

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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 book of Wisdom

Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy
of her

and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thesalonians
1 Thes 4:13-14

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

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!

The Gospel of the lord.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

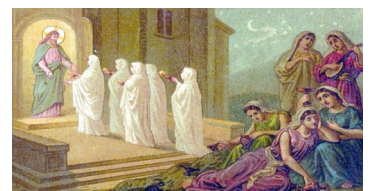
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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.





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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 Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk & Cornish Roads	Sacred Heart Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Belgrave Reynolds Lane	St. Paul's Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	6.00pm Vigil Mass	9.00am (On Zoom Only)	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am	

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Dear parishioners

Once again I am happy to be in touch with you all, through this weekend newsletter. It looks like we are really at the end of the tunnel hoping to walk free in a couple of weeks' time. I am quite sure we can breathe easy a bit as we are back to the church for weekend masses with the limited numbers.(10) at the moment.

It has been such a tough time for me personally as I have been not able to do anything for our school students' Sacramental celebrations. But now I see a light at the end of the tunnel as the Archbishop of Melbourne His Grace Most Rev Peter Comensoli has decided to give delegation to the parish priests and parish administrators to give the sacrament of confirmation. So it is really a good news for both of our schools . Hopefully when we are permitted to have more than 10 people (for any religious gatherings from 8th of this month onwards) we can begin with grade 3 students' first reconciliations and first communions and probably before we enter into the Advent Season we can have the sacrament of confirmation too for the grade 6 students.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support that I have had from your end. As we thank the Lord let us also keep in our prayers the two principals of our schools who have been at their best during this toughest time of our lifespan in carrying out their responsibility so well. I also appreciate the religious education teacher of our schools for preparing the students for the sacraments well in advance.

I would be having a formal meeting with the principals of the schools in the coming week. Kindly keep all the students and their parents in your valuable prayers , so that they will be led by the Holy Spirit to the proper and correct understanding of the sacraments that the students receive from the Lord. The dates of each celebration of the sacraments will be made known to in the next week's newsletter. Thank you all once again for your prayer. God bless.

Fraternally

Fr Anthony Cruz

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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.

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: Damien Van der Linden and Lil Warner.

Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 750 464 5976..

Passcode: 7mJTwW

Mass days and times

- 1.) St Joseph's Church Emerald, Saturday 6pm (Vigil Mass)
(10 Participants Only)
- 2.) St Thomas More Church, Belgrave, Sunday 9am (**10 Participants Only**)
& mass on Zoom
- 3.) Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook, Sunday 9am (**On Zoom Only**)
- 4.) St Paul's Church, Monbulk, Sunday 11am (**10 Participants Only**)
On Weekday St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave 9am & mass on Zoom.

To do the bookings for next weekend masses kindly contact the following persons:

St Thomas More, Belgrave – Mirani / Fr Cruz on 97542141 & 87518112

Or email your First Name, Last Name and Contact number to belgrave@cam.org.au

St Joseph's, Emerald - John Conway on 59684083

Sacred Heart, Gembrook – Pam Giulieri on 59681378

St Paul's Monbulk – Mim on 0409005176

We have a special collection this week for "Catholic Deaf". Let us be generous in our donations so that our good Lord too will be generous to us. You can either send it to St. Thomas More Parish, Belgrave or by direct debit payment.

Need a house painter? Mike is a member of our local community and an Iranian refugee who is in great need of work at present. He has permission to paint outsides of buildings and internally if buildings are empty. His work is meticulous and he is friendly and generous.



Message from Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

" Remembering those who have gone before us"

Visit the below link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z4RSxHeNc8k>

Children's Week Activity: "Just as I have loved you"



As people of faith strive to live by Jesus' message to his disciples: 'Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.' (John 13:34) Jesus' commandment reminds us that we are each loved by God, who created us in his own image and likeness. We are then invited to show that same love to our neighbours - within our families, our local parish, school communities and the wider community.

How to participate

To celebrate Children's Week this year, we are inviting all children and young people (from the ages of 4 years to 17) to participate in an activity. We want you to share with us what the words "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another" (In 13:34) mean to you through a drawing or artwork (mixed media). For more information visit the below link.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/celebrating-childrens-week-2020>

[Download the activity flyer & submission form](#)

[Download activity colouring sheet \(for the little ones!\)](#)

Along with your artwork, please include an answer (150 words or less) to the following question: *In what ways do you feel part of the parish community and how do you try to make others feel welcome?*

New PSU Resources:

Rights and Responsibilities poster: A poster for parishes to use to communicate to children and young people a snapshot of some of their rights highlighted in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Entries should include the completed submission form and can be sent to psu@cam.org.au on or before 5pm on 18 November 2020. (Parents are welcome to answer the question on behalf of their child/ren if they are too young to do so.)

It is important to note that this is not a competition, but a reflection and an opportunity for adults to hear the voice of our young ones. Those who participate will be invited to an online gathering with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli following the activity.

