



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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## MASSES

**MON:** 9.15am Communion Service  
**TUES-FRI :** 9.15am  
**SAT:** 9.15am, 5.00pm (Vigil)  
**SUNDAY:** 9.00am (Italian/English Mass)  
 10.30am (Children's Liturgy)

**MALTESE MASS:** 4th Saturday of the month at 6.00pm

**EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION:** 1st Friday of every month 8.45-9.15am

## OUR SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** 9.45am Sat or by appointment

**BAPTISMS:** 2nd Sunday of the month

**WEDDINGS:** Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** As requested

## 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 in the Parish Convent

**CUPPA & CHAT:** 1st Weekend of every month after every Mass

**STM CRAFT CLUB:** Meets 1st Monday of every month from 9.45am to 12 noon

## PARISH CONTACTS

**PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL:** Mrs Marcy De Nardis, Principal  
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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:** Contact 1800 305 330

**CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:** 0416 027 413

**PIETY STALL:** For special requests or enquiries ring Theresa on 0407 043 123

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Yr A (Divine Mercy Sunday) - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020



Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. It is based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska, which recommended a particular devotion to the Divine Mercy.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** focuses on the gift of **mercy** and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "**Divine Mercy** reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

St. Faustina was born in 1905. Through her and her diary, Jesus communicates to the world the message of His Mercy. Not only have we been blessed with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Divine Mercy Novena, but St Faustina's diary provides inspiring quotes and reflections/meditations to help, guide and comfort us in our everyday life.

*"When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyse it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: "You can do all things." And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him."*

(1033, page 392)

### REFLECTION 57: A FIRE WITHIN YOUR SOUL

When people see you, what do they sense? Certainly our perceptions of people can be wrong at times, but when God is alive in an abundant way, those who have eyes to see will see. Those who are hungry for God will perceive His presence in your life and be fed by Him through you. Reflect upon how radiant your interior life is. And reflect upon whether or not that burning flame within is shining forth for others to see. And if it is not burning brightly and intensely, today is a good day to kindle that fire within.

*Lord, I invite You to come live in my soul. I invite You to fan into flame the spark of faith that I have. May Your love and Mercy become a blazing fire in me so that I may be consumed by You and so that others may sense Your love through me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

(See Diary #172).

## EASTER AT HOME... The Light in the Darkness

Last week we all celebrated our Easter as best we could, albeit this year not being able to attend Church together as a Parish community or being surrounded by family and friends. However we were still able to participate in so many Easter Liturgies and Masses through our televisions, computers and even radios. Last week Fr Raj invited us to light a candle at 6pm on Easter Vigil Saturday so we could all unite in spirit and prayer.

Here are some photos kindly sent by Kevin and Annette Phelan, as they celebrated their Easter "together with all the parish".



*The light shines  
in the darkness,  
and the darkness  
has not overcome it.*

John 1:5



*"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbour, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. A simple "hello" and a smile goes a long way.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Gorety Soares, Lou Formosa, Lisa Hogan, Christine Harris, Vincenzo & Giorgio Pilla, Imelda Sinclair, Christine Harris

**RECENT DEATHS:** John Vandenberg

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Darren Phelan, Cathy Collins and Elizabeth Smith, Stefan Gigliotti, Gloria Resubel, Joseph, Lucy & Bernice Mifsud, Angelo, Rose & Sam Caruana



### THANKSGIVING and DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH.....AND PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to so many of our parishioners for their generosity as they continue to drop off their thanksgiving envelopes. During the school term, the Church gate will be left open during school hours. You may therefore drop off your donations into the Presbytery letterbox, or you may wish to drop them into the Church letterbox (next to the park). Parish bulletins will be available to be picked up in the box (just above the letter box).

If anyone is able or wanting to contribute by EFT, then please note our banking details: **St Thomas More Parish BSB: 083 347 Account: 18028 8725**. Please put your surname as reference and email the Parish Office to inform us of your donation. However we understand that the impact of this current health pandemic has surely impacted many of you and your needs and care for your family are your first priority, however if you are able to help the Church, any donation, whether big or small is greatly appreciated and needed.

For **PROJECT COMPASSION** donations, if donating by cheque you may send this in directly to **Caritas Australia, Melbourne Office, PO Box 146, East Melbourne Vic 8002**. If donating by credit card, please visit <https://lent.caritas.org.au/#blank>. If donating by cash, you may drop off your envelopes or boxes in the Presbytery letterbox OR deposit at a Commonwealth Bank branch as follows: **BSB: 062 438, Account number 1000 4640, Account Name: PC-METSYD**.

If you have any further queries, please contact the Parish Office on 9357 1422 and leave a message if office unattended.