



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A - 3rd & 4th October 2020

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

October 7 is the Liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary



By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7).

Legend tells us that the Rosary as a form of prayer was given to St. Dominic (1170-1221) by Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, who entrusted it to him as an aid in the conflicts with the Albigensians. The Dominican pope, St. Pius V, did much to further the spread of the Rosary and it became one of the most popular devotions in Christendom.

Many popes have contributed to help increase devotion to the Rosary by their writings. John Paul II called the Rosary his favourite prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19) (*Osservatore Romano*, 44; 30 Oct. 1979).

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death and resurrection. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus' Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Mary's remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The Glory Be's remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever. The beauty of the Rosary is that we can pray it anytime and anywhere. There are many ways we can "know" Mary; praying the Rosary is a wonderful way to do so for it connects us to Our Lady and it helps us learn more about her life and the life of Christ.

In this month of October, let us consider this beautiful prayer of the Rosary as a means that we too can grow closer to Jesus and Mary by meditating on the great mysteries of our salvation.

(Excerpts from Rev M R Mauriello & Franciscan Media)

Our Lady of the Rosary, Pray for Us!

*The Rosary is a long chain
that links heaven and earth.
One end of it is in our hands
and the other end is in the hands
of the Holy Virgin -
St. Therese of Lisieux*



*We cannot gather together as a parish community
to recite the rosary, but to honour Our Lady, we
would like to invite anyone who is able, to
"join together in spirit" to recite the rosary on
Wednesday 7th October
(Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary) at 7.00pm*

As part of the proposed Roadmaps for the reopening of the Metropolitan Melbourne, the Government recently announced (27 September) that religious gatherings can only take place outdoors with five people plus a faith leader. **OUR CHURCH THEREFORE REMAINS CLOSED FOR WORSHIP OR MASS**

See updated advice on: www.cam.org.au for full details

or visit our website at pol.org.au/hadfield

PARISH OFFICE—remains unattended due to Stage 4 restrictions. 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.

SPRING AHEAD THIS SUNDAY!

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT



"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

Celebrating the Extraordinary Month of Mission.... October is recognised in the Catholic Church as World Mission Month, a time when Catholics all over the world join to support and celebrate global missionary work. **Catholic Mission**, as the Australian arm of the Pontifical Mission Societies, plays a vital role. **World Mission Sunday will be on 18 October .**

'What Catholic Mission and the international network of Pontifical Mission Societies can do, is to help some of the most vulnerable people in the world', says Catholic Mission Victorian Director, Kevin Meese. 'This year we focus on the essential work of priests, religious and lay missionaries in Cambodia, supporting people with disability and their families.' World Mission Month in October provides an impetus for the work of mission, for our supporters, parishioners, teachers, students and parents. It promotes the awareness of the rights of people with a disability and empowering those in need.'

This Extraordinary Missionary Month offers us an opportunity to renew our efforts to grow in discipleship with the Lord. So let us accept this gracious invitation for the month of October. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus and renew our personal relationship with him. Let us draw upon our ancestors in faith and join our footsteps with theirs as we go out to all the world to proclaim the Good News: 'Throughout the world, let us be "permanently in a state of mission" (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, §25).

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention for October...Evangelisation: The Laity's Mission in the Church.

All are invited to join Pope Francis' worldwide prayer network throughout October in praying *"that by virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church"*.

Christmas is coming so we are stocking up our Piety Stall....

Please note Theresa has ordered Christmas cards, small gifts and Columban calendars. These should be arriving in the next couple of weeks. For any queries please ring Theresa on 0407 043 123 otherwise we will advise when these items have arrived and organise a "click and collect" system.



FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Tues 6 Oct	St Bruno
Wed 7 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
Fri 9 Oct	St Denis & Companions, St John Leonardi

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER....

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Umberto Carinci (15 yrs), Romeo Carinci

