



# 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 and information can be viewed on our website*



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## MASS TIMES

Mon: Church closed  
Tues: 9.00am Mass  
Wed: 9.00am Comm Service  
Thur: 9.00am Mass  
Fri: 9.00am Comm Service  
Sat: **4.30pm Mass**  
Sun: 9.00am Mass

Following recent easing of restrictions,  
**masks are no longer compulsory for  
indoors but are still encouraged!** You  
must continue to register by QR or manu-  
ally and follow all safety guidelines.  
Thank you.

## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 4.50pm

### BAPTISM

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

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As requested

### WEDDING

Contact Parish Office at least six months  
in advance.

**ADVENT SEASON** is a very special time of year that sometimes gets lost in the bright lights of the Christmas season it precedes. It is the beginning of the Liturgical Year. We now move to Year C when we focus on the Gospel of Luke.

The **Advent wreath and candles** are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday.

The **first candle**, which is purple, symbolizes **hope**. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ.



Congratulations to the Grade 6 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday. We were privileged to have Bishop Terence Curtin DD celebrate the Sacrament. It was a beautiful and very meaningful celebration and I wish to thank the children, their families and the teachers for their commitment, preparation and support. May the Holy Spirit enlighten, guide and strengthen the children on their faith journey as disciples of Christ.

**Fr Giang**

# 1st Week of Advent—Year C - 28 November 2021

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.*

33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,  
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,  
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved  
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.  
And this is the name the city will be called:  
The Lord-our-integrity.’

*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R:** *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love  
for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians* 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

*The word of the Lord.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 21:25-28.34-36*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives.

Besides coming into our world through birth, Jesus comes into our lives as we live them through His Church, its Sacraments (especially the Eucharist), the Word of God and the worshipping community. If Christ comes upon us while we are unprepared, we will see him, through our guilt, as terrible and threatening.

***If we are already walking towards him, we shall be able to greet him with confidence and unbounded joy.***

**PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY FOR MASS -GATES CLOSE 5 MINUTES BEFORE START OF MASS**

A very big thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation in following the COVIDSafe settings put in place as directed by the Victorian Government. Please continue to register attendance by QR, wear masks (if possible), keep safe distance and sanitise hands before entering.



**Please support our "FATHER'S DAY" COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR OUR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS...Thank You!**



*Solemnity  
of the  
Immaculate  
Conception  
December 8*

**Mass at Corpus Christi at 9.00am  
and  
Mass at St Thomas More at 6.00pm**



The Christmas Season Mass Schedule is now available in the Side Foyer. Please take one home for mass times over December and January.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**



We seek the support of our parishioners to provide needy families with at least the basic necessities to celebrate Christmas. Like last year, due to COVID 19, the St Vincent de Paul Society has not received the usual level of donations. **We urgently need your generous donations of money.** Because of continuing Covid restrictions regarding handling of goods, we are NOT seeking donations of food items. **This is only a request for donations of money.** There are envelopes on the seats—please take one, and return it with your donation via the Mass Collections over the next two weeks. If you require a receipt please fill in your name and address. **The Appeal is for two weeks only—from this weekend until the 11/12 Dec,** as we will need to distribute donations the following week of 13-17 Dec, giving recipients time to purchase whatever they need for Christmas. THANK YOU.

**REFLECTION ..... "We don't have time for that!"**

Typical of last-minute Christmas shoppers, a mother was running furiously from store to store. Suddenly she became aware that the pudgy little hand of her three-year-old son was no longer clutched in hers. In panic she retraced her steps and found him standing with his little nose pressed flat against a frosty window. He was gazing at a manger scene. Hearing his mother's near hysterical call, he turned and shouted with innocent glee: "Look Mommy! It's Jesus – Baby Jesus in the hay!" With obvious indifference to his joy and wonder, she impatiently jerked him away saying, "We don't have time for that!"

Thank you to the Marinelli Family for the donation of four beautiful floral arrangements to the Church in memory of their much loved husband, father and grandfather...Pasquale Marinelli. RIP

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Rosina Magalotti (in Italy)  
Errico Tambasco (Funeral Tues 30 Nov at 11am)  
Michael Micallef (Funeral Wed 1 Dec at 10.15am)

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Girolamo Mezzatesta (1 year)