Mass for the Holy Souls

Month of November is the month of all souls. You may wish to offer a mass for the deceased family members or deceased friends. If so, please use the below envelope or your own with the names of the deceased to make offerings addressed to St. Thomas More Parish Office, Belgrave.



Prayers of the Faithful — Thirty second Sunday
Year A

Celebrant: Confident of the love and generosity of our Heavenly Father, we turn to Him in prayer.

Reader: Our response is: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Reader: In the month of November, we pray for the repose of the souls of those we have loved and lost. We also give thanks for their presence in our lives, for their love, support and guidance. We thank you, Lord, that they have shown us Your love. Together we pray...

Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all who are sitting exams and completing assessments at this time. May they go forward in confidence, strengthened by their experiences of recent months, to a bright, productive future. Together we pray...

Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for all who have been given a refuge here in Australia, but not given a livelihood or an expectation of future security. Help our government to treat them with greater compassion, so that they may become a productive and valued part of our diverse community. Together we pray...

Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Reader: As Remembrance Day approaches, we give thanks for those who sacrificed their lives in the hope that successive generations would live in peace. May they rest in eternal peace. Together we pray...

Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the people of Nice, Lyon and Vienna, whose peace has been shattered by violent acts in the last week. We pray for an end to the forces of hatred and division that drive these acts and we ask that the perpetrators will experience the power of Your forgiveness. Together we pray...

Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our Parish in the Dandenong Ranges. May the beauty of our surroundings put us in closer touch with You, Lord. May our return to our Mass Centres be safe, and may we rejoice in sharing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Together we pray...

Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray in silence for those intentions closest to our own hearts.....
Together we pray...

Response: Loving Father, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God of Love, Wisdom and Understanding, renew our hearts, inspire our love, transform our actions so that we be true to the message of your Son. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Josaphat

Today, on the day of his martyrdom, Nov. 12, Roman Catholics and some Eastern Catholics remember St. Josaphat Kuntsevych, a bishop and monk whose example of faith inspired many Eastern Orthodox Christians to return to full communion with the Holy See. Other Eastern Catholics, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church, celebrate St. Josaphat's feast day on Nov. 25.

Born in 1580 in the western Ukrainian region of Volhynia, John Kuntsevych did not become "Josaphat" until his later life as a monk. He also was not initially a full member of the Catholic Church, born to Orthodox Christian parents whose church had fallen out of communion with the Pope.

Although the Eastern churches began to separate from the Holy See in 1054, a union had existed for a period of time after the 15th century Ecumenical Council of Florence. But social, political and theological disputes caused the union to begin dissolving even before the Turkish conquest of Byzantium in 1453. By John's time, many Slavic Orthodox Christians had become strongly anti-Catholic.

During this time, Latin missionaries attempted to achieve reunion with the individual eastern patriarchs. The approach was risky, sometimes politicizing the faith and leading to further divisions. But it did yield some notable successes, including the reunion of John's own Ruthenian Church in the 1596 Union of Brest.

John was trained as a merchant's apprentice and could have opted for marriage. But he felt drawn to the rigors and spiritual depth of traditional Byzantine monasticism. Taking the monastic name of Josaphat, he entered a Ukrainian monastery in 1604.

The young monk was taking on an ambitious task, striving to re-incorporate the Eastern Orthodox tradition with the authority of the Catholic Church in the era of its "Counter-reformation." Soon, as a priest, subsequently an archbishop, and ultimately a martyr, he would live and die for the union of the churches.

While rejecting the anti-Western sentiments of many of his countrymen, Josaphat also resisted any attempt to compromise the Eastern Catholic churches' own traditions. Recognizing the urgent pastoral needs of the people, he produced catechisms and works of apologetics, while implementing long overdue reforms of the clergy and attending to the needs of the poor.

Josaphat's exemplary life and zeal for the care of souls won the trust of many Orthodox Christians, who saw the value of the churches' union reflected in the archbishop's life and works. Nevertheless, his mission was essentially controversial, and others were led to believe lurid stories and malicious suggestions made about him. In 1620, opponents arranged for the consecration of a rival archbishop.

As tensions between supporters and opponents began to escalate, Josaphat lamented the onset of attacks that would lead to his death. "You people of Vitebsk want to put me to death," he protested. "You make ambushes for me everywhere, in the streets, on the bridges, on the highways, and in the marketplace. I am here among you as a shepherd, and you ought to know that I would be happy to give my life for you."

He finally did so, on a fall day in 1623. An Orthodox priest had been shouting insults outside the archbishop's residence, and trying to force his way inside. Josaphat had him removed, but the man assembled a mob in the town. They arrived and demanded the archbishop's life, threatening his companions and servants. Unable to escape, Josaphat died praying for the men who shot and then beheaded him before dumping his body in a river.

