



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

69 North Street, Hadfield 3046



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wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.
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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 9.00am (Rosary at 8.30am)
Thursday 9.00am (Rosary at 8.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4.30pm (Rosary at 4.00pm)
Sunday: 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.20pm

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

132 Melbourne Ave, Glenroy

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 9.00am (Rosary at 8.30am)
Friday: 9.00am (Rosary at 8.30am)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.00am - 9.20am

BAPTISMS

1st Saturday of the month at 10am at Corpus Christi
2nd Saturday of the month at 10am at STM
For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

**Please remember to sanitise your hands before entering the Church, always keep a safe distance and, although not compulsory, we recommend the wearing of face masks inside the Church especially for the elderly and those most at risk.
Keeping safe from Covid is everyone's responsibility. Thank you.**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

FOR THE SICK: Maurice Sacco, Goretty Soares, Carl & Michael Ceddia

RECENTLY DECEASED: Iris Dixon (Funeral Wed 3 August at 11.00am)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Salvatore Tana (1 yr), Orazio Bernabei, Ivan Zmail, Carmen La Ferla (3 yrs), Albert La Ferla (33 yrs), Maria Fusca (4 yrs), Germana Viti, Patrick Field (37 yrs), John Field (19 yrs), Martinho & Palmira Soares, Tasma & Mena Soares, Domingas Seixas, James Muscat, Joe & Michelina Azzopardi

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 31 July 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **R.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians

3:1-5.9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’ ‘My friend,’ he replied ‘who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: ‘My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.’ *The Gospel of the Lord.*

The common theme of today’s readings is the futility of the greedy acquisition of wealth and power because everything and everyone is “here today and gone tomorrow.” Therefore, the meaning of life cannot be found in possessions and “*pleonexia*” (which literally means “the desire to have more and more”) but in the sharing of time, treasure, and talents with the needy.

We are grateful to all our volunteers who help and give of their time and talents in various ways in the Church but today we especially thank Bill Whittle and his sons Gerard and Mark for mowing the Church lawns and keeping the Church grounds so well maintained.

Fr Giang



AUGUST - *Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

The Catholic Church dedicates the month of August to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart is often venerated together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus (the devotion we celebrate in June), and with good reason. Just as the Sacred Heart represents Christ's love for mankind, the Immaculate Heart represents the desire of the Blessed Virgin to bring all people to her Son. There is no better example of the Christian life than that offered by Mary.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is surrounded by a saintly glow. Her heart is crowned with flowers, pierced with a sword, and has the Holy Spirit's fire flowing out of it. It is certainly full of grace, purity, and carries the sorrows of Christ's Passion. We sin because we love something, at least temporarily, more than we love God. This month it's time to ask Mary's intercession for a pure heart. Just like Mary was a tabernacle, sacred and pure, for Our Lord Jesus Christ, we are called to be temples of the Holy Spirit.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Immaculate Heart of Mary,
full of love for God and mankind,
and of compassion for sinners,
I consecrate myself to you.
I entrust to you the salvation
of my soul.

May my heart be ever united with
yours, so that I may detest sin,
love God and my neighbour,
and reach eternal life with those
whom I love.

May I experience the kindness of
your motherly heart and the power
of your intercession with Jesus
during my life and at the hour
of my death.
Amen.

AUGUST DIARY - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

- Mon 8 Aug 9.00am Mass at STM** for Solemn Feast of St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)
- Mon 15 Aug 9.00am Mass at STM and 6.30pm at Corpus Christi** for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

Class Masses at STM in August (Parents welcome)

- Fri 5 August at 1.00pm for Year 6 & Prep*
Fri 19 August at 1.00pm for Year 4
Fri 26 August at 1.00pm for Year 3 & 2

Winter Fiesta and WYD Launch

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli on **Thurs 4th August** for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral.

This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023.

Time: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral

More information: <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>