



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

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St Thomas More Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Our Child Safe Standards policies and information can be viewed on our website



February ..Month of the Holy Family

2nd Sunday in Lent Year B- 28th February 2021

MASSES

MON: Church closed
 TUES: 9.30am Mass
 WED: 9.30am Mass
 THURS: 9.30am Mass
 FRI: 9.30am Mass
 SAT: 5.00pm (Vigil)
 SUNDAY: 9.00am Italian Mass
 10.30am English Mass

Commencing Friday 19 February and for every Friday during Lent, there will be **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** after the morning Mass.

OUR SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Before & after weekday and weekend Masses.
BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month
WEDDINGS: Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance
ANOINTING OF THE SICK: As requested

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

OUR LADY'S PRAYER GROUP:
Rosary after morning weekday Masses
NOVENA TO OUR LADY:
Monday 6pm in the Church
ITALIAN CHARISMATIC GROUP:
Monday 10.00am to 12 noon in the Parish Convent—restarts Monday 15 February 2021

In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, pains and suffering, the thought of our future transformation in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words: *"This is my beloved son."*



Let us offer our Lenten sacrifices to our Lord so that, through these practices of Lent and through the acceptance of our daily crosses, we may grow closer to him in his suffering, may share in the carrying of his cross and finally may share the glory of his second "transfiguration," namely, his Resurrection.

Pope Francis Message for Lent 2021

In his message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis says that Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing him to "make his dwelling" among us (cf. Jn 14:23). The Holy Father reminds the faithful that the Lenten practices of fasting, almsgiving and prayer make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity, thereby sharing in Jesus' mission of the salvation of the world. 'The call to experience Lent as a journey of conversion, prayer and sharing of our goods, helps us – as communities and as individuals – to revive the faith that comes from the living Christ, the hope inspired by the breath of the Holy Spirit and the love flowing from the merciful heart of the Father.'

Pope Francis also explains that the sacrament of reconciliation plays a pivotal role in our ability to 'spread forgiveness to others' having received it ourselves. This, he says, enables us to enter dialogue with others and to comfort those in pain and sorrow: 'God's forgiveness, offered also through our words and actions, enables us to experience an Easter of fraternity.'

If you are looking for suggestions for a fast this Lent, why not consider some of these suggestions inspired by Pope Francis...

Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and trust in God
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen



March is dedicated to St Joseph

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of March to St. Joseph and urges us to pay special attention to his life and example. In the 20th century, several popes had a deep devotion to St. Joseph.

St Joseph had a profound faith life. He would attend daily mass and would be seen in deep prayer. His internal life would be far beyond anything we can imagine, having constant conversations with God in his heart.

Joseph's trust in God would give him strength through the toughest situations and temptations. Pope Pius IX proclaimed **Saint Joseph** the patron of the Universal Church in 1870. Having died in the "arms of Jesus and Mary" according to Catholic tradition, he is considered the model of the pious believer who receives grace at the moment of death, in other words, the patron of a happy death.

"Knowing by experience St. Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honour him with particular devotion. I have always seen those who honoured him in a special manner make progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favours in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him." St Teresa of Avila

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE MARCH CALENDAR AT STM

Every Friday during Lent after Morning Mass Stations of the Cross

Reconciliation During this time, reconciliation will be available **before** and **after** all weekday and weekend Masses

Monday 1 March 11.30am Funeral Mass for + Raphael Sacco

Thurs 4 March 10.45am Rosary & Funeral Mass for + Michael Wright

7.00pm to 8.00pm in the Church -
Talk on 33-day consecration to St Joseph

Friday 19 Mar Masses at 9.30am and 7.30pm
St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 26 Mar 9.00am Morning Mass
10.00am First Reconciliation for Grade 3 children

Sat 27 Mar 11.00am Memorial Mass for + Marion Alexander

2pm Mass for the 60th Anniversary of the
Servant of God, Angela Iacobellis (1948-1961).

Palm Sunday of Passion of the Lord

Sat 27 Mar 5pm Vigil Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession

Sun 28 Mar 9am Italian with Blessing of Palms & Procession
10.30am English Mass with Blessing & Procession

We pray for



Elise Rose Caruana

who will be baptised this Sunday. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers, and with

Your unfailing protection, watch over and cherish this child, whom You have blessed with the grace of baptism.

PROJECT COMPASSION

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving".

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes available to take home, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/rojectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413. Thank you.



Mass for the 60th Anniversary of the
Servant of God,
Angela Iacobellis

Saturday 27th March at
2.00pm at STM

to be celebrated by Fr Fragapane.
Mass will be followed by refreshments.

All welcome.

Santa Messa per il 60esimo anniversario della Serva di Dio, Angela Iacobellis sabato 27 marzo alle 2.00pm celebrata da Padre Fragapane.

Ci sara un rinfresco dopo la Messa.

Tutti benvenuti.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Bianca Baseggio, John Bignall, Rosilea D'Oliveira, Goretty Soares, Maria & Nelson Joaquim, Lidia & Joaquim Quaresma, Paul Michael Lynam

RECENTLY DECEASED: Raphael Sacco, Michael Wright, Christine Laux

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Raffaele Alicandro, Tony Camilleri, Bill Johnson (60 yrs), Ronnie & Mary Nation, Michael Anthony Lynam, Victor Baramau Da Costa, Ann & Jack Rafferty

