

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The word of the Lord.

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

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Lk 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Mt 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

Next week's readings:

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26



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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 & 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C— 6th February, 2022

My dear people of God, today, the readings remind us that God's call to a person and the positive response to that call leads the person to discipleship. God has His own criteria for selecting people to be prophets and ministers. Presenting the special calls, or vocations, of Isaiah, Paul and Peter as life-changing events, the readings challenge us to examine our own personal calls and responses to conversion and discipleship. Let us be attentive to God and respond positively to His call.

Isaiah in the first reading and Peter in today's Gospel express their unworthiness to be in the presence of God's great holiness, and Peter and Isaiah both immediately receive their Divine calls. Today's second reading describes the call of another great apostle, Paul, who judges himself to be unworthy of the name or the call as he was a former persecutor of the Christians. It was by giving these three men a strong conviction of their unworthiness and of their need for total dependence on His grace that God prepared them for their missions.

Every Christian by virtue of baptism has a special call from God to carry out a specific mission. Just as each one of us is unique so is our mission. We have both individual and collective mission. Each person has a unique imprint to make in the world that no one else can. "We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish." – St. Francis de Sales
God chooses each one according to His own criteria for a specific mission. It is personal deception to think your God has not called you to do something. The God who called Isaiah, Paul, Peter etc continues to call people even in our time. The problem with this age is that we have become so absorbed with self and the external realities of the modern world (social media, information bombardment) that we have lost that interior communion with God who speaks to our heart calling us daily. When we relate closely with God in the solitude and silence of interior life then we can hear and discern what He calls us to do.

What is God's criteria for calling people to serve and how does one qualify? God does not look at the external features of a person or is He concerned about the qualification or skill. Without favouritism or prejudice, God extends His call equally to everyone. His criteria seem to be His trust that you can do it because He provides whatever is needed to accomplish the mission. But do we respond positively to God's call? This call may come in different forms; it could be to help a person in need, to forgive a brother or sister, to volunteer for some social or religious service, to preach or to pray for others. In a more general sense, it could be a call to the priesthood, to religious life or marital life. "We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things, in the apathy of those who fritter away their lives in their own little world," – Pope Francis

When we examine the lives of Isaiah, Paul and Peter in relation to their response to God's call, something very remarkable comes to light namely the feeling of personal unworthiness and a willingness to answer the call; This is what qualifies a person to answer God's call. God chooses what is weak to shame the strong (cf 1Cor1:27). He does not call the qualified but qualifies the called. It is only God's grace that supplies what is lacking in our ability to answer God's call hence Paul acknowledged "I am what I am only by the grace of God". Proud and haughty people will never submit to God's call. We need to see ourselves as unworthy children of God and submit ourselves to God so that His grace will lift us up and strengthen us to answer whenever and wherever He asks us to go so that like Isaiah we can say "Here I am Lord send me".

Today, we pray that God will rekindle in our hearts the passion to answer His call. Like our mother Mary who said a perfect and generous yes to God and cooperated with His grace, like Isaiah, Paul, Peter and all the saints through the ages, who gave themselves totally to God and answered wholeheartedly, we may be open to God who is daily calling us to love and serve and to make a difference in our world. May the holy spirit help us to discern what God wants from us and obey Him in every circumstance without allowing selfish motives to override divine call.

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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: Nathalie Mcdermott, Lucy Rawlins, Ted Regan, Marilyn Fitzmaurice, John Kruyer, Max Proctor, Hermino Balladares, Karl Visser, Kathleen Martine, Alex West, Baptiste Colussi, Hugh Lane, Time Foley, John Weichard.

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.

