



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

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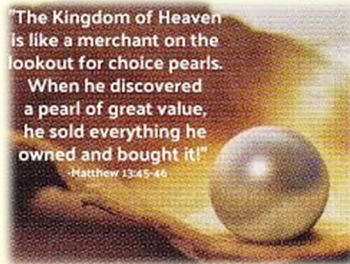
CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:
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PIETY STALL:
For special requests or enquiries ring Theresa on 0407 043 123

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A - 25th & 26th July 2020

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

[Philippians 4:6-7](#)



In today's Gospel, Jesus concludes a long series of parables about the reign of God by praising those wise men and women who have listened carefully, understood and responded to his message.

We should live every moment in view of our precious goal.

Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable "pearl" of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven, is never found.

Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments.

We need to keep our greatest treasure safe: by accepting Jesus every day as our God and Saviour, by allowing him to have total control over our lives through our loving obedience to his will, by asking him daily for the strength and guidance of his Holy Spirit, by talking to him daily in prayer, by listening to him in our meditative reading of the Bible, by getting reconciled to him and others every day, asking pardon and forgiveness for our sins, and by allowing Him to nourish our souls frequently, by receiving Jesus in Holy Communion.

The pearl of great price in this life is also found in our human relationships: a happy family, good friends, and people who love and accept us, even if neither we nor they are perfect.

During the difficult trials and unprecedented times that 2020 has brought and all the problems that beset our communities, nation and the world, let us all choose to take away, in gratitude, one pearl to carry us through the day and week. (Excerpts cbc homilies)

FEAST DAY OF SAINTS JOAQUIM AND ANNE (PARENTS OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)

Anne is patron of grandmothers, among many other things, and Joachim of grandfathers and grandparents

This Sunday 26 July is the **Feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne** - revered for centuries as the parents of Mary, mother of Jesus. We don't know many details about their lives because they are never mentioned in the New Testament. Everything we know about them comes down through tradition—the stories people told about them.

We believe that they were respected members of the Jewish community and that they wanted to become parents so much that Joachim went into the desert to fast and pray that God would hear their prayer. It is said that an angel told them that they would soon have a daughter who would become famous throughout the world.

Months later, Mary, our Blessed Mother, was born. Tradition tells us that when Mary was three years old, Anne and Joachim took her to the temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her for special service to the Lord. We call this celebration the "Presentation of the Virgin Mary." It means that Mary was to play an important part in God's loving plan for the world.

Joaquim and Anne's love for one another and for Mary is an example to us of how God calls us to live. They also remind us to honour our own grandparents and to thank them for the blessings they have passed down to us in love.



Grandparents helping to pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life.

The unconditional love of a grandparent is unlike any other, and the shared bond between grandparent and grandchild is something cherished for a lifetime.

View *Universal Prayer for Grandparents* by Pope Benedict XVI composed in 2008 here: <https://anastpaul.com/2019/07/26/thought-for-the-day-26-july-prayer-for-grandparents-by-pope-benedict-xvi/>



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We must redeem the days we are given.... (Psalm 90:12).

Our lives are a gift from the hand of God. We must be wise and make the most of every opportunity He gives to share His love with our grandchildren and how they can love Him back.

Treasure in the Bible.....Because she was so poor, the parish helped a widow with food and rent money. Her son had emigrated to New York and become very successful. One day the pastor asked Mrs. O'Leary if she ever heard from her son. Proudly the widow answered, "Bob writes me every week and always encloses a picture." Thinking he'd see some family photos, the pastor asked to see the pictures. Bringing in her Bible, she showed the pastor a Bible stuffed with pictures of Benjamin Franklin. Those are \$100 bills, in case you missed it! ***Bob had been trying to help his mother for years and the old woman had failed to realize the treasure she was given every week.*** From Fr Raj's collection

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Wed 29 July St Marytha
Thur 30 July St Peter Chrysologus
Fri 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola

"Act as if everything depended on you; trust as if everything depended on God." **Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

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

RECENT DEATHS: Domenico Agostino, Francis Coletta (in Scotland), Clementina Pilla, Orazia Trantino

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Vincenzo Alessi (15 yrs)
Antonio & Maria Fusca, Rita & Joe Scicluna, Carmen Gravina,
Amabile & Victor Cuschieri, Gerry Sammut, Pat & John Field

