

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 over 5 years living outside the Parish will not be accepted for Baptism).

For booking, please contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

WEDDING

Contact Parish Office

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick: Michael John Acanto, Elizebeth Turner
Recent deaths:
Anniversaries:
4.30pm: Joseph Abdilla
6.00pm: Toma & Maria Nguyen
9.00am: Lina Didomenico
10.30am: Bill Zara, Remo, Eva & Angela Di Pietro

The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission from an authorised family member before any sick person's name can be included in the Parish bulletin.

Please forward the names to the Parish Office by 12:00noon Thursday of each week.

4th Sunday of Lent – 10th March 2024

FIRST READING

36:1416.19-23

A reading from the second book of Chronicles.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: *Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!*

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors,
for joy. ‘Sing to us,’ they said, ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ **R.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R.**

O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R.**

SECOND READING

2:4-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ - it is through grace that you have been saved - and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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GOSPEL

3:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believed in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

THIS WEEKEND ROSTER

St Thomas More			Corpus Christi		
Time	Reader	Ministers	Time	Readers	Ministers
4.30pm	Viviana C	Maria L – Frances A	6.00pm	Albert N – Yenuli D	Noel D – Diana C
9.00am	Margaret W	Ralph & Claudia Z	10.30am	Oanh L – Damien L	Carmela R – Hai N

HOLY WEEK 2024		STM	CC
Holy Thursday, 28 th March - The Lord's Supper <i>(NOTE: Adoration after Mass at STM until 7.00pm)</i>		5.00pm	7.00pm
Good Friday, 29 th March	Stations of the Cross	-	9.00am
	The Passion of the Lord	4.30pm	3.00pm
Easter Vigil, 30 th March		5.00pm	7.00pm
Easter Sunday, 31 st March		9.00am	10.30am

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

Tuesday, 26th March: 7.00pm-7.30pm (STM)

Wednesday, 27th March: 7.00pm-7.30pm (CC)

There is NO Individual Confession on Holy Saturday morning

PARISH NOTES

ST MARK'S CHURCH: 13th March (Wed): 6:30pm - John Sullivan speaks on "The Flame of Love." and Divine Mercy at St. Mark's Church, Fawkner. All are Welcome!

LIFE LESSON: *We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love:* As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT: is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday. This Sunday reminds us of the Event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season. As on *Gaudete* Sunday, rose-coloured vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar. In Lent, these outward signs symbolize the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, a joy which cannot be contained even in this penitential Season, though we still refrain from Alleluias and the singing of the Gloria until the magnificence of the Easter Vigil.

The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ.