# CORPUS CHRISTI & ST THOMAS MORE

Our Parishes are committed



to the safety and wellbeing of all children and vulnerable adults.

We respect and value their diverse cultures and unique identities.



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### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Tues: 9.00am St Thomas More Wed: 9.00am Corpus Christi
Thur: 9.00am St Thomas More Fri: 9.00am Corpus Christi

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 4.30pm St Thomas More

6.00pm Corpus Christi

Sunday: 9.00am St Thomas More

10.30am Corpus Christi

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9.00am-9.20am Corpus Christi 4.00pm-4.20pm St Thomas More

#### **BAPTISM**

**Corpus Christi:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10.00am **St Thomas More:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10.00am

For booking, please contact Claudia on 0414 308 019
WEDDING

By appointment

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick:** Margaret Hunter, Elizabeth Turner, Rebecca Bullock,

Joe Borg, Lourdes Joaquim, Goretty Soares,

Nelson Joaquim

**Recent Deaths:** Nicolino Passeri

**Anniversaries:** 

**4.30pm:** Antonio Fusca, John Formosa & family, Saliba, Cutajar, Cini &

Galea families, John, Angela & Ilene Caruana

**10.30am:** Tommaso Romanzi, Jack Williamson, Erminia Caruana

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 23 July 2023

# FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.** 

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.** 

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R.** 

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. *Alleluia!* 

# **GOSPEL**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of the Lord.

THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - STM			THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - CORPUS CHRISTI		
Time	Readers	Ministers	Time	Readers	Ministers
4.30pm	Ben C	Frances A-Carolyn W	6.00pm	Teresa N-Noel W	Sherine P-Sheron De S
9.00am	Julian C	Bill & Margaret W	10.30am	Lucy M-Christine B	Marise N-Carmela R

### REFLECTION

Today's readings tell us about a very patient and compassionate God who is hopeful that the so-called "weeds" among us will be converted. They warn us that we should not be in a hurry to eliminate such elements from the Church or society or the family, based on unwarranted and hasty judgement.

We need to practice patience and show mercy. Let us patiently and lovingly treat the "weeds" in our society as our brothers and sisters and do all in our power to put them back on the right road to Heaven, especially by our good example, encouragement and then give it to God in prayer so He can take care of it, the way the farmer on the parable told his servants that he would take care of the weeds. Our acts of charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction, and selfless service can prompt the "weeds" in our society to reassess their lives, modify them, and grow into useful members of society.

The disciples to whom Jesus addresses this parable include Judas who will betray Jesus, Peter, who will deny him, Thomas, who will doubt him and James and John, who cherish personal ambitions. In the end, only Judas is (apparently) lost, showing us that many "weeds" can become high yielding wheat.

# Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Sunday July 23, 2023



Each year on the fourth Sunday in July, World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is celebrated to recognise the special place that the elders of our society have in the human family. The day is close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, **Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26).** Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, **grandparents** 

are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young."

Grandparents have an important role in the life and growth of the family. Even with their advancing age they continue to be present with their children, their grandchildren, and even their great-grandchildren, giving a living witness of caring, sacrifice and a daily gift of themselves without reserve.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which You give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen! (Excerpts from Prayer for Grandparents by Pope Benedict XVI)