



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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## OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

*With the Rosary, we allow ourselves to be guided by Mary, model of faith, in meditating on the mysteries of Christ, and day after day we are helped to assimilate the Gospel, so that it shapes all our lives.*  
Pope Benedict XVI



*There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.*  
Sister Lucia of Fatima

### REFLECTION



Today's Scripture readings offer us a standing invitation to the everlasting joy of the *Heavenly Banquet* and a loving warning to stay ready always for this *Heavenly banquet* by constantly wearing the *wedding garment*, i.e., remaining in a state of grace by avoiding sins and by doing good.

"Wearing the wedding garment" means living out the Gospel message. We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time, do good for everyone, and appreciate and receive God's graces in the Church. In other words, the "wedding garment" in the parable refers to true discipleship rather than uncommitted membership.

*Let us pray also this week that that from the many called to holiness in Christ, those chosen to follow Him more closely in the priesthood and consecrated life will respond with humble readiness. Amen*

### JOKE OF THE WEEK... LATE HAVE I COME FOR THE HEAVENLY BANQUET !

An old couple, having been married almost 60 years, died in a car crash. They had been in good health for the previous ten years mainly due to the wife's interest in health, food, and exercise. When they reached the pearly gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion which was decked out with a beautiful kitchen and master bath suite, Jacuzzi and lavish buffet breakfast.

"How much can we eat?" asked the old man. "Don't you understand?" Peter replied. "This is Heaven, it's all free!" After a sumptuous breakfast the old couple went to the clubhouse of Heaven's extensive golf grounds and saw the lavish buffet lunch. "Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol tables?" the old man asked timidly.

Peter replied, "That's the best part...you can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven." The old man looked at his wife angrily and said, "This is all your fault. If it weren't for your bran muffins and sugar-free diet, I could have been here ten years ago!"  
*(From Fr Raj's collection)*



**Our warmest best wishes to Fr Raj who will be celebrating his birthday on 15<sup>th</sup> October !**  
 We pray that God will protect him and shine His glorious light on his path. May God's love and blessing be upon him and may He give him continued grace, peace and wisdom as he ministers to his flock.  
 With thanks and heartfelt prayers from all STM parishioners

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**Christmas Piggy Stock has arrived.** Theresa is busy preparing everything, and you can ring her on 0407 043 123 if you wish to place an order for anything in particular. More details to follow next week.



One by one each year flew by, since you both said "I do". 60 years of memories, shared by the two of you. From big events and holidays, to simple daily pleasures, some tearful times along life's way, some joys that can't be measured. One by one each year now gone, but still they're yours forever, each and every memory, of sixty years together!

*Happy Diamond Anniversary Bill & Margaret and all of God's blessings of health, serenity and many more happy years together. Fr Raj and all your friends at STM Fr Raj and all your friends at St Thomas More's !*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

*"..if the music of the Gospel ceases to resonate in our very being, we will lose the joy born of compassion, the tender love born of trust, the capacity for reconciliation that has its source in our knowledge that we have been forgiven and sent forth. If the music of the Gospel ceases to sound in our homes, our public squares, our workplaces, our political and financial life, then we will no longer hear the strains that challenge us to defend the dignity of every man and woman". [FT 277]*

On this Feast of St Francis of Assisi, passionate and poetic missionary of the Gospel, I share with you the Holy Father's awaited Encyclical, "*Fratelli Tutti – on Fraternity and Social Friendship*", which extends the guiding paths laid down by *Evangelii Gaudium* and *Laudato Si'* : [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#)

I urge you to read it, and to then return to it with time and space to draw more deeply into the riches within. Over coming weeks our Proclaim Mission Team and the Communications Team will be looking to ways that this latest signpost might be explored.

Situated as we are in the latter stages of this Pandemic, it offers much that we might embrace as we determine who we are as people of God in Melbourne, and how we might emerge from this time of exile to go on mission into the world with the beating heart of Jesus.

The Holy Father speaks to us as 'fellow travelers...children of the same earth... brothers and sisters all.' Our own Saint Mary of the Cross also spoke to our shared pilgrimage as being 'but travelers here..'. We are not on this path alone, but together as humanity, accompanied by the One who through His great sacrifice, calls us to live always with love, mercy and compassion for all."

St Francis of Assisi, Pray for Us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Pray for Us.

Yours in peace and fraternity +Peter

*Letter from the Archbishop of Melbourne dated 4 October 2020 on the Pope's Release of Fratelli Tutti - on Fraternity and Social Friendship*



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**FEASTS DURING THE WEEK**

Wed 14 Oct	St Callistus I
Thurs 15 Oct	St Theresa of Jesus
Fri 16 Oct	St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Sat 17 Oct	St Ignatius of Antioch



**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

**RECENT DEATHS:** Charlie Vella

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joseph, Lucy & Bernice Mifsud. Angelo, Rose & Sam Caruana. Emilio, Teressa & Mario Borgueno.