

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 73:20,19,22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

A reading from the book of Wisdom Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put

to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 12:32-48

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon Ps 147:12,14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



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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	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C - 7th August, 2022

Today, the Gospel reminds us and demands from us to be always wide-awake «for the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect» (Lk 12:40). We have to be always on the alert; we have to live in tension, “disconnected”, for we are but pilgrims of a world that goes by, our true fatherland being in heaven. Our life must go towards there; whether we like it or not, our earthly existence is nothing but our projection towards our definite encounter with the Lord, and in this encounter «Much will be required of the one who has been given much, and more will be asked of the one entrusted with more» (Lk 12:48). Is not this one the supposed crowning moment of our life? Let us live our life more intelligently, and realize what our true values are! Stop searching this earth's treasures as so many actually do. Let us elude this mental attitude!

After our world's mentality we are worth depending upon what we have! People is valued by the money they have, by the social class and category they belong to and, by their prestige, their power. But all that, in God's eyes, is worth absolutely nothing! Suppose you find out today you have an incurable sickness, and you are given just a month to live..., what will you do with all your money? What good will it be all your power, your prestige and your social class? They will be good just for nothing. You, then, realize that all these assets everybody find so valuable right here, when the time for you has finally come, they will be worth just nothing. And, if then you look backwards, around you, you see that all these values capsize: the true values are in the people around you, in their loving care, in that peaceful look of understanding; they all become the true values, the actual treasures that you —behind this world's gods— had always underestimated.

Try to have the evangelic intelligence to discern which are your real treasures! Let your heart's treasures be, instead of these world's gods, love, true peace, wisdom and all the gifts God grants to his favourite sons.

Source: <https://www.catholicforlife.com/year-c-homily-for-the-19th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-5/>

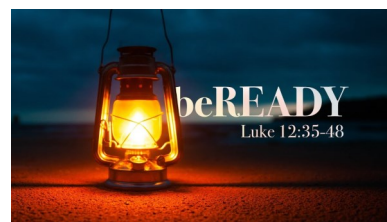
Next week's readings

First Reading: Jer 38:4-6. 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4

Gospel: Lk 12:49-53



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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: Michael Gatehouse, Valmai Spring, Nick Spykers, Mary Comer, Bartoli Pepi, Connie Pepi, Joan McCart.

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: Peter Hicks, Margaret Campion, 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, 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.

Mass for Protection of the Family

Monday 15 August, 2022 - 6:30pm to 8pm

(Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

St. Benedicts Catholic Church,

301 Warrigal Road, Burwood, Vic

(Celebrant: Fr. Peter Ferwerda)

- Holy Rosary (6:30pm)
- Confessions
- Holy Mass
- Adoration
- Anointing of the Sick
- Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Families

F.A.M.I.L.Y - Father And Mother, I Love You!

Enquiries: John, Divine Mercy Australia

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Honouring the Fatherhood of God

Sunday 7th August 2022

**Come and answer the heartfelt call of
God the Father to you personally.**

This call was revealed to Mother Eugenia Ravasio in 1932.
The Father desires to be known, loved and honoured by all.

"Oh how **My Love as Father** has been forgotten
by mankind".

Life for the Glory of God the Father, page 85.

"**Call Me by the name Father** with confidence
and love and you will receive everything from
this Father with Love and Mercy."

Life for the Glory of God the Father, page 90.

"I desire only this: **That one day may be consecrated to
honouring Me in a particular way** under the title of Father
of all mankind... I choose the first Sunday in August."

Life for the Glory of God the Father, page 97.

Pope Francis said: "For a Christian, to pray
is simply to say 'Abba', to say 'Papa', to say 'Dad',
to say 'Father' but with the **trust of a child.**"

Pope Francis - Weekly general audience, in St Peter's Square,
at the Vatican, Wednesday 16 January 2019.

Right: *The Return of the Prodigal Son* by Rembrandt.



<p>The book "Life for the Glory of God the Father" can be obtained from Divine Mercy Publications. Phone (03) 9830 4386</p>	Address: St Benedict's Catholic Church 295 Warrigal Rd, Burwood
	1.30pm: Adoration, Hymns and Prayers to honour the Fatherhood of God.
	2pm-3.30pm: Mass
	Celebrant and homilist: Fr Aurelio Fragapane
Contact: missionofgodthefather@gmail.com Majella Bollen - phone 9808 9708	

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August



The nine days novena starts on **7th August** (August 7th - 15th) at St. Thomas Church Belgrave. The novena books are available at the church foyer. All welcome.

- **The feast day mass on 15th August at 9.00am at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.**

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/the-assumption-561>

National Vocations Awareness Week

7 - 14 August 2022

NVAW Week - 7 August

National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Catholic Vocations Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002 Australia PO Box 146, East Melbourne VIC 8002 Australia Telephone: (03) 9926 5733 Email: vocations@cam.org.au
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The Archdiocese is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



Casual Position Available

A part time casual position is available at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield Rd.

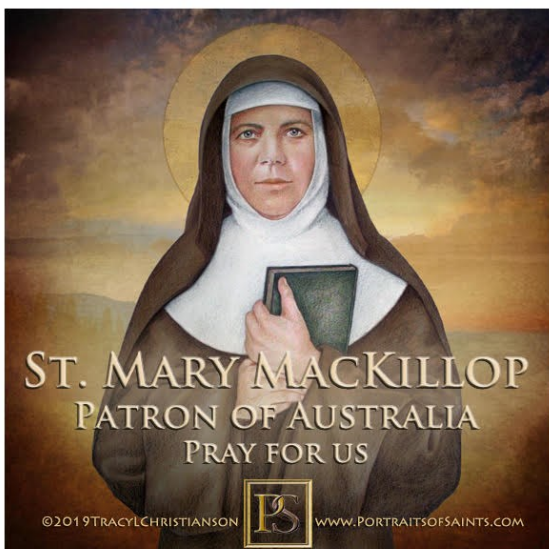
Lysterfield as required at the time of a Retreat.

If you or someone you know is interested in such a position, please contact:-

Fr. Shane Reade on 0417 234 647, at the Don Bosco Retreat Centre.

Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop

8th August



Correction

Our apologies for error in communication about **Peter Hicks** in the last week's parish news bulletin. We will always keep him in our prayers as he recovering from his sickness.

Parish Lunch at Yarra Ranges Estate

Sunday 21 August

Cost \$50 per person

RSVP to John Conway by 7 August

Email: jfgconway@yahoo.com

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Baptism

Let us welcome **Angelo Alvaro Coniglione** into our faith community as he is going to be baptized this weekend at St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave. May he be richly blessed throughout his life, constantly being aware of the unconditional love and Mercy of God.

CatholicCare Victoria Appeal 2022

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring support for people when they are at their most broken.

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

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