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 (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Tel: 9326 1895

Important Date

11th February **The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**



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

Parish Secretary, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington

Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish

Pastoral Youth Worker, Parish of St Macartan's, Mornington

Continuous Improvement Specialist – Client Services Group, CDF

Office Coordinator, Catholic Social Services Victoria (0.8 FTE)

Communications Administration Support Officer, East Melbourne

Executive Officer, Victorian Council of Churches, Melbourne

Sacramental Coordinator, St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish

Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish, Lalor

Parish Secretary, St Gregory the Great Catholic Parish of Doncaster

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 hrrad-min@cam.org.au

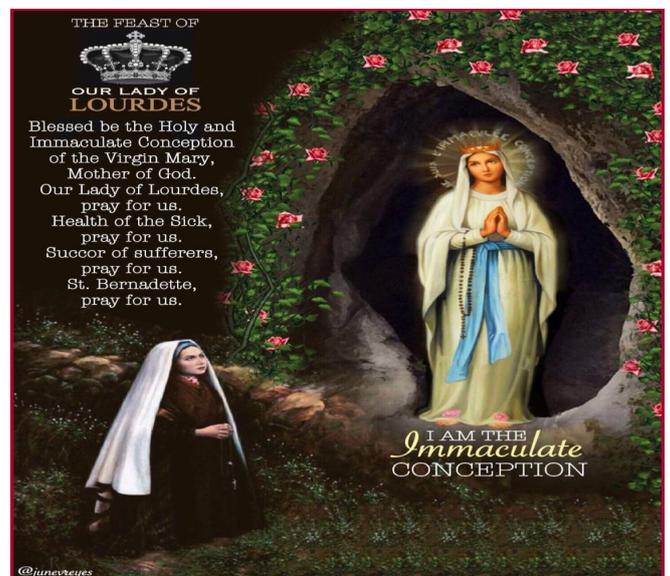
St Patrick's Centre, 486 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002

PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002

Email: recruitment@cam.org.au

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www.cam.org.au



Tea Party

Fr. Cruz' has celebrated his 41st Birthday on the 2nd February. Morning tea is arranged in honour of him at 10.30am on Saturday at Belgrave (5th February) in the presbytery meeting room. You are most welcome to part of it.



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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



Chaplaincy Appeal 2022

Next weekend is the Chaplaincy Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest hours and times of need.

Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



Lent 2022

If you haven't done so before now, you might like to give some thought to joining a Lenten discussion group this year— it is a faith enriching experience and gives a focus to the meaning of Lent (which starts this year on March 2nd [Ash Wednesday]).

“Comfort” - a Lenten resource from the diocese of Wollongong, is available now at the Parish office for individual or group use. Please call the office hours or email to Parish office to make your order **on or before 11th of February.**



To My Parish Family

Leo Joseph Walsh



8th March 1928 - 5th December
2021

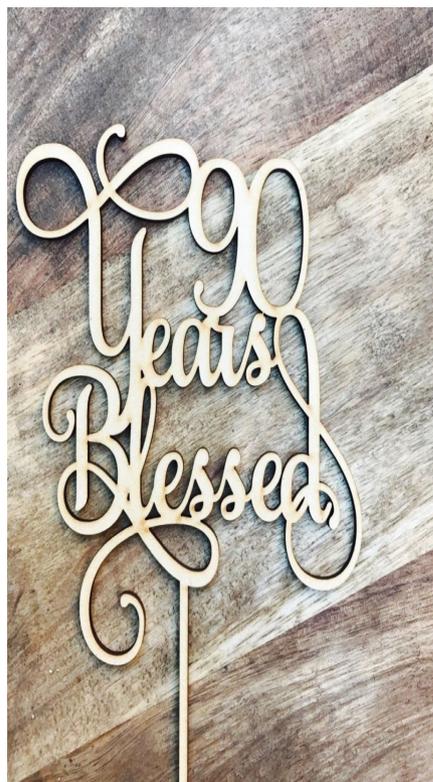


With our sincere thanks for all the love, support and comfort we received from you on the sad passing of our much loved Leo.

Josie, Stephen, Kevin, Jim, Suz & Janita

Where there is Jesus there is Mercy and Happiness

R.I.P



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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