



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 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: 10.00am Mass

One Mass only on Sunday during this Covid period. Mass times will be assessed on a weekly basis and may change if needed.

Please note there is no need to register for Mass however once our permissible quota has been reached, the Church doors will close.

Masks must be worn inside the Church and you will need to sanitise your hands and give your contact details and follow all safety precautions as per DHHS guidelines.

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The main theme of today's Scripture readings is Divine vocation – that everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings.

## THE LITURGICAL YEAR OF THE CHURCH

Just as a typical calendar has four seasons, 12 months, 52 weeks, and 365 days that include holidays, solemn days, commemorative days, and days that are just "average," the Liturgical Year Calendar of the Church uses similar terms and measurements. The Liturgical Year is marked by special seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, The Paschal Triduum or Three Days, Easter, and Ordinary Time

The purpose of the Liturgical Year Calendar is not to mark the passage of time, but to celebrate and understand more fully the entire mystery of Jesus Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of his return in glory. During the course of a year, the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, is viewed from different angles, in different lights. The Liturgical Year Calendar communicates what readings the Church has designated to be used for each day. It articulates the special feasts and commemorations celebrated during each season. It communicates the colour of the vestments to be worn by the priest during each celebration of the liturgy.

The Liturgical Cycle covers a three-year period in which Year A focuses predominantly on Matthew's Gospel, Year B on Mark's Gospel and Year C on Luke's Gospel. John's Gospel is interspersed throughout the years, particularly during Easter. It is the arrangement of the Scriptures for the Sundays and weekdays of the seasons and of ordinary time.

## WE ARE BACK IN ORDINARY TIME...

Ordinary Time (Green) During the season between Christmas and Lent, the readings focus on Jesus' early ministry of teaching, and healing, and the gathering of disciples. Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday) celebrations often mark the end of this season. Ordinary Time resumes later in the year.

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time are days of growth and harvest -- days of hope and time to mature in one's faith. Green is the colour of on-going life in nature: the renewal of spring grass, flowers and trees. Green signifies hope and growth. The green weeks, 1 to 34, provide time to be refreshed with the Sunday Scriptures, sequentially following the life and works of Jesus in his public ministry. The longest liturgical season is that of the weeks following Easter.

## Prayer for Ordinary Time

God of Eternity, as I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present -

- in the comings and goings of family, friends, co-workers and acquaintances:
- in the sounds of summer and the beauty of your magnificent creation:
- in the daily routines and responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days.

Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your present. Amen.



## THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2021

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website. (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network will also publish any urgent prayer intentions of the Holy Father as soon as they are received from the Holy See.)

### Pope's Intention for January .....Human fraternity:

*May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all*

### A LAMB ON THE ROOF....

In the city of Werden, Germany, there stands a Catholic Church with a lamb carved out of stone and placed on its roof. It was said that when the Church was being built, a stone-carving mason fell from a high scaffold. His co-workers rushed down, expecting to find him dead. But to their surprise and joy, he was alive and only slightly injured. How did he survive?

A flock of sheep was passing beneath the tower at that time, and he landed on top of a lamb. The lamb broke his fall and was crushed to death, but the man was saved. To commemorate that miraculous escape, he carved a lamb in stone and placed it on the tower, in gratitude for the lamb that saved his life.

Today we are here at this Liturgy to remember and salute another Lamb Who died a cruel death to save not just one man, but all mankind. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist introduces Jesus as the "Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world." Peter said that the full weight of our sins fell upon Jesus (1 Pet. 2:24). And the apostle Paul explained, "For our sake [God] made [His Son Incarnate] to be sin who did not know sin so that we might become the righteousness of God in [Jesus]" (2 Cor. 5:21). We all have fallen in sin, but on the cross Jesus took the punishment for our sin upon Himself. He now offers eternal life to all who personally put their Faith in Him (Jn. 3:1-16). (Msgr. Arthur Tonne—frtonyshomilies.com).



### JOKE OF THE WEEK.....

A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in Church on vocation to priesthood and religious life. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go home?"

### JANUARY MASS TIMES

#### Four weekday Masses:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays at 9.30am

#### Two weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 5 pm & Sunday at 10.00 am

Pre-registration for Mass is no longer required however once our full quota has been reached, the Church doors will close.

*Due to COVID safety protocols, numbers are limited. Social distancing (2 metres) must be maintained and face masks are compulsory inside the church. General COVID 19 safety and hygiene guidelines will be strictly adhered to.*

*If you are awaiting Covid test results or you are feeling unwell, please do not come to Church.*

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER..... THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Tecla Alessi, Alex (6 yr), Anna Nicolazzo, Jessie Formosa, Bernadette & Robert Micallef, Lisa Clemente, Bill Johnson, Robert & Carmen Tabone, Lorena di Giandomenico, Sheree Goodear, Maureen Canino, Lidia & Joaquim Quaresma, Lourdes Joaquim

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joana Barreto, Elda Lai, Josephine Sigston, Jose Barbosa, Rosalia Soares, Palmira Soares

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Salvatore Perronin (12 yrs), Stefan Maj (25 yrs), Famiglie Setaro, Coiro, Pagano & Franco.