



## ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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### ALL SAINTS DAY - MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER

**MASS at STM at 9.00am and CORPUS CHRISTI at 6.30pm**

Today we honour those holy men and women who have gone before us in faith and have done so in a glorious way. As we honour these great champions of faith, let's reflect upon who they are and what role they continue to play in the life of the Church. The saints are our role models. They teach us by their lives that Christ's holy life of love, mercy, and unconditional forgiveness can be lived, with God's grace, by ordinary people from all walks of life and at all times.



**We can take the short cuts practiced by three Teresas:**

- 1) **St. Teresa of Avila:** Recharge your spiritual batteries every day by prayer, namely, listening to God and talking to Him
- 2) **St. Therese of Lisieux:** Convert every action into prayer by offering it to God for His glory and for the salvation of souls and by doing God's will to the best of one's ability.
- 3) **St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa):** Do ordinary things with great love.

### ALL SOULS DAY - TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

**MASS at STM at 9.00am and CORPUS CHRISTI at 6.30pm**



All Souls' Day is a day specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones who have gone for their eternal reward and who are currently in a state of ongoing purification.

**How do we help the "holy souls"?** The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC #1032) recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

It also encourages "*almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.*" Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered for them, visit their graves, and make daily sacrifices for them.

# 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time –31st October 2021

## First Reading

*A reading from book of Deuteronomy*

6: 2-6

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.’ *The Word of the Lord.*

## Responsorial Psalm

**R:** *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised to the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

## Second Reading

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

7: 23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up

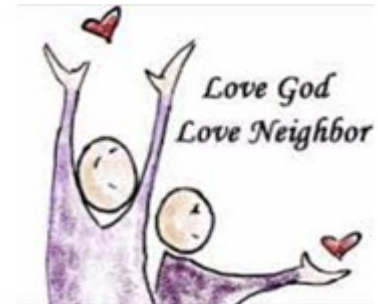
above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

*The word of the Lord*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them. *Alleluia!*



### **Gospel**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*

12:28-34

One of the scribes now came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied. ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

The central message of today’s readings is the most fundamental principle of all religions, especially Christianity. **It is to love God in Himself and living in others.** Scripture readings for today remind us that we are created to love God by loving others and to love others as an expression of our love for God.

Our religious practices like prayers, Bible reading, Sacraments, acts of penance, and self-control are meant to help us to acknowledge and appreciate the presence of God in our neighbours and to express our love for God by serving our neighbours with love, sharing our blessings with them.

**PLS TAKE NOTE OF MASS TIMES NEXT WEEK  
(Fully Vaccinated Masses - No booking required)**

**PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY.  
DOORS CLOSE FIVE MINUTES BEFORE MASS**

Mon 1 Nov: 9.00am Mass for All Saints Day  
Tues 2 Nov: 9.00am Mass for All Souls Day  
Wed 3 Nov: Communion Service  
Thur 4 Nov: 9.00am Mass  
Fri 5 Nov: Communion Service  
Sat 6 Nov: 5.00pm Mass  
Sun 7 Nov: 9.00am Mass  
Sun 7 Nov: 11.30am Mass for "Unknown  
Vaccination Status" (**Bookings  
essential. Email hadfield@cam.org.au**)



Our heartfelt  
thanks again to  
Bill & Gerard  
Whittle and

Tot John for continuing to care  
for the Church grounds and this  
week especially to get them  
ready for the opening of the  
Church!



A big thank you from  
Pat John for all your  
love and prayers  
during her recent stay  
in hospital. Pat is back  
home now and can't wait to get  
back to Church.



**IMPORTANT — PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

ALL parishioners must provide proof of vaccination to our volunteers,  
before entering the Church either in digital or paper form.

Please note that ALL safety and hygiene regulations will be strictly  
adhered to which include the compulsory wearing of masks, sanitising hands and  
keeping a 2.0 m distance between others at all times.

It is very important that everyone follows the government regulations and that we  
remain patient, cooperative and support each other. THANK YOU !

**NOVEMBER is the month dedicated to the HOLY SOULS**

The month of November is traditionally a time in which we remember those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality. ***We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day.***

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER -  
For People who Suffer from Depression**

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Francine Plevier (Funeral Fri 5 Nov at 10.30am)

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Palmina Tarquini (1 month), Baby Noah Galizia (1 year)

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them Amen.*

