

**Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 87:3**

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

**A reading from the second book of Maccabees  
2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14**

*The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 16:1. 5-6. 8. 15. R. v.15**

*Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

**2 Thes 2:16 – 3:5**

*May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil you; and pray that we may people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of

God and the fortitude of Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5. 6**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Lk 20:27-38**

*He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 22:1-2**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.



**Next week's readings**

**First Reading:** Mal 3:19-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

**Second Reading:** 2 Thes 3:7-12

**Gospel:** Lk 21:5-19



# 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 &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 5th /6th November, 2022**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

**Pope Francis intention for November.....**

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November is for children who suffer, including war victims and orphans. "There are still millions of boys and girls who suffer and live in conditions very similar to slavery," the pontiff said in a video appeal issued Monday. "They aren't numbers," he said, "they are human beings with names, with a face of their own, with an identity that God has given them."

"Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war,"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2022-10/pope-november-prayer-intention-children-who-suffer.html>

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**WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH 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 and ongoing War in Ukraine. May their souls rest in peace.

## **Anniversaries:**

Marie Tirchett, Oliver Goodrich, Nicholaas Broekhof, John Boland, Walter McMahon, Arthur Griffiths, Sr. Marie Dolore DDZ.

**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: Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Diane Kamoen, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Maureen Lyons, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, 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.

- **Sick List: If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 97542141.**

## ***Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.***

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more.

Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au) or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

## **Important Dates**

13th November	Centenary Celebration of Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook
20th November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe
27th November	First Sunday of Advent

## **Society of St Vincent de Paul—Flood Appeal**

Society of St Vincent de Paul's Flood Appeal for those who have been effected by these devastating floods particularly in the north of the State.

Contributions can be made by:

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful day we had, organized by Australia Needs Fatima.

For a Public Rosary at Four Hundred sites around Australia on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

First, I would like to thank Bill Ford at the RSL, for allowing us to use their lawn and power etc.

The Music was awesome, with Kristian Coyne and family in full swing.

"Oh, how I love the Violin" even People in Safeway Car Park looking on.

The Flowers donated by Guy Mc Dermont and wonderfully arranged by Helen Garrick.

People even commented on the wonderful display, as we walked the streets with the Statue.

A big thanks to Therese Geary for arranging the Music and Mathew and Rachel for crowning Our Lady.

John Ruigrok has been a great help to me, making frames for the Banners.

And to all the people who came thank you a lot. So great to catch up with friends over cake and coffee.

But most of all to Our Mother Mary for giving us a good day.

**God bless.**

**Don Kempster**



### Craft stall/table

With the support of the Belgrave Small Christianity Community, and following on from discussions about the feasibility of resurrecting the Mountain Doo recently, there will be a fundraising stall for raise some funds towards the installation of emergency lights and exit signs at the St. Thomas More Church.

There will be a quite variety of crafty items all with a Christmas theme. (Things such as Christmas decorations (decorated Christmas baubles and ornaments; Christmas gifts such as machine embroidered coasters/glass bottles and glass bricks decorated and filled with lights. Decorated battery operated candles and more)



Date: 20<sup>th</sup> November

Time: after 9am mass

Venue: In church entrance (or just outside of the church is the weather is good.)

Hope to see you there and please give generously.

Our SCC group will also be supplying tea and coffee on that day.

**Marianne Kuyper**



### **“Candlelight Vigil for Ukraine and world peace:**

***( Every Wednesday - starting on 9th, November)***

Father Cruz will recommence the Candlelight Vigil including Mass, private prayer and the Rosary, offered for the end of the war in Ukraine and for peace in the world. This intention is also one of the requests of Mary the Mother of God, when she appeared in Fatima to three peasant children, several times in 1917.

Time will be strictly 7 pm – 8.15, but come for whatever time you can.

7 pm Mass  
7.30 Private prayer  
7.45 Rosary  
8.00 Benediction  
8.15 Finish.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



### **Novena for all souls**

In November we remember and pray for all the faithful departed and the holy souls in Purgatory. You may also begin our traditional 'All Souls' Novena, say any consecutive nine days. The flyers are available at St. Thomas More Church foyer.

Honor your loved ones by entering their names on the Church Memorial book.

Dear Parishioners,

We would be honoured if you could join us to celebrate the Sacred Heart Gembrook Church turning 100 years old on Sunday, **November the 13th!**



We want to give back to the community, past and new families, by celebrating history together, so we invite you to a

\*Mass celebration: at 9am by Archbishop of Melbourne - **Most Rev. Peter Comensoli**

### **From 10am - 1pm:**

- \* Free morning tea
- \* Free entertainment
- \* Free Jumping castle
- \* Free Sausage sizzle
- \* A photo collage

And to view the history of our Church building and parish community.

**A Marquee will help this exciting event continue no matter the weather and we would love people to be involved. If you have a story to tell, a historic photo to show, or just want to be involved please contact Sam on [gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com](mailto:gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com)**

**\* If you need disabled parking close to the church please contact us to book a spot.**

**\*RSVP on [gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com](mailto:gettinglocalsbackontrack@gmail.com)**

### **As this famous song says:**

*Come as you are, that's how I want you  
Come as you are, feel quite at home  
Close to my heart, loved and forgiven  
Come as you are, why stand alone?*

Hope to see you in Gembrook!

**Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook Volunteers**