

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:** Duncan Forbes (Funeral Thurs 14 Dec at STM at 11.00am)
Connie Brown
- Anniversaries:**
- 4.30pm:** Paul Caruana, Brian Brock, Martha, Lucio, Toro & Rosa Eugenia Vasquez, Helen Kelly
- 9.00am:** Carmela Abela
- 10.30am:** Giovanni, Francesca, Pietro, Pasquale, Innocenza & Felice Iannazzo.
Pietro, Maria, Giuseppe & Gino Vescio, Francesca Zaffina,
Domenico Milione, Sister Elizabeth Costigan, Ray Molloy, Nola Clifton

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE.... There are special Christmas cards from the Archbishop in the Church Foyers. Please take one. The Archbishop invites parishioners to continue to offer their prayers for the people in this troubled land and also to offer whatever support they can to the Advent Appeal for Ukraine. All details in the card. Donations are intended to provide assistance and relief to those most in need in Ukraine. Thank you for your support and generosity.

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B)—10 December 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

40:1-5.9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - STM			THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - CORPUS CHRISTI		
Time	Readers	Ministers	Time	Readers	Ministers
4.30pm	Viviana C	Mick L-Neala B	6.00pm	James H-Noel W	Dung N-Diane W
9.00am	Paul S	Mary & Peter M	10.30am	Oanh L-Belinda F	Marise N-Hai N

DECEMBER DIARY

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

WED 13 DEC Thank you to all the parishioners who responded to our invitation to the Christmas Thanksgiving Mass and Supper. We will see you all on Wed 13 December at 6.00pm at STM.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES at CC & STM

Sat 23 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent - STM at 4.30pm & CC at 6.00pm

Sun 24 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent - STM at 9.00am & CC at 10.30am

Sun 24 Dec Christmas Vigil Mass - STM at 4.30pm & CC at 6.00pm

Mon 25 Dec Christmas Day Mass - STM at 9.00am & CC at 10.30am

Reconciliation Sat 9.00am-9.20am at CC and 4.00pm-4.20pm at STM



The Advent Wreath....Each advent candle has some special meaning behind it and presents an opportunity to think about the Christmas season in a new way. The second week of Advent takes us from thinking about hope (first candle) to a related idea - peace - something we all need to think more about. Peace often eludes us, yet peace is one of God's gifts to us. **Let us pray:**

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord's birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give to us courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. Amen.

Wanting too Much...

I often read that we are inclined to sacrifice our health in order to make money and then we sacrifice money to recuperate our health. At the same time we become so anxious about the future, that we do not enjoy the present. Thus we live as if we are never going to die and then finally we die, having never really lived. What folly! What a contrast to the many Missionaries I meet who labour, not with the hope of seeing the fruit of their hard work, but trusting that good will be done even though they never see it.

Excerpts from reflection by Fr Adrian Meaney MSC