

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon: 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 book of Job Jb 7:1-4. 6-7

I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Palm Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3

(R) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due. **(R.)**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted,
he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name. **(R.)**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust. **(R.)**

(R) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1 Cor 9:16-19. 22-23

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free,

me. and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Mk 1:29-39

He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon: 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: Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45



Parish of 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

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	6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am	9.00am	10.30am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

Homily for Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B — 7th February 2021

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Job asks us today: “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?” Yes we know that in the end, Job received so many gifts from God because his faith did not fail. We can contrast the feelings of Job in the first reading today with those of Jesus in the Gospel: “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” In the First Letter to the Corinthians. Saint Paul tells us of his challenges: “All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it.”

Today in the three readings we are given the inner sense of three different people and their relationship to what the Father has asked of them. We can put them in this order: Job speaks before knowing of the salvation given to us in Christ Jesus. Jesus speaks to us of His inner calling to proclaim the Good News. Saint Paul then tells us how to proclaim that Good News so that all can come to know Jesus. Most of us probably already know the story of Job. He was a man who believed completely in the Lord and had receive enormous blessings. The devil tries to undo this faith of Job. Eventually all the blessings are removed and sufferings are heaped on Job. While Job questions what is happening, he never doubts nor loses faith. Are we that strong in faith? Can we trust God even when we question? Do we accept both blessings and sufferings from our Lord?

The second reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, is Saint Paul’s account of how he tries to live the Good News. Saint Paul is clear: I must preach the Good News! Here we see Saint Paul not just enduring all of the trials and tribulations, but recognizing that preaching the Good News is required of him because he believes in Jesus. Does our faith impel us to share our faith with others? Are we able to tell others about our faith in Jesus? Are we willing to suffering because we believe that Jesus is the Lord? The Gospel today is from Saint Mark. We are still at the beginning of this Gospel. Jesus is just beginning His public ministry. What is truly strong in the Gospel today is that everyone is looking for Jesus and that there is no place for Him to be away from the people. Jesus responds to that by saying: “Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.”

The whole purpose of the life of Jesus is to preach the Kingdom, to proclaim the Good News: God loves us and invites us to share His life.

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Places of Worship and Religious Gatherings

- Record Keeping is still required for all attendees beyond a 15-minute visit – and must include: First Name, Last name, Contact Number, Date and Time at which the person attended the place of worship. Records must be kept for 28 days;
- Please wear a face covering at all times as we may not be able to maintain 1.5m social distance. (Children under 12 years of age are excepted from wearing masks.)
- Those who can't wear masks for lawful reason must maintain 1.5m social distance.
- We can have the following numbers of the participants in each mass centre.

Belgrave - 120 people Emerald - 40 people
Monbulk - 60 people Gembrook - 40 people

Please sign in before you enter the Church with your *name and your contact number*.

Lenten Retreats 2021



1. Week Lent Easter Retreat with Fr Peter Varengo
21 - 26 February
2. Saturday 13 March: Family Retreat Day
3. Saturday 20 March: Youth and Young Adult Reflection Day
4. Friday 26 March: Seniors Retreat Day

Further information: donboscoretreats.org.au
Online registrations essential as Covid number limits apply

Fr. Cruz is available for The Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday 9.30am —10.30am at Thomas More church, Belgrave by individual appointment.



#26 UPDATE: GENERAL LITURGICAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: Thursday 4 February, Midday



The following Guidelines are approved by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, to assist Clergy and Faithful with questions pertaining to specific areas of liturgy and

ministry in the Archdiocese of Melbourne during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the directives announced by Government as part of its Roadmap for the reopening of the State of Victoria, the following is operational from 11.59pm Sunday 6 December 2020.

Due to recent activity and precautionary measures required, further changes to restrictions take effect from 11.59pm Wednesday 3 February 2021.

Information is now to be understood as Statewide and we are in a "COVIDSafe Summer" phase.

The restrictions in place are compulsory as issued under lawful direction of the Chief Health Officer of Victoria, where a State of Emergency remains in place.

As of 11:59pm Wednesday 3 February 2021:

Fitted face coverings will be mandatory in public indoor spaces. If you are visiting a private home, it is strongly recommended that fitted face coverings are worn during the visit.

In addition to indoor public spaces, fitted face coverings continue to be mandatory in the following locations:

on public transport

when riding in a ride share or taxi

on domestic flights to and from Victoria

at airports

in hospitals

when working in or visiting hospitals and care facilities.

The limit on the number of people gathering in a household will be reduced from 30 to 15, meaning the household members plus 15 visitors (excluding children under 12 months of age). It is strongly recommended that fitted face coverings be worn.

The 75 per cent 'return to work' cap in both public and private sectors scheduled for Monday 8 February will be paused and the current cap of 50% will remain in place.

There are no other changes to restrictions at this stage. The main impact on places of worship is the return to the wearing of fitted face coverings indoors in all circumstances. Our COVIDsafe plans for density quotients, record keeping and sanitising remain in place, and the latest updated Liturgical Guidelines are attached (and on the Archdiocesan website) for your information.

As we have all come to learn, it is important to recognise that situations can alter very quickly and we may need to be prepared for further changes over coming days. If you are working with families around Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals please keep this in the conversation and be mindful of the worries that they will be carrying.

REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Recent deaths: Nathalie McDermott, mother of Mandy, Bernie and Tara. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

- **Funeral of Natalie will take place at St. Thomas More church, Belgrave on 9th February at 11.00am**

Anniversaries: 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: Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Lil Warner, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Joy Goodie, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, StepheLois Lenaghan, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen & Peter 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, Helen Hermann, Lyn Blackman, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Peter Champion, Joshua McQuade, Jim & Ed Hodapp, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen Hughes, Marilyn Ward, Isabelle Henry, Phillis Willoughby.

First Friday Devotions at St Thomas More, Belgrave

Next Week

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

First Saturday Devotions at St Thomas More, Belgrave

Next Week

Beginning with 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.

Fr. Anthony Cruz

BAPTISM: To arrange a Baptism in the Parish, please phone the parish office during the office hours on 97542141.

Need a Wheel Chair ?

A generous lady wants to donate a wheel chair for another needy person. If you need, please call Kerry Lyons on 0433-501-763

World Day of Prayer 2021

All parishioners are invited to attend the World Day of Prayer 2021 service for Emerald, Cockatoo, Gembrook, which will be held on Friday, 5th March at St Joseph's Emerald. Please join Christians of all denominations in this beautiful Liturgy of prayer and song, prepared this year by women of Vanuatu. The theme is "Build on a Strong Foundation." We begin with Morning Tea at 10:00am. The service starts at 10:30.

Any enquiries:

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Vacant Positions



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

Faith Development Co-Ordinator, St John the Baptist, Ferntree Gully

Parish Secretary, The Parish of St Simon the Apostle, Rowville

Project Officer – Vicar General's Office, East Melbourne

Administration Assistant – Vicar General's Office, East Melbourne

Domestic Support, Parish of Greater Box Hill, Box Hill

Animation Consultant (Parish Liaison), East Melbourne

Parish Administrative Support Person, The Parish of St Vincent de Paul, Strathmore

Parish Secretary, The Parish of Greater Box Hill, Box Hill

Pastoral Care Practitioner, St.Katherine's Age Care Residence—Balwyn (VMCH)

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 hadmin@cam.org.au