



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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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*



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MASS TIMES

Mon: Church closed
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Comm Service
Thur: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Comm Service
Sat: **4.30pm Mass**
Sun: 9.00am Mass

Following recent easing of restrictions,
**masks are no longer compulsory for
indoors but are still encouraged!**
You must continue to register by QR
or manually and follow all safety
guidelines. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm - 4.50pm

BAPTISM

1st Sunday of the month at 10am at Corpus Christi
2nd Saturday of the month at 10am at STM
For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As requested

WEDDING

Contact Parish Office at least six months
in advance.

ADVENT SEASON

Each advent candle has some special meaning behind it and presents an opportunity to think about the Christmas season in a new way. Peace is a central theme of the advent season but the main focus of the second week of Advent. One of the prophecies about Jesus calls him "the Prince of Peace" ([Isaiah 9:6-7](#)). This candle reminds us that the angels declared "peace on earth" at the birth of Jesus. Jesus offers us inner peace and peace with others. We can know and experience peace today only through the life of Jesus Christ.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER

Mass at Corpus Christi at 9.00am
Mass at St Thomas More at 6.00pm

Every mother wants her children to inherit or acquire all her good qualities. Hence, our Immaculate and holy Heavenly Mother wants us to be holy and pure children. Let us honour her by practicing her virtues of Faith and obedience. Let us respond to God's grace by using it to do good to others. *If you cannot attend Mass please recite a rosary or Marian prayer in honour of our Blessed Mother.*

2nd Week of Advent—Year C - 5 December 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Baruch

5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

1:3-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts so that we may receive Jesus as our saving God on Christmas. We should also be prepared for Christ's daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in everyone we encounter, and in the praying community. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Jesus as our Judge on His *Second Coming*, at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY FOR MASS -GATES CLOSE 5 MINUTES BEFORE START OF MASS

A very big thank you to everyone for your understanding and cooperation in following the COVIDSafe settings put in place as directed by the Victorian Government. Please continue to register attendance by QR, wear masks (if possible), keep safe distance and sanitise hands before entering.



Thank you to everyone who supported our “Father’s Day Collection” last weekend for our retired and sick priests. **We raised \$ 602.95** . Wonderful effort!



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Donations of money only please...

We urgently need your support to help needy people to celebrate Christmas. Thank you to those who have already returned their donations; but we require much more money if we are to provide the poor in our area with the basics they need for Christmas.

As explained last week, due to the COVID19 restrictions with handling good, **our appeal is limited to donations of money only**—there are Appeal envelopes in the church for your response. Alternatively you can also just put your donation in a plain envelope and address it to “**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**”. **All donations need to be returned by next weekend (11/12 December)** so that we can put together our parcels and deliver them to families in the following week (13-17 December) in plenty of time for them to purchase whatever they require. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Bishop Sheen on The Immaculate Conception:

“Just suppose that you could have pre-existed your own mother, in much the same way that an artist pre-exists his painting. Furthermore, suppose that you had the infinite power to make your mother anything that you pleased, just as a great artist like Raphael has the power of realizing his artistic ideas. Suppose you had this double power, what kind of mother would you have made for yourself? Would you not have made her, so far as human beauty goes, the most beautiful woman in the world; and so far as beauty of the soul goes, one who would radiate every virtue, every manner of kindness and charity and loveliness; one who by the purity of her life and her mind and her heart would be an inspiration not only to you but even to your fellow men, so that all would look up to her as the very incarnation of what is best in motherhood? Do you think that our Blessed Lord, who not only pre-existed His own mother but Who had an infinite power to make her just what He chose, would in virtue of all the infinite delicacy of His spirit make her any less pure and loving and beautiful than you would have made your own mother?”

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Donato di Nardo (Funeral Mon 6 Dec at 10.30am)
Vito di Girolamo (Funeral Tues 7 Dec at 10.30am)



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Domenico Alfonsi, Vince Cassar, David Meilak, Mary Georgelin, Armando Pironti, Gino Bonacci, Francesco & Angelina De Fazio, De Fazio family, Bonacci family, Pironti & Cerra families, Salvatore & Concetta Gervasi, Vincenzo Cannata, Anthony Minutoli, Antonio Liberatore, Emmanuel & Andrew Mallia