

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

8:2-3, 14-16

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you.

R./ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

R./ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

R./ Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next week's reading

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6

Responsorial Psalm Ps 99:2-3,5

Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8



Most Rev Peter A
Comensoli, Archbishop of
Melbourne's vision to renew St

Patrick's Cathedral and reimagine its precinct as the spiritual heart of Melbourne. Light into the City is a five to ten-year vision that involves the careful and necessary restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral and heritage buildings, and the renewal of the Cathedral precinct. It will strengthen the Church's mission to serve with mercy, hope and joy, ensuring this sacred site continues to welcome, gather and inspire generations to come. The Archbishop invites Catholics and the wider community to be part of Light into the City; a shared investment in faith, heritage and the future of the city. For more information, please visit <https://lightintothecity.org.au/>

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST CORPUS CHRISTI— YEAR A 6TH /7TH JUNE 2026, YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

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

FOCUS ON THE WORD: The Maternal Jesus

I once saw a young mother discreetly breastfeeding her baby during Mass, and thought ... "What a wonderful thing!" There could not be a better illustration, a better acting out of what Jesus says in today's Gospel: 'The one who eats me will live.' Of course, even mothers who find they cannot breastfeed offer the same gift for nine months as the baby draws its life from the mother's body in the womb.

This is a good analogy for what Our Lord was teaching in today's Gospel. 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them.' Notice the very maternal language. The risen Lord truly abides in us, we truly abide in the risen Lord. This is as intimate as the baby dwelling in the womb of its mother. Moreover, it is a Holy communion which is both a present reality and a foretaste and promise about our place in God's future: 'The one who eats this bread will live forever.' We could pause for a moment to pray with St Thomas Aquinas: 'Oh Sacred Banquet in which Christ is received and a pledge of future glory is given to us.'

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PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, we ask you to pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your kingdom, a deeper faithfulness to your word, and a renewed dedication to your service. Help us to grow as a community of disciples, bringing peace to our families, communities, and the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sacred heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.

St. Clare, Pray for us...

St. Joseph, Pray for us... St. Paul, Pray for us...

St. Thomas More, Pray for us...

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.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONES RESPONSIBILITY.

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

MEMORIALS/FEASTS: Thursday 11th June: St Barnabas, Apostle, Friday 12th The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

"For we walk by faith, not by sight." 2 Corinthians 5:7

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REGULAR MASS TIMES

	Emerald and FTG	6:00 pm
Saturday Vigil		
Sunday	Belgrave 8.30am FTG 10:30 am	
	Gembrook 9am Monbulk 11:00 am	
Tuesday	Belgrave 9am FTG 7:00 pm	
Wednesday	Belgrave 9am FTG 9:15am	
Thursday	Belgrave 9am FTG 9:15am	
Friday	Belgrave 9am FTG 11:00 am	
Saturday	Belgrave 9am FTG NO MASS	

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays BLG: 9:45am FT :5.15 pm

BAPTISMS: Baptisms are celebrated either during the weekend Masses on the second Sunday at any of the Mass center's, or at 12:00 pm on the second Sunday of the month at St John's, Ferntree Gully. A six weeks' notice is required. Please refer to our *Guidelines for Infant Baptism* on the Parish website. Contact the Parish Office on 9754 2141 or via email at marymakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au.

WEDDINGS: By appointment — 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9754 2141.

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 6th/7th June 2026 - Year of St Francis

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently...

Anniversaries: Fr. Brendan Michael Dillon, Christopher Swiderski, Jim Puls, Daniel Templer, Carol Quinn, Terry Garrick

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are sick, especially: Brendan Lacey, Kathleen Lacey, Anita Mahoney, Fay Ryan, Fr. Anthony Cruz, Nada Cargo, Betty Firestone, Verity Loke, Elisabeth Drake, Patricia Gilchrist, John Kuyper, Peter Hicks, Ruth Hicks.

Adoration and Devotions

Rosary is recited half an hour before Holy Mass on weekdays at St. Thomas More, Belgrave and St. John the Baptist, Ferntree Gully. All are welcome to join in the recitation.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena is recited on Wednesdays after Mass at St. Thomas More, Belgrave. All are welcome to join.

