



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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of all children and vulnerable adults*

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The Story of THE LOST HANDS...

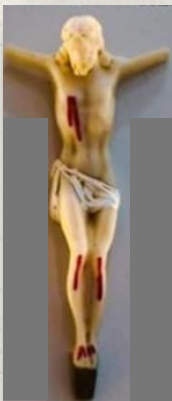
One morning as I knelt and prayed,
I gazed at the statue of Christ in clay,
and Lo! To my dismay,
He's got no arms and hands that sway.
I searched around and searched
from roof to ground
and even beyond His wounded hands
could not be found.
So I turned to Him and asked our Lord
if it's a dream;
Why in His glorious seat He seemed
to be incomplete? Then kindly He replied:

YOU ARE MY HANDS

...heal the wounds of the afflicted
....care for the poor
....give hope to the helpless
....reach out to the weary
....clothe the naked.
By doing this my child...you will

RESTORE MY HANDS

From Fr Raj's collection



Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary September 8

This Feast originated in Jerusalem. In the 7th century, in the Byzantine Rite and at Rome, the Birth of the Blessed Virgin was celebrated this day. Mary is believed to have been born approximately 20 B.C. Her Immaculate Conception — when she was conceived without sin in the womb of her mother Anna — is celebrated nine months earlier, on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. According to this account, Anna and Joachim (Mary's parents) are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

*You are all invited to say a Marian prayer in honour of
Our Blessed Mother on this special day.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Loving dads deserve gratitude and acknowledgement all year round, but on this their "special" day we pray and give thanks for all our wonderful fathers, grand-fathers and special men in our lives who love, care and guide us... *Let us also give thanks for our spiritual fathers who serve the people of our parishes and communities so generously and well.*

Lord, I pray that you will bless my dad, with good health, wisdom and good mood. God, help my dad to live every day with your love and with peace in his heart. Amen.

A MESSAGE TO MY DAD IN HEAVEN....

I love you and I miss you dad,
and though you've passed away,
you'll never be forgotten, for I think of you each day.
If heaven celebrates this day how special it will be.
A gathering of the many dads upon our family tree.
Your father and grandfather and great grandfather too.

How wonderful it is,
if they can spend this day with you.
May you know how much I love you
though I'm here and you are there.

Happy Father's Day in heaven
to the best dad anywhere !

**May you all rest in God's eternal peace and light.
Amen.**

STAY SAFE
STAY HOME
SAVE LIVES

OUR CHURCH IS CLOSED until further notice

see advice on: www.cam.org.au

I find joy in every day,
not because life is
always good,
but because God is.

Visit our website at pol.org.au/hadfield for regular updates

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.

REFLECTION

The common theme of today's readings is God's command concerning our spiritual responsibility and individual accountability for others in our families, parishes and community. This accountability arises from our identity as God's children. As brothers and sisters in Christ, then, we become each other's "keepers," and take on a painful, triple responsibility. We must lovingly and prudently correct each other when we make mistakes, forgive those who offend us, and ask forgiveness from those we have offended.

Marshall Tito and Bishop Sheen....

In a little church in a small village, an altar boy serving the priest at Sunday Mass accidentally dropped the cruet of wine. The village priest struck the altar boy sharply on the cheek and in a gruff voice shouted, "Leave the altar and don't come back." That boy became Tito, the Communist leader.

In the cathedral of a large city in another place, another altar boy serving the bishop at Sunday Mass also accidentally dropped the cruet of wine. With a warm twinkle in his eyes, the bishop gently whispered, "Someday you will be a priest." Do you know who that boy was? Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

How do you deal with others who have caused problems for you? Jesus has the answer in today's Gospel: with straight talk, due process, but most of all, with grace.

From cbc homilies ..(<http://frtonyshomilies.com/>)

Congratulations

and

Happy 90th Birthday to Antonietta Zampaglione



This special lady has been a faithful parishioner at STM for 45 years.

Antonietta is a mother of 6, grandmother to 19 and great grandmother to 17....lives independently at home and still makes the best pizza in town !!

**Abundant blessings and best wishes from Fr Raj
and STM parishioners**



JOKE OF THE WEEK...

One New Year's Eve at London's Garrick Club, British dramatist Frederick Lonsdale was asked by Seymour Hicks to reconcile with a fellow member. The two had quarrelled in the past and never restored their friendship. "You must," Hicks said to Lonsdale. "It is very unkind to be unfriendly at such a time. Go over now and wish him a happy New Year." So Lonsdale crossed the room and spoke to his enemy. "I wish you a happy New Year," he said, "but only one !"

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 6 –12 SEPTEMBER ...invites all

Australians to play their part to promote the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.

Child abuse and neglect is preventable.

If we all work together as a community we can create an Australia where all children can grow safe and well. What role can you play in supporting children and their families?

Currently in our Parish of STM, our Child Safeguarding Committee is working very hard to put into place policies and procedures that will promote and create a safe and nurturing environment for all children and young and vulnerable people. More details to follow...**next Sunday is the Catholic Church's Child Protection Sunday.**



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....



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



RECENT DEATHS: Rosario, Angela Pizzo

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Paul Micallef, Lily Rehm,
Joseph Abdilla, parents & grandparents of Palma Nicolaci,
Vince Cassar