St. Josaphat's body was discovered incorrupt, five years later. Remarkably, the saint's onetime rival - the Orthodox Archbishop Meletius - was reconciled with the Catholic Church in later years. St. Josaphat was canonized in 1867.

Source :www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-josaphat-653

Important Dates

9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10th November St. Leo the Great

11th November St. Martin of Tours

12th November St. Josaphat

#19 UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES

COVID-19 Implications for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Information Updated: Tuesday 27 October 5.00pm

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 **latest directives announced by Government as part of the proposed Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan and Regional areas of Victoria**, the following will become operational for **Regional Victoria and Metropolitan Melbourne from 11:59pm on 27 October, 2020.**

METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE STEP TWO Summary with new additions as of 11.59pm Tuesday 27 October

- Curfew:** no longer in place.
- Travel:** Up to 25km (but not into regional Vic for recreation)
- Religious Ceremonies: Outdoor religious ceremonies:** permitted with up to 20 people plus a faith leader. Must be adjacent to the place of worship.

Indoor religious ceremonies: permitted with up to 10 people plus a faith leader.

Note: *Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is only one group permitted at a time. Plus, Parish needs to have prepared a COVID-safe plan outlining how they will manage gatherings.*

- Private worship:** allowed for a household, and two adults, and any of their children or dependents, plus a faith leader.
- Weddings:** Permitted in outdoor public spaces allowed with up to 10 people. The faith leader, a photographer, and children under 12 months not included in the cap.
- Funerals:** allowed with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months and people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap. A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church.
- Baptisms:** may be celebrated under the latest outdoor and indoor religious gathering limits, Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water.

Public Gatherings in Public Spaces: up to 10 people from across multiple households, friends and/or family outdoors (infants under 12 months not included in cap, but other children must be included in number limit).

- Visitors to the Home:** Two adults and children that cannot be left unsupervised can gather in a household within the 25km radius once a day. Visitor records must be kept. If you have visitors, you cannot visit someone else's home that day. Visitors to households must wear masks. Single

bubbles remain in place.

- Work:** If you can't work from home, you can go to work, and you do not need to carry a permit. However, you still need a permit to travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria for work or study. If you can work from home, you must continue to work from home.

All Victorians over the age of 12 must wear a face covering whenever they leave their home, unless a medical exemption applies. As of 11.59pm Tuesday 27 October, 2020 and until otherwise directed:

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All places of worship including churches, adoration chapels and other church buildings used for public prayer and religious services may open only for permitted religious ceremonies.

- **OUTDOOR RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** permitted with up to 20 people plus a faith leader and in addition to those required for the service. Must be adjacent to the place of worship. **INDOOR RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES:** permitted with up to 10 people plus a faith leader. Note: Indoor and Outdoor services are not to be held concurrently, it is only one group permitted at a time. Plus, Parish needs to have prepared a COVID-safe plan outlining how they will manage gatherings. Signage, directions and sanitising stations must be clearly available. Contact Records must be kept
- **PRIVATE WORSHIP:** is allowed for a household, and two adults, and any of their children or dependents, plus a faith leader.
- **WEDDINGS:** Permitted in outdoor public spaces with up to 10 people. The faith leader, a photographer, and children under 12 months not included in the cap.
- **FUNERALS:** Permitted with up to 20 mourners. Infants under 12 months of age and people required to conduct the funeral not included in the cap. A separate grouping of mourners may not come in to remove the coffin from the church. You can travel to a funeral outside of metropolitan Melbourne.
- **BAPTISMS:** may be celebrated under the indoor and outdoor gathering limits. Note specific hygiene around use of oils and water. All hygiene and distancing precautions must be met, and the recording of contact details of all present. It is advised that if families are taking photos or videos – they should be reminded before the celebration that distancing and the wearing of masks should be maintained.
- **LIVESTREAMING:** comes under the indoor ceremonies limit. Up to 10 people plus a faith leader permitted. Technicians must be included in this cap of 10 people.
- **VISITATIONS:** Homes: Faith leaders may visit someone in their home on request to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to provide care and support to a person who is at the end of their life. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed, and that the travel to the person's home and the visit are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary. (e.g. only required attendees should visit and just for the service). Hospitals or Care Facilities: Faith leaders may visit someone in a hospital or care facility to share spiritual ministry (or equivalent religious services) to those who are at the end of their life, or if it would support a patient or resident with their emotional or mental wellbeing, in line with other visiting restrictions and if this support cannot be provided remotely. It is important to note that strict limits on visitors apply in these circumstances. It is critical measures like face coverings and physical distancing are observed and these visits are limited to what is reasonably required and necessary (e.g. a visit has been requested by a patient). Such services can also be provided using video or live streaming, depending on religious tradition. • **If you can work from home, you must continue to do so.**
- All requirements around hygiene and distancing must be met, along with the collection of contact details.