## Jubilee Prayer and Statement of Commitment

Father our Creator  
You created all things, seen and unseen,  
Listen to my silent prayer as I stand here before you.

As my weary eyes look back over distant horizons, back to those days where my people walked.

The footprints of my grandfathers are imprinted on the earth, and their images become real to me.

I see my Grandfathers standing tall and strong, warriors of long ago. I hear them singing, I see them dancing, and my spirit moves within me.

They told me of the emus fighting, picking the scent of our hunters. The images fade away as I feel the hurt of my people.

I can hear the cries of my Grandmothers as they cry for their children.  
Grandfather, You can see me as I stand here and feel this hurt.

Father Creator, is this the purpose of my being here? Or is it your plan to reshape my people to be once again the proud race it once was?

Let me walk with you and my Grandfathers towards the dawning of a proud and new nation.

I thank you for my Sacred Being.  
Amen.

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