



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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*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

Tues: 9.00am  
Thur: 9.00am

## WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 4.30pm  
Sun: 9.00am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.20pm

## BAPTISM

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am at Corpus Christi  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am at STM  
For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As requested

## WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**FOR THE SICK:** Iris Dixon, Zanchi Maria Grazia, Monica Wickerson

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Vito Marino, Maria Imbesi, Giovanni Rizzo, Ines Varudo, Esperanca Duarte, Giovanni Didomenicantonio

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Johnny Clemente (2 yrs), Vince Clemente, Peppe Grisafe, Gerald Leech, Kath Crawford, Jack Rafferty (31 yrs), Joana Barreto, Jose Barbosa, Maria Miranda Da Costa, Nazzareno Delceppo



Wed 26 January...  
Mass at Corpus Christi  
at 9.00am

## The Story of Australia

This is the Story of Australia - the story of an extraordinary nation.

The Story begins 60,000 years ago.

New chapters are written every day.

On Australia Day, we reflect on our history, its highs and its lows.

We respect the stories of others.

And we celebrate our nation, its achievements and most of all, its people. **We're all part of the story.**

# 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 23 January 2022

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Nehemiah*

8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people - since he stood higher than all the people - Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!'; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah - His Excellency - and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** *Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right,  
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,  
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,  
the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord,  
my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians* 12:12-14.17

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

*The word of the Lord.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

*Alleluia!*

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke* 1:1-4;4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
to proclaim liberty to captives  
and to the blind new sight,  
to set the down trodden free,  
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### **Central theme:**

*Today's Gospel, presenting Jesus' "inaugural address" in the synagogue of Nazareth and outlining his theology of total liberation, marks a great moment in Jesus' ministry. The Scripture readings for today focus our attention on the importance and liberating power of the Word of God as "sacramental," making God present in our midst. The readings challenge us to listen to the Word, accept it into our hearts, then put it into practice as we live out our lives, thus liberating ourselves and others from all types of bondages.*

### **Life messages:**

- 1) We need to receive Christ's freedom, live it and pass it on to others: As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we share in the freeing, saving mission of Jesus. But we are captives of sin. We need Christ to set us free. We are often blinded by our evil habits, addictions and need for financial security. Once we receive true liberation from Christ, we have to share it with those we encounter in our daily lives, families, neighbourhoods, parishes and workplaces.
- 2) We need to let the power of the Holy Spirit fill us, and then be ready to have miracles done through us. Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus performed miracles because he was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us be ready to become Spirit-filled instruments of Christ's saving freedom. *(Fr Tony Kadavil cbc homilies)*

### **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

On 18 January 2022, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in the northern hemisphere. Australia will observe this octave from 29 May to 5 June 2022 between the feasts of the Ascension and Pentecost. As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins in other parts of the world, however, let us keep in our prayers these themes, the ecumenical movement, and pray for the unity of the whole Church. Maybe we can also examine our hearts to determine whether we are faithfully and boldly living Christ's will, and strive to do so by His grace.

### **JOKE OF THE WEEK... I've been looking for these for 3 years !**

A door-to-door salesman from a publishing house asked a lady if she owned a copy of the Bible. **"I certainly do!"** she replied with some pride. To his next question, did she read it regularly, she responded, **"Oh, yes!"** and sent her little daughter to get the Bible from the table drawer. As she showed it to the man, her spectacles fell from between the pages. Without thinking, she exclaimed, **"Oh, here are my glasses! I've been looking for these for 3 years!"**