

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

34:4-6, 8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
Blest your glorious holy name.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

2. You are blest in the temple of your glory.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

3. You are blest who gaze into the depths.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Next week's reading

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm Ps 147:12-15, 19-20

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel John 6:51-58

MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY It's been a big week in the Catholic Church—and the world of technology—as Pope Leo XIV released his much anticipated first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*, on Monday evening. In a deeply considered and wide-ranging document, he draws on the Church's rich understanding of human dignity and the common good to make a compelling case for prioritizing 'magnificent humanity' in our response to the many significant challenges posed by AI.

The encyclical has been warmly [welcomed by Church leaders and scholars in Australia](#), including Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, who emphasises the importance of putting people first as we consider the deeper question that Pope Leo poses: 'What kind of humanity are we becoming?' Read more here: melbournecatholic.org/news/

MASS FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION



WEEK Sun 31st May, 11am-12pm The Binnap Partners invite you to Mass for Reconciliation Week at the **Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, 434 St Georges Rd Thornbury** all are welcome to stay and enjoy a shared meal. Please bring a sweet or salad to share. Please RSVP for catering purposes to Lilian.Hobson@cam.org.au.

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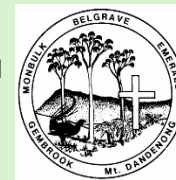


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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY— YEAR A 30TH /31ST MAY 2026, YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS

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

THE TRINITY



FOCUS ON THE WORD: Painting the Picture of God

When he was crucified Jesus uttered: 'It is finished.' What had finished? His earthly ministry during which he painted a picture of the most intimate communion between Himself, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, so intimate that the Church needed a new word: 'Tri-Unity' or 'Trinity' for short. God is pulsating, shimmering light, dancing in threefold exchange of love, each being simultaneously poured into the other. God is 'Being-In-Love' and love is always relational. You are made in the image and likeness of God. Because of the ministry of Jesus Christ, we know what that really means. We are made to live in relationship — not in solitary.

If we think that the ultimate good is to be self-sufficient/autonomous, that leads to a hellish existence. When we live with as much self-giving as is possible, we are on the way to a heavenly existence. We could pause for a moment to give thanks for the revelation of the nature of God, and consequently of the true nature of human beings.

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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: Monday 1st June: St Justin,

Wednesday 3rd June: Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions, Friday 5th June: St. Boniface

"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	Belgrave 8.30am FTG 10:30 am	
Sunday	Gembrook 9am Monbulk 11:00am	
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 FTG: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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Yr A
 30th/31st May 2026 - Year of St Francis

PRAYING FOR... All who have died recently especially Heather Fernandez.

Anniversaries: Dr. Peter Campion, Sigfried Maletski, Kathleen Canavan, Jenny Martin, Katie Rickard, Moll Kearney, Norma Meade, Bill Broekhof, Marion Clinton.

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.

WEEKLY THANKSGIVING – 24TH May

Presbytery: \$ 707.30 Thanksgiving: \$578.05

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	St. Thomas More's Parish
Church Account	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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLECTION

As part of our parish's ongoing commitment to social justice, we will be collecting personal grooming products at all Mass Centres throughout May for a Women's Refuge regularly visited by parish members.

To ensure each recipient receives the same package, please donate only: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, hand wash, and hand lotion.

Donation boxes will be available at each Mass Centre. In this Month of Mary, please help us support women in need.

SYNOD 2026: Synodality and unity: Walking



together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences. Learn more:

melbournecatholic.org/synod2026.



Parish Ministries – Volunteers Needed

Our parish is blessed with many gifts and talents, and we warmly invite you to share yours in service to others.

Last week's volunteer sign-up sheet will remain on the table in the Belgrave church foyer. If you would like to join or support any parish ministry, please add your name, phone number, and email address. Please prayerfully consider how you can serve and support others through our parish ministries. No experience is needed—training and support will be provided. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to serve.

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>

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

This Friday 5th of June is the first Friday of the month, so we will have the Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Those who would like to be anointed are invited to attend Mass at **Belgrave at 9:00 am** or **Ferntree Gully at 11:00 am**.

THANK YOU TO MIRANI



We offer our heartfelt thanks to Mirani, who has resigned from her position as Parish Secretary after five years of service. Her last working day is 29 May. We are grateful for her commitment, kindness, and faithful service to our parish community. We wish her every blessing, joy, and peace in the next chapter of her journey. Thank you, Mirani, and God bless you.