CORPUS CHRISTI

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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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Wed: 9.00amCorpus Christi4Thur: 9.00amSt Thomas MoreFri: 9.00amCorpus ChristiWEEKEND MASSES1st SaturdaySaturday: 4.30pmSt Thomas More6.00pmCorpus ChristiSunday: 9.00amSt Thomas More		RECONCILIATION 0.00am-9.20am Corpus Christi 0.00pm-4.20pm St Thomas More BAPTISM v of the month at 10.00am under 5 years of age and living outside the Parish will require ermission from their local Parish Priest. Any child over 5 years le the Parish will not be accepted for baptism). mg, please contact Claudia on 0414 308 019 VEDDING, FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL MASS Contact Parish Office	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Elizabeth Turner, John Michael Lynam, Teresa Madeira, Lola Branco, Lourdes & Nelson Joaquim, Goretty Soares, Tonilho Benevides

Recent deaths: Fr Peter Nguyen Van Tuong, Angelo Marco Vigilante (Funeral at CC on 16 Nov at 10.00am) Milica Medic (Funeral at STM on 17 Nov at 11.45am)

If you wish to offer mass for your loved ones during November please use the November Mass for Holy Souls envelope available in the foyers. Masses will be offered by priests for your intentions but names will not be read out or placed in the bulletin.

POSITION VACANT

An opportunity for a part time position for Parish Secretary is available at St Thomas More, Hadfield. For further information please visit the Melbourne Catholic website <u>https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies</u> or contact the Parish Office.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 12 November 2023

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.
O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. R.
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory

to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**.

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

4:13-18

6:12-16

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming. *Alleluia*!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - STM		THIS WEEKEND ROSTER - CORPUS CHRISTI			
Time	Readers	Ministers	Time	Readers	Ministers
4.30pm	Carolyn W	Jonah C-Maria L	6.00pm	James H-Yenuli De S	Dung N-Diana C
9.00am	Geraldine F	Lia S-Julian C	10.30am	Damian L-Belinda F	Hien P-Marise N

NOVEMBER DIARY

<u>CATHOLIC DEAF COLLECTION - THIRD COLLECTION after every Mass this weekend.</u>

Sun 26 Nov Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Be prepared for Christ's second coming.... The highest form of wisdom is to acknowledge God as the supreme power in our universe and in our lives, and even the yearning to do so is the beginning of an understanding which will eventually be made clear when Christ comes again in glory. No one else's goodness or perseverance will help us be ready: we must each take personal responsibility for being prepared. At that last day both the living and those who have already died will rise from the dead with Christ—we must keep ourselves ready.

Life is God's gift to us. What we do with it is our gift to God.

REFLECTION

Once upon a time an old man spread rumours that his neighbour was a thief. As a result the young man was arrested. Days later he was proven innocent. After the release he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him.

In the court the old man told the judge "They were just comments, did not harm anyone". The judge before passing the sentence on the case told the old man .. "write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper. Cut it off into little pieces, and on the way home throw the pieces of paper out of your car window. Tomorrow come back to hear the sentence..."

The next day the judge told the old man .."before you receive your sentence, I want you to go out and gather all the pieces of paper that you threw out of your car window yesterday."

The old man said "I can't do that". The wind spread them all over the place and I won't know where I spread them. Then the judge told the old man,..."in the same way, simple words and comments may destroy the honour of the person to such an extent that the person will not be able to fix it."

The message of this story is simple: If you can't speak well of someone, don't say anything at all. Let us all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves of our words. Gossips are worst than thieves because they steal the dignity, honour, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore. So remember this, when your feet slips, you can always recover your balance, but when your tongue slips, you can never recover your words.