

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon Cf Esther 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 book of Genesis

Genesis 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127. R. v.5

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 2:9-11

He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified have one origin.

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified,

are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation cf 1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **Alleluia.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark Mark 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf 1 Corinthians 10:17

Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Next Sunday Readings

First Reading	Wisdom 7:7-11
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14
Second Reading	Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel	Mark 10:17-27



St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave

The Catholic Church in the Dandenong Ranges

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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

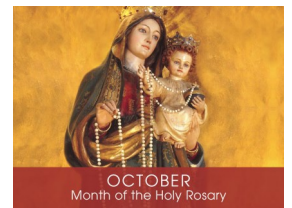
Our Parish Vision Statement:
We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave 17 Terry Avenue, 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	

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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In marriage, the couple does not merely receive a sacrament, they become one. They become an outward sign of the love of God. They are able to open themselves to each other in love, because God has first loved them. When they become one in marriage, they create something new, something that is a sign of the creative power of God. This in no way minimises the passionate love that they may have, or the unselfishness with which they give themselves to each other. Rather, it underscores the origin of that passion and the model of that unselfishness. We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters. Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.



October - For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

WE ARE A CHILD SAFETY PARISH AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.

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REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Eileen Florence Banyard and Shirley Viola West.

- Funeral mass for **late Eileen Florence Banyard** will be on Friday, October 11th at 11am at St Paul's Catholic Church, Monbulk.
- Funeral mass for **late Shirley Viola West** will be on Friday, October 11th at 11am at St Thomas More's Catholic Church Belgrave.

Many people across the world who have died due to Covid-19, wars, civil restlessness and natural calamities. May their souls rest in peace.

Anniversaries:

Justin Eadie and Marilyn Duivenvoorden.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Patricia Grant, Kate Joy star, John Kuyper, Flynn Kroeger, Verity Loke, Helen Bye, Anne Radocaj, Simon Kuyper, John Barber, Dimuthu, Juhyeon Kim, Peter Hicks, Margaret Champion, Cameron DiCasio, Jack Weir, Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Rebecca Jane Atkinson, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster, Pat McCarrick, Justin, Tom Fergus, Josie Walsh, B. O'Connor, Ingvin Collins, David Bourke, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, 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, Philis 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.**

Belgrave church reading roster 6th October

Erica Kurek & Marianne Kuyper

Next week — 13th October

Michael Couche and Mia Jansen



For details relating to Baptisms, Marriages & Anointing of the Sick, please contact the parish office.

Prayer for the Parish

(To be prayed at the end of the mass before the recessional Hymn)

Loving God,

We ask you to pour out your spirit upon our parish

And grant us a new vision of your kingdom,

a new faithfulness to your Word,

a new consecration to your service,

that we may become a growing community of disciples,

that seeks to bring your word to the world,

through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on us.

St. Joseph, Pray for us.

St. Paul, Pray for us.

St. Claire, Pray for us.

St. Thomas more, Pray for us.



Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies | Melbourne Catholic](#)



Family Enrichment Australia

invite you to a wine and grazing table event

with guest speakers
Joshua and Natasha Peart

"How your family of origin and your temperament impact your marriage"

- 📅 Friday, 18 October 2024
- 🕒 7pm (for 7.30pm start) - 9pm
- 📍 Early Learning Centre @ Harkaway Hills College, 20 Abeckett Rd, Narre Warren Nth
- 💰 \$15 single or \$25 per couple
- 👉 Bookings essential via QR code
- 📞 Enquiries: Rachel Poh 0411 185 711

FAMILY ENRICHMENT AUSTRALIA



To Contribute Financially to St. Thomas More Parish

St Thomas Mores Parish Church Account

BSB: 083 347, Account: 67214 6192

Presbytery Account

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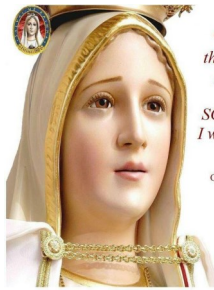


A Prayer for Peace

(Pray before the final hymn)

Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all peoples,
Who in the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His own life,
at great cost You wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us enemies:
Send into our hearts
the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that He may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
the irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.
Almighty and eternal God, in Your hands are the hopes of
men and women
and the rights of every people:
Assist with Your wisdom those who govern us,
so that, with Your help,
they will become sensitive to the sufferings of the poor
and of those who suffer the consequences
of violence and war;
may they promote the common good and lasting peace
in our region and throughout the earth.
Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,
obtain the gift of peace
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you
and for the whole world. Amen.

Cardinal Pizzaballa Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem



*"One day
through the
ROSARY
and
SCAPULAR
I will save the
world."
OUR LADY to St.
Dominic*

October month of the Rosary

Feast 7th October

October is the special month of the Holy Rosary. We are praying the rosary at all mass centres especially for our world as well as our parishioners. Each site will have a rosary intentions book where you can write your own intention. Come and join us if you can or write your intention in the book so we can support each other on a daily basis.

Times for the Rosary are as follows

Church	Start Date	Start time
Gembrook	Sunday 6/10	After 9.00 Mass
Emerald	Saturday 5/10	5.30pm before Mass
Monbulk	Sunday 20/10	10.30am before Mass
Belgrave	Monday 14/ 10	After weekday Mass Monday to Saturday



St Joseph's College
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A memorial mass

Mass for Deceased Loved Ones

On behalf of the Salesian and St Joseph's College Communities, we invite you and your family to the Annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Past Pupils, Staff and Loved Ones.

The Mass will be celebrated on
Wednesday 6 November, 7:00pm
in the St Joseph's College Chapel

A light supper will follow at the end of the service.

RSVP: bdean@stjosephs.com.au or 9758 2000

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice? Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our at our Discovery Online session Wednesday 9 October. Explore unique opportunities matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm tel:02 9560 5333
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Prayers of the Faithful Roster

Calling for new members to join the roster. Natural attrition, (moving out of parish or into nursing homes) has left the roster very short. This is a chance for new voices to enhance these prayers. Please contact the parish office, or Denise on 9751-2896.