



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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

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Guarantees given to Peter and his successors:

The Catholic Church teaches that by giving Peter the “keys” along with the promise that all his decisions would be ratified in Heaven, Christ gave Peter the power of freedom from error when he was officially teaching the universal Church. In other words, Peter received primacy in the Church and the gift of infallibility in his official teaching on matters of Faith and morals.

The first Vatican Council defined this Dogma, and the second Vatican Council reconfirmed it. As the Church was to continue long after Peter had died, it was rightly understood from the beginning that those privileges given to him which were necessary for the successful mission of the Church, were given to his lawful successors – the Popes.

FEASTS OF ST MONICA AND ST AUGUSTINE

The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of **St. Monica**, the mother of Saint Augustine of Hippo, on **August 27**. She is particularly known for her perseverance in prayer. **St Augustine’s** feast day is **August 28** known for being one of the most influential Church Fathers and theologians in history.



Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine.

Why does St Monica inspire our faith in God’s omnipotent power?

St Monica’s example of patience and kindness towards her husband and mother-in-law who had violent tempers led to their conversion to Christianity.

Her son, St. Augustine of Hippo, lived a life of immorality, most notably of lust and impurity, before converting to Catholicism. Throughout these years, she endured a tremendous amount of suffering. Augustine rejected her on multiple accounts, but she continued to love, pray and nurture her son throughout his wayward time. She prayed for St Augustine for 17 years before his conversion.

She felt discouraged, but never gave up...St. Monica cried many times over her son’s transgressions, but received affirmation from God on several accounts. On one occasion a local bishop telling her “Go now, I beg you; it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish.”

She knew her purpose in life.. St. Monica wept, prayed and sacrificed for her son for many years. Her greatest desire in life was to see her son’s conversion to Catholicism, and once this happened, she believed her purpose in life had been fulfilled. She said to Augustine just a few days before she came down with a fever that caused her death: “My son, speaking of myself, nothing earthly delights me any longer. I do not know why I am still here or why I should remain here. I have no further earthly desires

St. Monica is a great example of faith and hope. God’s grace is infinite, and he will never abandon us, even if it seems as if he is not present. Let us look to St. Monica’s example of persistence—that God will never abandon us, even in the hardest of times. *(Excerpts from Church POP)*

STAY SAFE
STAY HOME
SAVE LIVES

OUR CHURCH IS CLOSED until further notice

see advice on: www.cam.org.au

CAST ALL YOUR
ANXIETY ON HIM
BECAUSE HE CARES
FOR YOU
1Peter 5:7

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PARISH OFFICE—due to Stage 4 Restrictions, the Parish Office will be unattended.

During this period of increased restrictions and for any urgent matters please contact Viviana on 0402 249 117, otherwise you may either phone or email the Parish Office.

Please leave a message on the Parish Office answering machine on 9357 1422

or email us on admin@stmhadfield.org.au. We will attend to your call/email asap.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support your Parish through thanksgiving and your donations.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

“But how did the other ear get burned?”

On Sunday morning, a man showed up at Church with both his ears terribly blistered, so his priest asked, “WHAT happened to YOU?”

I was lying on the couch watching a football game on TV while my wife was ironing nearby. I was totally engrossed in the game when she went out, leaving the iron near the phone. The phone rang, and keeping my eyes on the TV, I grabbed the hot iron and put it to my ear.”

“How dreadful,” gasped the priest. “But how did the other ear get burned?” “Well, you see, I’d no sooner hung up and the guy called back!”

He just didn’t get it. Lots of people never get it, never understand how life really works, even at the simplest levels. That’s why Jesus is pressing his followers — and us — so insistently in today’s Gospel:

“Do you understand Who I AM,” he asks, “and what My being here means for you?”.

(Msgr. Dennis Clarke)

Excerpts from letter by Deacon Jim Curtain of Caritas Australia regarding Project Compassion 2020....

Dear friends,

The final result for the Project Compassion 2020 campaign is in and I wish to thank everyone in Melbourne who has contributed to an amazing result, considering bushfires, lockdowns, and the well-known difficulties that our schools, parishes and other institutions have had to work under since March.

*The people of Melbourne contributed **\$1.216 million** this year.... To put this year's figure in context, it compares with the \$1.524 million donated in 2019, a very different time when many of us in Australia were in very different personal circumstances. Overall, Project Compassion throughout Australia this year raised \$7.9 million, as compared to \$10.9 million last year....*

May the Lord bless and keep us all safe in time - and again thank you for your generosity to those that Caritas serves.

Jim, Deacon Jim Curtain, Diocesan Director, Caritas Australia

*Our prayers and thoughts are with all those affected by the terrible explosion in Beirut. You may donate to the Caritas Emergency Relief Appeal for Lebanon through I by using the link <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal> or call **1800 024 413**.*

QUOTE OF ST AUGUSTINE

Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special attention to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you.

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 24 Aug	St Bartholomew, Apostle
Tues 25 Aug	St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz
Thur 27 Aug	St Monica
Fri 28 Aug	St Augustine
Sat 29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Joe Asdagi, Maureen Canino, Frank & Maria Pisano, Tecla Alessi



RECENT DEATHS: Donald Richard Terry

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Amber Field (3 yrs)
Umberto Plutino (10 years),
Brian Parsons (42 years), Thomas Azzopardi