Divine Mercy Novena is recited on Saturday after Mass at St. Thomas More, Belgrave and concluded with Benediction. All are welcome.

Anointing of the Sick is celebrated on First Fridays within the Mass at St. Thomas More, Belgrave. All are welcome.

Holy Hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is held on First Fridays at St. John the Baptist, Ferntree Gully, at 10:00 a.m., followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

ADDRESS OF THE CHURCHES

St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave
 Corner of Reynolds Lane, Belgrave.

St. Joseph's Church, Emerald
 13 Emerald-Monbulk Road, Emerald.

Sacred Heart Church, Gembrook
 93 Main Street, Gembrook.

St. Paul's Church, Monbulk
 59 Moores Road, Monbulk.

St John the Baptist Church, Ferntree Gully
 19 Forest Road, Ferntree Gully.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY LIST

Dear friends, those who would like to include the names of their dearly departed loved ones in the death anniversary list are requested to send the names to the parish email. Thank you.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING – 31st MAY

Presbytery: \$1,011.60 Thanksgiving: \$827.10

1st Collection is for the Presbytery – Priest's (car capital, food expenses etc.) retired priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. **2nd Collection** is for Thanksgiving for the Parish Churches running expenses.

If you would like to support our Parish by making an online contribution, our bank details are below:

Acct Name:	Acct Name:
St. Thomas More's Parish Church Account	St. Thomas More's Parish Presbytery Account
BSB 083347	BSB 083347
Acct No: 672146192	Acct No: 669831148

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH FEAST OF ST THOMAS MORE

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for the Parish Feast of St Thomas More, the patron saint of our parish. **Date: Sunday, 21 June 2026**

Time: Mass at 10:00 am

Venue: Belgrave Church

Refreshments: After Mass

This will be a special parish family gathering to celebrate together in faith and fellowship. Please invite your family and friends to join us. Please note: There will be only one Mass in the parish on this day, at Belgrave. **There will be no Mass at Gembrook or Monbulk on Sunday, 21 June.** Please bring a plate to share. We look forward to celebrating with you.



Thank You – Social Justice Collection

A heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who generously supported our Social Justice Collection throughout the Month of May. Your donations of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, hand wash, and hand lotion will help provide care, dignity, and comfort to women in need at the Women's Refuge regularly visited by members of our parish. Your kindness and generosity have been a beautiful expression of our parish's ongoing commitment to social justice and compassion for others. May God bless you for your thoughtful support.

SYNOD 2026: 9. Synodality and the

laity: Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously. Learn more: melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.



THE MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2026

On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), parishes, communities, families and all people of good will are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession as the Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully journeys with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The procession will begin with a gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral at 2pm, walk through the streets of Melbourne's CBD, and conclude at Federation Square. Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, the whole Archdiocesan community is invited to take up this a wonderful opportunity to bear witness to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, in the heart of the city. For more information please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi>



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Thank you to all who have signed up to join the ministries in our parish. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated. The next step will be a training session for the ministries. The date will be shared once it is confirmed. Thank you for your service and commitment to our parish.

Parish Pastoral Group and Parish Finance Committee

The Parish Pastoral Group meets every third Wednesday of the month at the presbytery. If you would like to discuss any matter, please feel free to email the PPG at belgraveparishpastoralgroup@gmail.com. After each meeting, we try to display the meeting report on the notice boards at each Mass Centre as soon as possible. Please take some time to read it. Thank you to the PPG members for your time, commitment, and service to our parish.

The Parish Finance Committee meets at the end of each quarter. If there is any special matter to discuss, the committee meets more often. Andrew Jan is volunteering to do the bookkeeping for our parish. He also prepares the finance report for the meeting and presents it to the committee. Thank you, Andrew, and thank you to the Finance Committee for your time and effort. We also have the support of an external accountant, Bernard Negline, who assists us with financial matters as advised by the Archdiocese.

Feast of the Sacred Heart

The Feast of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated at Gembrook Church on Sunday, 14 June, during the 9:00 am Mass. The patron saint of Gembrook Church is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We invite everyone to attend this feast celebration and to join us for refreshments after Mass in the hall at the rear of the church. Please bring a plate to share.



