



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

69 North Street, Hadfield 3046



St Thomas More Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. Our Child Safe Standards policies & information can be viewed on our website

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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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

FOR THE SICK: Maurice Sacco, Goretty Soares, Chris Buchanan, Carl & Michael Ceddia
ANNIVERSARIES: Guido Terzini (6 yrs), Paola & Pasquale Macri, Paul Micallef, Angelo Caruana, Andy & Lucenz Scicluna, Giuseppe Scuteri, Caterina Rucolo, Vincenzo & Maria Ioculano, Emanuel & Andrew Mallia, Frank Agius, Emmanuel Theuma, Alfred Casha



Loving dads deserve gratitude and acknowledgement all year round, but on this their "special" day we pray and give thanks for all our wonderful fathers, grandfathers and special men in our lives who love, care and guide us...

Let us also give thanks for Fr Giang and all spiritual fathers who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well.

Lord, I pray that you will bless my dad, with good health, wisdom and good mood. God, help my dad to live every day with your love and with peace in his heart. Amen.



Sincere congratulations to Mark Garaffa on his 50th Birthday. May the Lord bless him and his family abundantly. With sincere prayers and well wishes from Fr Giang and the STM Community !!

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 4 September 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

9:13-18

What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you,

and saved, by Wisdom. *The word of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

You turn men back in to 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 Philemon

9-10.12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while

wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me. *The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Freedom....In many ways we are not free. We are all encased in perishable bodies; some are restricted by social and political boundaries; others entangled by possessiveness of things and people. Jesus shows us the way to escape this slavery and to be free, but his way is not cheap. It will be demanding and costly, yet its benefits in terms of life-enhancement are supreme.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in our PARISH in AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

This Weekend

Thursday 8th September

Sunday 11th September at 2.00pm

Friday 16th September

THIRD COLLECTION FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Cuppa & Chat in St John Paul Room

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Rosary at 8.30am & Mass at 9.00am at STM)

Grade 4 First Eucharist

Last day of Term 3. School finishes at 12pm

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows



For Catholics, **September** is the **month of Our Lady of Sorrows**, immediately following August's devotion to the Immaculate Heart, and preceding October's devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary, September is an ideal time to strengthen our connection to Our Lady. During this month, we are drawn into the spiritual martyrdom that the Blessed Mother experienced during the physical martyrdom of Jesus. The evils of sin are manifest but conquered through intense suffering. The Blessed Mother's tears of anguish reflect God's washing away of sin.

Here are some ways to honour Our Lady of Sorrows this month....

Don't run from the sorrows of others....Really listen (when someone wants to talk about a worry, a grief, a pain, or a loneliness and offer time and empathy.

Put empathy into action... Offer to help ease the suffering of another, carrying their cross for a bit, like Simon of Cyrene. Drive a friend to the doctor, visit or telephone and spend some time with someone who is lonely or suffering.

Pray daily for someone who is suffering and let them know... "for the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer" (1 Peter 3:12)

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September.. **Abolition of the Death Penalty**

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK
4 - 10 September 2022



Australia observes **National Child Protection Week** each September, as part of a nationwide initiative to protect children from abuse and neglect, recognising that protecting children is a whole of community responsibility. This year marks the 32nd celebration of **National Child Protection Week**, with the continuation of the message that 'Every child, in every community, needs a fair go', whilst shining a light on children growing up safe and supported. STM is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and the vulnerable.

Celebrate Mary MacKillop's life and legacy with a commemorative prayer book that inspires us all to flourish with Mary's heart. Order your **FREE** copy of "**Flourish with Mary's Heart**" today by calling 02 8912 2763.