

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING - 17th May

Presbytery: \$759.30 **Thanksgiving:** \$1,117.35

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:**

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St. Thomas More's Parish St. Thomas More's Parish

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SYNOD 2026:

What synodality is NOT

Synodality is not about changing doctrine according to popular opinion. The faith handed down through the centuries is not negotiable. What synodality seeks to renew is how we live, communicate, and embody that faith in changing times.

Learn more: melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.



PARISH OFFICE NOTICE:

Please be advised that due to a temporary arrangement, the Belgrave Parish Secretary will be based at St John the Baptist Parish office until further notice. **Office Hours: Days: Thursday and Friday Times: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.** For all parish-related enquiries during this period, please contact the Ferntree Gully Parish Office directly on 03 97581029.

FUNERAL MASS: The Funeral Mass for the late Marion Brett will be at **St. Paul's Catholic Church, Monbulk**, on **Tuesday, 26th May 2026, commencing at 11:00 am.**

FRANCISCUS: CELEBRATING 800 YEARS OF ST FRANCIS

This two-day conference hosted by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars celebrates the Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi. **Date: Saturday 30 May 2026, 8.30am. Sunday 31 May 2026, 5.00pm. Venue: St Anthony's Capuchin Friary Church, 182 Power Street, Hawthorn** Events: Six talks, one workshop, and a Q&A panel. Worship: Daily Mass and evening prayer. Food: Included light lunch, morning tea, and afternoon tea.

Registration is essential. For more information, click

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1583041>

CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY WITH US!

Join our community for a special mass celebrating our gifts, talents, and a joyful. **When: Sunday, 24 May 2026 at 8:30 am Where: St. Thomas More Church, Belgrave.** Bring a plate of food to share for our community gathering after mass. Everyone is welcome to attend, connect, and celebrate together. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2026:

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli invites all people to the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession to publicly celebrate the Blessed Sacrament. **Date : 7th June 2026 Start Time: 2:00 PM Starting Point: St Patrick's Cathedral.** Route: Streets of Melbourne's CBD. Endpoint: Federation Square Purpose: Publicly witness the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU - MOTHER'S DAY FUNDRAISER!

We are thrilled to announce that our recent Mother's Day fundraising event raised a grand total of **\$1,751!** Marianne and the entire organizing team wish to express their deepest gratitude to every single person who contributed to this mighty effort. Whether you volunteered your time, donated items, or supported the event, your kindness made all the difference.

The winning raffle tickets are as follows:

1st Prize (Ticket A 59) - D. Walsh from Drouin

2nd Prize: (Ticket A 61) - B. Schuyt from Monbulk

3rd prize: (Ticket C 14) - Z. Betterwitch from Belgrave

PROCLAIM 26

Proclaim26 is a two-day Catholic gathering designed to help people share the Gospel and renew their local church communities. **Dates: Friday 26 June to Saturday 27 June 2026.** Speakers: Features Catholic author Sherry Weddell and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. Activities: Includes talks, real-life parish stories, and practical workshops on youth ministry, music, and welcoming new Catholics (RCIA).

For more information and Register, please visit the link below: <https://melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26>

THANK YOU TO MIRANI

Dear Parishioners,

Mirani, our parish secretary, has resigned from her position. Her last day of work will be Friday, 29 May. On behalf of all parishioners, I would like to thank Mirani for her service to our parish.

We wish Mirani all the best in her future endeavors.

Fr Thomas and Parish community

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next week's reading

First Reading	Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9
Responsorial Psalm	Dn 3:52-56. R. v.52
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel	John 3:16-18

25 May—Mary Help of Christians



Prayer to Mary Help of Christians

Patroness of Australia and of the Military Ordinariate

Almighty God, deepen in our hearts

our love of Mary Help of Christians.

Through her prayers and under her protection,
may the light of Christ shine over our land.

May Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace.

Grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.

Bless especially the men and women

of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/event/our-lady-help-of-christians-patron-of-australia/>



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH, BELGRAVE

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Pentecost Sunday Year A

23rd/24th May, 2026

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

EMPOWERING SPIRIT

What is described here seems to be a central fiery mass from which distinct 'tongues' separate and come to rest on individuals. The overall sense would be that the empowering Spirit, which rested solely upon Jesus during his own life, has now, in accordance with his promise (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:8a), been distributed to those who are to carry on his mission—in first instance to Israel, then to Judea and Samaria, and ultimately 'to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8b). The Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, is taken from Paul's instruction on the gifts (charismata) of the Spirit in the community of believers. He firmly believes that each individual member of the church has been given at baptism a distinct gift of the Spirit. Where some of the Corinthians appear to have rated the more dramatic and ecstatic gifts (especially, the gift of tongues) above all the others, Paul insists on the variety of gifts – including such matters as a gift for leadership and administration and of giving assistance to the poor (1 Cor 12:28-29). All have their origin in the Spirit but not all have the same purpose. Elsewhere in this section of the letter Paul makes clear his preference for gifts that build up the community rather than simply the individual (1 Cor 14:1-19). The image of the church (here the local church) as the 'body of Christ' holds together this sense of a variety of gifts within a fundamental and dynamic unity created by the Spirit.



Fr Brendan Byrne SJ

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

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.

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

St. Clare, Pray for us... St. Thomas More, Pray for us...

FEAST DAYS:

25 May

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS

26 May

Saint Philip Neri

27 May

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

29 May

Saint Paul VI

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

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Emerald and Ferntree Gully 6:00 pm
 Sunday Belgrave 8.30am and Ferntree Gully 10.30am
 Gembrook 9.00am and Monbulk 11.00am

Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday, Belgrave 9am	FTG 7.00pm
Wed Belgrave 9am	FTG 9.15am
Thurs Belgrave 9am	FTG 9.15 am
Friday Belgrave 9am	FTG 11.00 am
Saturday Belgrave 9am	FTG: NO Morning MASS

RECONCILIATION: Belgrave Saturday 9:45am
 Ferntree Gully Saturdays 5.15 pm

For all other Mass centres, please see the priest before or after Mass for confession.

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 marvmakarucha@stjohnthebaptist.net.au.

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

REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently especially Ingrid Mills.

Anniversaries: Jacobus Johannes Warmerdam, Fr. Eric John Hodgens PE, Peter and Paul Stokie, Sr. Mary Baptist, Nancy Cromar, Abraham Schellenbach, Bernie McDonnell, Norienne Peterson.

Prayers for the Sick: We pray for all who are sick, especially the following people: 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.