



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

69 North Street, Hadfield 3046

*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: 5.00pm Mass
Sun: 9.00am Mass
(For fully vaccinated. Please provide proof of vaccination before entering.)

PLEASE NOTE NEW WEEKEND MASS
TIME COMMENCING SAT 27 NOV
Saturday Vigil Mass at 4.30pm

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.

Proposed new legislation, the Equal Opportunity (*Religious Exceptions*) Amendment Bill 2021

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has written to all members of the Catholic community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne expressing grave concerns about the State Government's proposed new legislation, the *Equal Opportunity (Religious Exceptions) Amendment Bill 2021*.

In the letter, the Archbishop explains that the proposed changes will significantly impact all faith-based organisations in Victoria who will no longer be able to employ staff who hold the same religious beliefs and values unless they can prove that it is an "inherent requirement" of the job. 'The Victorian Government is depicting this Bill as merely a protection against discrimination in religious settings,' the Archbishop said. 'Sadly, however, this is a seriously far-reaching law that will limit faith-based organisations from managing employment matters according to their faith, conscience and values.'

Copies of the Archbishop's letter (including suggestions of how to raise any concerns you may have of this important issue) are available at the side and front entrances, or on our website at pol.org.au/hadfield

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 November 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Daniel

12:1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: *Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of to the Hebrews

10:11-14.18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of

that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 3:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Today’s readings give us the assurance that our God will be with us all the days of our lives and that we will have the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, guiding, protecting, and strengthening us in spite of our necessary uncertainty concerning the end time when “*Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.*” We need to “learn the lesson from the fig tree.” This means that we are to watch and wait in a state of readiness. Instead of worrying about the *end time* events, we are asked to live every day of our lives loving God living in others, by our committed service to them with sacrificial *agape* love.

NEW WEEKEND MASS TIMES

COMMENCE: Saturday 27th November 2021

ST THOMAS MORE, HADFIELD
Saturday (Vigil): 4.30pm
Sunday: 9.00am

CORPUS CHRISTI, GLENROY
Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.30am

IMPORTANT — PLEASE TAKE NOTE

ALL parishioners must provide proof of vaccination to our volunteers before entering the Church either in digital or paper form. You MUST also register on arrival by either QR code or manually (if you do not have a smartphone). **Church gates will close FIVE minutes BEFORE start of Mass. Therefore please ensure you ARRIVE EARLY for Mass.** 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!**



“ Perhaps ”

Perhaps, if we could see the splendour of the land to which our loved ones are called from you and me, we'd understand.

Perhaps, if we could hear the welcome they receive from old familiar voices all so dear, we would not grieve.

Perhaps, if we could know the reasons why they went, we'd smile and wipe away the tears that flow: we'd wait content.

Anonymous Author

IMPORTANT DATES...

Thurs 18 Nov 6pm **First Holy Communions**
Sat/Sun 21 Nov **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Thurs 25 Nov 6pm **Confirmations**
Sat/Sun 28 Nov **1st Week of Advent—Year C starts**
New Mass times start Sat 27 Nov
Wed 8 Dec **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Mass at Corpus Christi at 9am and at STM at 6.00pm



Columban Calendars will be arriving towards the end of November and will be available for purchase at \$10 each. If you would like to purchase Christmas cards, please contact Viviana in the Office on 9357 1422. Cards available for \$3 for an 8-card pack.

MASS INTENTIONS

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen O'Hanlon (Funeral Tues 16 Nov at 10.15am), Antonio Vodola, Frank Camilleri (Funeral Wed 17 Nov at 10.30am), Jessie Bugeja, Emmanuel Bugeja,



Eternal Father, I offer You the most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for all sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.