

CORPUS CHRISTI & ST THOMAS MORE



132 Melbourne Ave, Glenroy

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

1st Saturday of the month at 10.00am

(Any child under 5 years of age and living outside the Parish will require a letter of permission from their local Parish Priest. Any child over 5 years living outside the Parish will not be accepted for baptism).

For booking, please contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

WEDDING, FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL MASS

Contact Parish Office

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: John Michael Lynam, Elizabeth Turner

Recent deaths: Lewis Apap (Funeral Thurs 7 Dec at 10.30am at STM)
Ignazio Caligari, Tina Ferraro

Anniversaries:

4.30pm: Emmanuel Mallia, Psaila Family, Azzopardi Family

9.00am: Errico Tambasco, Vince Cassar, David Meilak

10.30am: Frank Fuller, Walter Forte, Sheila Molloy, Salvo Camenzuli

An Advent project of being alert and watchful in the spirit of today's Gospel

Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. By being alert and watchful we will receive an extra gift: Christ himself.

Let us remember the saying of St. Thomas Aquinas: **"Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't."**

1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)—3 December 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

63:16-17;64:1.3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours is like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,

look down from heaven and see,

Visit this vine and protect it,

the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:

give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

The Gospel of the Lord.

THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - STM			THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - CORPUS CHRISTI		
Time	Readers	Ministers	Time	Readers	Ministers
4.30pm	Ben C	Jonah C-Maria L	6.00pm	Yenuli De S-Albert N	Thomas J-Maree A
9.00am	Janine R	Julian C-Geraldine F	10.30am	Danielle A-Jessie N	Reg S-Maria K

CHILD SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISHES - NOTICE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS OF STM & CC

It is mandatory for **all** volunteers to take part in an online training module. We kindly request volunteers to complete this important requirement as soon as possible. **To access the training module go to: www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org** Please advise Parish Office when completed or contact the office if you have any queries. Thank you!

DECEMBER DIARY

Sun 3 Dec CUPPA & CHAT after 9.00am Mass this Sunday. All welcome!

Fri 8 Dec THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. Mass at CC at 9.00am. The Immaculate Conception is the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, was conceived without original sin, making her an immaculate vessel for bringing Jesus—God in human form—into the world.



SUN 10 DEC MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL—Third Collection after every Mass next weekend

WED 13 DEC THANKSGIVING MASS FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS SUPPER. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend our **Thanksgiving Mass at STM at 6.00pm** followed by a Christmas supper in the Church grounds. **RSVP by Fri 8 Dec.** Please put your name and guests attending on the lists provided in the Church foyers or email /ring the Parish Office.



REFLECTION “We don’t have time for that!”

Typical of last-minute Christmas shoppers, a mother was running furiously from store to store. Suddenly she became aware that the pudgy little hand of her three-year-old son was no longer clutched in hers. In panic she retraced her steps and found him standing with his little nose pressed flat against a frosty window. He was gazing at a manger scene. Hearing his mother’s near hysterical call, he turned and shouted with innocent glee: “Look Mommy! It’s Jesus – Baby Jesus in the hay!” With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she impatiently jerked him away saying, “**We don’t have time for that!**”

We often miss Advent's power because these December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. This Advent let us make a real effort to find time in our busy lives for quiet, thought and prayer, that we may reflect upon the wonder of God’s love and allow the story of the Saviour’s birth to penetrate our hearts and mind.