



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

*Love one another
as I have loved you
John 13:34*

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MASSES

MON: 9.15am Communion Service
TUES-FRI : 9.15am
SAT: 9.15am, 5.00pm (Vigil)
SUNDAY: 9.00am (Italian/English Mass)
10.30am (Children's Liturgy)

MALTESE MASS: 4th Saturday of the month at 6.00pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: 1st Friday of every month
8.45-9.15am

OUR SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: 9.45am Sat or
by appointment

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month

WEDDINGS: Contact Parish Office
at least six months in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: As requested

PARISH ACTIVITIES

OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP:
Rosary after morning weekday Masses

NOVENA TO OUR LADY:
Monday 6pm in the Church

ITALIAN CHARISMATIC GROUP:
Monday 10.00am in the Parish Convent

CUPPA & CHAT:
1st Weekend of every month after every Mass

STM CRAFT CLUB:
Meets 1st Monday of every month from
9.45am to 12 noon

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL:
Mrs Marcy De Nardis, Principal
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:
Contact 1800 305 330

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:
0416 027 413

PIETY STALL:
For special requests or enquiries
ring Theresa on 0407 043 123

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A - 27th & 28th June 2020

The common theme of today's readings is the work God gives us to do as the followers of Jesus: to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment, and charity. The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to him.....

"IT'S HARD JUST TO MAKE IT PAST THE SUFFERING PART!"

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), like some early Christian writers, notes, "suffering has to come because if you look at the cross, Jesus has got his head bending down — he wants to kiss you — and he has both hands open wide — he wants to embrace you. He has his heart opened wide to receive you. Then when you feel miserable inside, look at the cross and you will know what is happening. Suffering, pain, sorrow, humiliation, feelings of loneliness, are nothing but the kiss of Jesus, a sign that you have come so close that he can kiss you. Do you understand, brothers, sisters, or whoever you may be? Suffering, pain, humiliation — this is the kiss of Jesus. At times you come so close to Jesus on the cross that he can kiss you."

But, Mother Teresa added, "I once told this to a lady who was suffering very much. The lady answered, "Tell Jesus not to kiss me — to stop kissing me." Rev. Paul Andrew) (<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

The Virtue of Patience....

Covid-19 has had a devastating effect on lives and livelihoods, but it has also administered a number of life lessons.

One of these is the need for patience.

You may have heard this short prayer: "Lord, give me patience, but please hurry!"

What is patience? It is a virtue which helps us, for the love of God, to calmly bear our tribulations and preserve serenity amid the sufferings of life. Patience tempers sorrow and staves off excessive anger and complaining. Patience is the guardian of all the virtues, for there are obstacles to be encountered in any good work, and they can be overcome only by patience.

*Dear Lord, please help me to be quick to listen,
and slow to anger.*

*Help me to listen for understanding.
Help my words to build instead of tear down.
Help my attitude to be of peace, not of anger,
I pray this is Jesus' name.*

Amen.

**UPDATE: GENERAL GUIDELINES COVID-19 Implications for the
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne - Information updated Monday 22 June 2020**

This week was supposed to be the time when restrictions in Victoria eased. Unfortunately, an increase in Covid-19 cases has meant restrictions not only remain in place but possibly could increase in an effort to halt community transmission. The number of faithful permitted to gather in the Church remains at **20**. For now, or until further notice, our Church will be open for

THREE WEEKDAY MASSES on TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS at 9.15am.

CHURCH DOORS WILL OPEN AT 8.45am and close at 10.00am

Strict monitoring of numbers, collection of contact details of ALL attendees and strict hygiene and physical distancing requirements will continue as directed.

- 1. You must PRE-REGISTER your intention to attend any of the Masses. Please register week by week.** You may do this by emailing admin@stmhadfield.org.au, ringing the Parish Office on 9357 1422 or ringing 0402 249 117.
- 2. For safety and administration purposes we ask everybody to arrive early for Mass. Doors will open at 8.45am.** Please be mindful of physical distancing at ALL times.
- 3. If you are unwell or have any flu or cold like symptoms, please do not come to Church.**
Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

DURING THIS EXTRAORDINARY AND CHALLENGING TIME OF COVID 19, FR RAI HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE WITH THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



EVERY FRIDAY

DURING JUNE and JULY

CHURCH DOORS WILL OPEN

AT 8.30AM

THE EXPOSITION AND PRAYERS STARTS AT 9.00AM

TO ENSURE A REFLECTIVE AND PRAYERFUL TIME FOR ALL ATTENDING, PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE INSIDE THE CHURCH BY 9.00AM.
THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR COOPERATION

REFLECTION "...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



With a few weeks still to go to receive donations, the running total for Melbourne archdiocese Project Compassion receipts is **\$1.05 million!**

Bearing in mind the pastoral, administrative and financial challenges that the COVID19 lockdown has put on our community I am deeply grateful for such a fantastic result, for the generosity of our people and parishes, and the dedication of so many of our parish clergy and staff.

To put the amount in context, last year the Melbourne contribution to Project Compassion 2019 was \$1.28 million, so with some weeks to go we are only around 15% down on last year's total. Considering what the community has been through - a fantastic result.

Project Compassion helps Caritas Australia support those in the greatest need throughout the world, a need made even more desperate by the pandemic in the many, many countries without Australia's financial, health and social resources. Thank you for helping Caritas do the work of Christ in the world. **Deacon Jim Curtain, Diocesan Director Caritas Australia**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Mirella Santoro

RECENT DEATHS: Doris Hilli



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Ramejeus Kurera (1 month), Romeo Carinci (10 yrs), Umberto Carinci, Rena Mifsud, Michael Nardella, Teresa Paladino (1 yr), Joseph Ellul, Pasquale Macri, Natale Scarmato, Caterina Gargano, Antonino & Maria Grazia Nicolaci

VINNIES COVID-19 WINTER APPEAL...Please consider helping those most in need especially during this difficult time with your donation of money. Donate over the phone using your credit card by calling 131812. Make an online donation by visiting vinnies.org.au. For more information contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 29 June	Sts Peter & Paul Apostles
Tues 30 June	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Fri 3 July	St Thomas, Apostle
Sat 4 July	St Elizabeth of Portugal