



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

69 North Street, Hadfield 3046

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wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.
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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday: 9.00am
Thursday 9.00am

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

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU MRS MARCY DE NARDIS...

After 40 years of dedicated service to Catholic Education, Mrs Marcy de Nardis, Principal of St Thomas More's School has decided to retire from her role as Principal. Since 2008 Marcy has led St Thomas More's school with passion, dedication and vision. STM school has flourished under her leadership.

Together with all the STM community, I wish to formally acknowledge and thank Marcy for her many years of dedicated service and wish all of the Lord's blessings and every happiness for the future. Farewell Marcy and thank you! **Fr Giang Tran**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

FOR THE SICK: Iris Dixon, Margaret Roberts, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Ernestina Tatar

RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Saliba (Funeral Tues 22 Feb at 11am)
Ivan Zmak (1 month), Michael Micallef (3 months)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Dora Cipriani, Paola & Pasquale Macri,
John Reddan, John McMahan, Vince & John Clemente



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 20 February 2022

FIRST READING

A reading the first book of Samuel

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repays us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. Our Parish raised the sum of **\$ 679.60**. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. **Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.** If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholicarevic.org.au or call 9287 5513.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OLD PALMS over next two weeks....

Please bring old palms by next weekend 26 & 27 Feb MAX and leave them in baskets provided in the front and side foyers . Thank you. The palms will be burnt and used as ashes on...



ASH WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH - Mass at Corpus Christi at 9.00am and St Thomas More at 6.00pm

PROJECT COMPASSION

In preparation for Lent, the Project Compassion boxes and weekly envelope sets are now available for pick up in the Front and Side Foyers. Please use them throughout Lent to help those in need and return during Holy Week. Thank You.

Life Message... The Power of Christian Love

Today's Scripture readings challenge us to make three types of correct choices in life. First, we are advised to choose the love in the "golden rule" instead of selfishness and insensitivity to the feelings and needs of others. Second, we need to choose unconditional, agape love instead of jealousy and hatred in our relationships with others. Third, we must choose graceful forgiveness instead of harbouring revenge and planning retaliation.

We need to practice the Golden Rule: The Golden Rule asks us to do to others what we would like them to do to us. If we obey, loving others and expressing that love by loving words and deeds, we will start receiving the same love from others in higher intensity. Further, if we want others to forgive our offenses, our words of criticism, and our thoughtless judgments against them, then we should start forgiving their offenses against us and start appreciating their good qualities while encouraging them and supporting them in their needs.

We need to pray for the strength to forgive. At every Mass we pray the "Our Father", asking God to forgive us as we forgive others. Our challenge is to overcome our natural inclination to hate family members, co-workers, neighbours and all who offend us. To meet that challenge, we need to ask God for the strength to forgive each other. We must forgive, because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we remember how God has forgiven us, it will help us forgive others. Let us start forgiving right now by curbing the sharp tongue of criticism, suppressing the revenge instinct and bearing patiently the irritating behaviour of a neighbour. (Fr Tony, cbc homilies)