

**Entrance Antiphon: Wis 1:7**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**Acts 2:1-11**

***They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.***

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30**

***(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.***

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
Rom 8:8-17**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, 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. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; 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 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. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
Jn 14:15-16. 23-26**

***The Holy Spirit will teach you everything.***

Jesus said to his disciples 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon : Acts 2:4,11**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.



**Next week's readings**

First Reading: Prv 8:22-31

Responsorial Psalm Ps 8:4-9. R. v.2

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-5

Gospel Jn 16:12-15



# St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

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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	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

### Homily for the Pentecost Sunday Year C - 5th June, 2022

Today is Pentecost Sunday. The celebration of our birthdays is always a moment of great joy and feast. We have a great reason to be happy, to celebrate, and to exchange good wishes because today is the birthday of the Holy Mother Church. Easter is the feast of the light, of the new life that begins with Christ's resurrection. Pentecost is the celebration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It marks the beginning of the new covenant, and the birth of the public life of the church.

Our first reading relates the events of the coming of the Holy Spirit as a great manifestation of the of God's power. The speaking in different tongues that were understood by all the Jews that came to Jerusalem for the celebration of the feast of Pentecost was a miracle. It was a clear manifestation of the mission of the universal church. It is a call for the church to be a sign of human unity. This is irrespective of race, colour or language.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us of the fact that, by virtue of our "Pentecostal experience" today, an indelible mark has been placed upon us. Hence, we have been specially configured for God's mission. This means that it is the Holy Spirit that gives life and directs our mission. Therefore, through today's out pouring of the Holy Spirit, we are truly and fully marked as God's children. Though adopted, we are fully heirs to God's throne and heritage.

Today's gospel reminds us of the principal roles of the Holy Spirit. These include: *advocating, teaching, and reminding* us of the things we ought to know. However, for this to be possible, we must be ready to cooperate with him. He can only advocate for us if we trust him, and allow him to be in charge of our case. He can only teach us if we pay attention to his counsels. He can only *remind* us of the things we ought to know, if we humbly, and willing say to him all the time: "*Help me because I am ignorant. Enlighten the eyes of my mind, O Holy Spirit.*"

What then will the Holy Spirit that we have received today help us to accomplish? First, the Holy Spirit we have received today is not a *spirit of fear and timidity*. Instead, it is the Spirit that empowers us and makes us *children of God*. This means that we are now bold to call God *Abba Father*.

The Holy Spirit is given to us in order that we might bear good fruits that will last (Gal 5, 22). It was given to us in order to help and also empower others. It was also given to us in order to lead us into the kingdom of righteousness, peace, and to bring us to the fullness of life. So, as we rejoice at this wonderful gesture that God has extended to us today, let us ask Him for the grace to be docile to the Holy Spirit we have received.

Finally, happy birthday, the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Happy birthday to all the Faithful of God all over the world. Happy birthday to all my beloved confreres of the Congregation of the Holy Ghost Fathers and Brothers (Spiritans). May the Holy Spirit continue to lead us all: "*To the ends of the earth.*" *Long live the Holy Mother Church!*

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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:**

Peter and Paul Stokie, Sr. Mary Baptist, Nancy Cromar, Abraham Schellenbach, Bernie McDonnell, Norienne Peterson.

**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: Jack Weir, 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.

### **First Friday and First Saturday Devotions at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave**

#### **First Friday— 3rd June**

Mass at 9am. After the Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary Prayed with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. There are twelve promises given to St Margaret Alacoque about the First Friday. We need to do 9 consecutive first Fridays. There are flyers in the foyer

#### **First Saturday— 4th June**

Mass at 9am. After the Mass, Rosary is prayed with the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. During the holy hour of Adoration, Priest is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Lady of Fatima asked for 5 consecutive Saturdays. To learn more about this request from Our Lady we need to learn more about Fatima flyers in the foyer.



## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.


Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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## **Positions Vacant**



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

### **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

- Property Administrator, Property & Infrastructure – 12 Month Parental Leave Contract, East Melbourne/Flexible working arrangements available
- Digital Designer, Formation office, East Melbourne/Flexible Working arrangements available
- Full Stack Developer, Formation Office, East Melbourne/Flexible Working arrangements available

### **Parish Positions**

- Parish Administrative Coordinator, St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park
- Parish Secretary, St Mark's Catholic Parish, Fawkner
- Parish Secretary, Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Essendon West
- Secretary, Religious Formation House, The Missionary of God's Love, Burwood

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 [hradmin@cam.org.au](mailto:hradmin@cam.org.au)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist preparation classes for students attending Non-Catholic Schools.

**First Reconciliation**

Tuesdays, 05 to 26 July

**First Eucharist**

Tuesdays, 16 August to 06 September

**Venue** Belgrave, parish office meeting room

**Time** 6.30pm

To enroll please contact the parish office during office hours or email [belgrave@cam.org.au](mailto:belgrave@cam.org.au) on or before 17th June.

**Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and World Peace over next 3 Wednesdays.**

**( 8th, 15th and 22nd June)**

Over the next 3 Wednesdays evenings we will hold a Candlelight vigil in the Chapel at St Thomas Mores especially for the end to the War in Ukraine and for world peace.

The evening will include:

7.00 pm – Holy Mass.

7.30 pm - Quiet Prayer

7.45 pm - Rosary

8.10 pm - Benediction

8.15 pm - Finish.

Votive candles will be available for all to add to the candlelight.

Everyone is invited to participate.



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE/ Mercy Works Ltd.** is currently recruiting volunteers to academically support Refugee and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese and also adult centre. 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. The training day is in July.

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

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**7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit**



**Wisdom** is the ability to exercise good judgment. It distinguishes between right and wrong, seeks and upholds truth and justice, and balances personal good with the common good. It is in touch with reality, demonstrates common sense and is prudent. It often increases as a person advances in years and gains life experience. In the Old Testament, wisdom is personified by “Sophia,” the mythical mother of faith, hope and love; while in the New Testament, wisdom is personified by Jesus himself.

**Understanding** is the gift of intelligence and enlightenment. It is the ability to think clearly; to perceive, comprehend and interpret information; and to have insight and discern meaning.

**Counsel** is good advice. It is the ability to teach, inform, guide, direct, warn, admonish, recommend and encourage. It is not limited to the giving of advice but extends to the ability to graciously receive it. The gift is needed by parents, teachers, coaches, supervisors, mentors, therapists, lawyers, clergy, consultants, elders and spouses — anyone who offers advice to others.

**Fortitude** is an unwavering commitment to God or a proper course of action, and it shows itself as moral strength, courage, determination, patient endurance, long suffering, a resolute spirit, stamina and resiliency.

**Knowledge** is the ability to study and learn; to acquire, retain and master facts and information; and to put what is learned to good use for constructive purposes.

**Fear of the Lord** is awe, reverence and respect for God. It acknowledges that everything comes as a gift from God, downplays personal achievement and self-sufficiency, and gladly offers praise, worship and adoration to God.

**Piety** is personal holiness, and it includes devotion to God, prayer, virtue, goodness, decency, self-mastery, innocence, the avoidance of sin and obedience to God’s will.