



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

69 North Street, Hadfield 3046

*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

Tuesday: 9.00am (Rosary at 8.40am)
Thursday 9.00am (Rosary at 8.40am)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.20pm

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

132 Melbourne Ave, Glenroy

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.00am - 9.20am

BAPTISMS

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

WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

FOR THE SICK: Gabriel Bourizk, Paul Michael Lynam

RECENTLY DECEASED: Samuel Carletti (in Italy)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Antonio di Lizio (1 yr), Vincenzo Cannata (2 yrs),

Tony Sammut (10 yrs), Anna Nguyen Thi Luong (3 yrs), Pippo Gervasi,

Pauline & Joseph Salerno, Rose & Angelo Caruana, Tommy Azzopardi, Angela Martino



God didn't promise days without PAIN, laughter without SORROW,
nor sun without RAIN.

But He did promise SRENGTH for the day, COMFORT for the tears,
and LIGHT for the way.

5th Sunday of Lent — 3 April 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick:

No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds.

The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild)
to give my chosen people drink.

The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels
the Lord worked for them!’

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and

I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. *The word of the Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

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GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

The central theme of all three readings is a merciful God's steadfast love. The readings remind us that we should not be self-righteous and condemn the lives of others when God is calling them tenderly to conversion.

IMPORTANT—PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING.....

Next weekend is **PALM SUNDAY**. Mass times as usual Saturday 4.30pm and Sunday 9.00am. **Please bring your own palms to be blessed on the day (these can be any sprig or branch from your garden). Thank you.**

PROJECT COMPASSION—Thank you to everyone who took boxes or envelope sets during Lent. **It is the time now to return your donations starting NEXT WEEK and throughout Holy Week.**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St Vincent de Paul Flood Appeal for Queensland and New South Wales. **Our Parish raised \$ 841.00** which will be sent to help those most in need.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA—UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL - SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND. The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

Your generous donation can make a real difference to the lives of people in Ukraine. Donate via third collection next weekend OR you can donate directly to Caritas: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413

WHY ARE ALL THE CRUCIFIXES AND STATUES COVERED ?

It is the current practice of the Church that from the 5th Sunday of Lent onwards, all crucifixes and statues be veiled. When we walk into church and notice everything is covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene.

The unveiling before the Easter Vigil is a great reminder of our own life on earth. We live in a “veiled” world, in exile from our true home. It is only through our own death that the veil is lifted and we are finally able to see the beauty of everything in our lives. (Aleteia.com)