



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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**Month of
Our Lady
of Sorrows**

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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, Stella Sulikowski

RECENT DEATHS: Peter Dooley, Jose Castro (in Portugal)

Domenico Antonio Gargano (**Funeral Tues 13 Sept at 10.30am**)

Mario del Mastro (**Funeral Wed 14 Sept at 11.00am**)

ANNIVERSARIES: Vincenzo Mileto (1 yr), Dominic Pham Van Hien, Thomas & Maria Bang, Andrew & Paul Scicluna, Lodovico Calvano (1 yr), Maria Simoes Lobo, Rosalia Madeira Soares, Vicente Paulo Madeira, Aristoteles Branco Joaquim & Leopoldo Joaquim.



We Remember with Admiration and Thanksgiving ...

The whole world mourns the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in the afternoon of 8 September 2022. She was the longest reigning monarch in British history, and ruled for 70 years and seven months. She was 96 years old. Let us pray for Queen Elizabeth's soul, her life and reign, her deep affection for her people, her lifelong desire to serve the common good, her humility and grace, hard work and dedication. Farewell Your Majesty. Rest in Peace.

We also pray for the King and members of the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of their beloved mother and grandmother. May God draw near them and comfort them in their time of sorrow.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 11 September 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus

32:7-11.13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” The Lord said to Moses, ‘I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. *The word of the Lord.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *I will rise and go to my father.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice, a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy,

however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Today's readings invite us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, forgiving God. The Good News Jesus preached was that God is not a cruel, judging, punishing God. He is our loving and forgiving Heavenly Father Who wants to save everyone through His Son Jesus. He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as Jesus explains in the three parables of today's Gospel.

WHAT'S HAPPENING in our PARISH in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 11th September at 2.00pm

Grade 4 First Eucharist

Thurs 15th September

Our Lady of Sorrows. Rosary at 8.30am and Mass at 9.00am at STM

Friday 16th September

Last day of Term 3. School finishes at 12pm

Wishing all the staff, the children and their families and a very safe and restful term break. Enjoy the time together and we look forward to welcoming you back for the last term of 2022 ! Fr Giang



Congratulations to the Grade 4 students receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday. May the Lord guide and bless you today and everyday. Sincere thanks also to the teaching staff for all their hard work in preparing the children for this important sacrament and to the families for their continued love, care and support of the children on their faith journey.

Blessings to you all Fr Giang

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Fathers Day Appeal last weekend. Our Parish raised the wonderful total of **\$ 1,258.00** which will all go to help all the sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese.



MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS 15 SEPTEMBER

Devotion to the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady has its roots in Sacred Scripture and in Christian piety, which always associates the Blessed Mother with her suffering Son. The title, Our Lady of Sorrows, focuses on our Blessed Mother's intense suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord. Traditionally, this suffering was not limited to the passion and death event; rather, it comprised the seven dolors or seven sorrows of Mary. As Mary stood at the foot of the Cross on which Jesus hung, the sword of sorrow, which the priest Simeon had foretold, pierced her soul. For this reason, Mary is sometimes depicted with her heart exposed and with seven swords piercing it. The seven sorrows of Mary are:

1. The prophecy of Simeon (*Luke 2:25-35*)
2. The flight into Egypt (*Matthew 2:13-15*)
3. Loss of the Child Jesus for three days (*Luke 2:41-50*)
4. Mary meets Jesus on his way to Calvary (*Luke 23:27-31; John 19:17*)
5. Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (*John 19:25-30*)
6. The body of Jesus being taken from the Cross (*Psalms 130; Luke 23:50-54; John 19:31-37*)
7. The burial of Jesus (*Isaiah 53:8; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:38-42; Mark 15:40-47*)

Focusing on the compassion of our Blessed Mother, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, reminded the faithful: *...Mary Most Holy goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the many physical and moral sorrows which afflict and torment humanity. She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. 'And thy soul too a sword shall pierce.' Mary is our Spiritual Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles...* (1980)