



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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*St Thomas More's is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity
of all children and vulnerable adults*

Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A - 26th & 27th September 2020

REFLECTION

Once upon a time an old man spread rumours that his neighbour was a thief. As a result the young man was arrested. Days later he was proven innocent. After the release he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him.

In the court the old man told the judge " They were just comments, did not harm anyone" . The judge before passing the sentence on the case told the old man .."write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper. Cut it off into little pieces, and on the way home throw the pieces of paper out of your car window. Tomorrow come back to hear the sentence..."

The next day the judge told the old man .."before you receive your sentence, I want you to go out and gather all the pieces of paper that you threw out of your car window yesterday."

The old man said "I can't do that". The wind spread them all over the place and I won't know where I spread them. Then the judge told the old man,..."in the same way, simple words and comments may destroy the honour of the person to such an extent that the person will not be able to fix it."

The message of this story is simple: *If you can't speak well of someone, don't say anything at all. Let us all be masters of our mouths, so that we won't be slaves of our words. Gossips are worst than thieves because they steal the dignity, honour, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore. So remember this, when your feet slips, you can always recover your balance, but when your tongue slips, you can never recover your words.*

From Fr Raj's collection

FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS - FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

'From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their (the angels) watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life. Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united to God. ' - *(from the Catechism of the Catholic Church; 336).*

Angels are celebrated in the church's liturgical year on today's feast because the church desires to celebrate God's mysterious providence in creation. In the words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI from his Angelus address on October 2, 2011, "the Lord is ever close and active in humanity's history and accompanies us with the unique presence of his Angels. [...] From the beginning until the hour of death, human life is surrounded by their constant protection." Angels are yet another manifestation of the ever-provident care of our endlessly generous God who did not set creation in motion and leave it to its own devices, but who seeks, each day, to draw creation back towards the Divine Love from which it came.



Devotion to the angels is, at base, an expression of faith in God's enduring love and providential care extended to each person day in and day out.

*Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits thee here.
Ever this day be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide!*

OUR CHURCH REMAINS CLOSED until further notice see advice on: www.cam.org.au or

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

PARISH OFFICE—due to continued Stage 4 Restrictions, the Parish Office remains unattended.

During this period of increased restrictions and for urgent matters only please contact 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.*



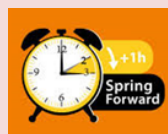
“Sometimes, when I’m in such a state of **spiritual dryness** that I can’t find a single thought in my mind which will bring me close to God, I say an Our Father and a Hail Mary very slowly indeed. How they take me out of myself then; what solid satisfaction they give me then! Much more than if I’d hurried through them a hundred times over.”

St Therese of the Child Jesus—Memorial 1st October



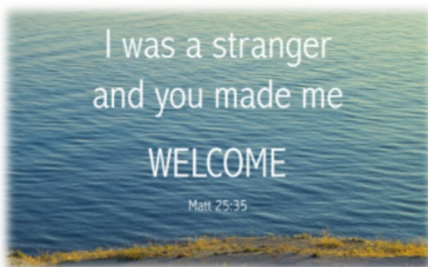
This Sunday at 10.00am, Maria Luff and her husband, John, will be proclaiming the Word on Fr Rob Galea’s live streamed Mass on Youtube.com.

Fr Rob Galea is a young but gifted priest and preacher, founder and director of FRG Ministry, whose passion is to draw others to encounter the love of Jesus Christ.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS NEXT SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER.

REMEMBERING, WORKING and PRAYING FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES - SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER



On this 106th 2020 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, let’s remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in ‘our own backyard’.

Members of Catholic Social Services Vic and parishes across the state are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas. Many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair.

In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people’s immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs. We encourage you to read more at the Catholic Social Services Victoria website.

HOLINESS

IS A CHALLENGE ...

for us all, whatever our specific vocations. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners – and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle.

Know you are a sinner; strive to be a saint.

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 28 Sept	Sts Wenceslaus & Laurence Ruiz & Companions
Tues 29 Sept	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels
Wed 30 Sept	St Jerome
Thur 1 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Fri 2 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....



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

RECENT DEATHS: Joe Asdagi

ANNIVERSARIES: Pasquale & Maria Grosso

