



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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 24th January 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.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's call to discipleship, with the response of repentance, conversion, and renewal of life expected from each of us, is the main theme of today's readings.

No matter to what life, work, or ministry God calls us, He first calls us to conversion, to reform, to repentance – to the process of continually becoming new people.

Those who are constantly being reformed by the Spirit will be able to follow, as true disciples, wherever God leads.

All three readings today underline the absolute necessity of such repentance and ready response to God's call.

THE MOSAIC

Take a moment and imagine a mosaic. There are beautiful ones in the Roman basilicas....Also in the Near East there are many; I remember some in the Basilica of Our Saviour in Istanbul. What splendour: dazzling centuries-old gold, magnificent sky-blue backgrounds, landscapes...and those royal thrones upon which Jesus is seated! What art, what beauty and majesty!



Mosaics, as we know, are made of many small tiles or stones. The Church too can be compared to mosaic, and in it each one of us can be considered a tile. But the tiles of this mosaic are not inanimate. In the mosaic that is the Church, each one of us is a *living* tile. We understand where we fit in and are aware of our specific role in relation to everyone else and to the whole. While we know that each of us has value only as part of the whole, we are also aware that if one of us is missing the mosaic is incomplete.

Not all the tiles of this mosaic are the same, of course. One of us, so to speak, might be a green tile, another a blue one, still another a golden or white one, and so on. That is, we all have a specific task to be carried out right where we are, an individual mission to remain faithful to. Thus, as tile in the Church's mosaic, we must remain in the place assigned to us.

Carrying out our specific duty, we give of ourselves, and this is also the best way to find true communion with our neighbours. We love them and, since they too live for others, they love us in return. Just like in a living body, this reciprocal giving and receiving increases the unity in the splendid mosaic that is the Church.....

So let us remember that we are living tiles of the Church, all linked to one another, and each one participating in the whole. If a particular tile is missing, everyone lacks something, and all suffer the consequences. So we all need to accomplish our task faithfully, which means doing God's will moment by moment.

(Excerpts from Chiara Lubich, Heaven on Earth, Meditations and Reflections)

“ At the heart of who we are is not all the buildings but the person of Jesus Christ, who enters into our lives and who we then share with others”

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

FAREWELL FR RAJ...

It is with sadness that we advise our STM parishioners that Fr Raj will be returning to India asap. This has come both suddenly and as a shock, but due to the deteriorating health of his dear mother, he has been granted permission to return home urgently to be with his mother and family at this difficult time.

Unfortunately this means we will not be able to organise a proper farewell for Fr Raj to be able to show him our thanks and affection. However we ask that you keep Fr Raj, his mother and family in your prayers and we hope Fr has a safe and speedy return home to be able to be at his mother's bedside.

You may wish to bid Fr Raj farewell this weekend as arrangements are being made for him to leave this coming week.

On Australia Day 26th January let's reflect, respect and celebrate...



We **reflect** on our nation's past—a history which began more than 65,000 years ago with the First Australians—the world's oldest culture. We reflect on the resilience of communities and the spirit of helping, giving and supporting each another.

It is also a day on which we **respect** and share the stories, histories and contributions of everyday Australians, past and present, because we're all part of the story of Australia.

We **celebrate** our multicultural nation, its achievements and most of all its people and appreciate the freedoms and opportunities that we are able to enjoy.

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 due to COVID safety protocols, numbers are limited and once our full quota has been reached, the Church doors will close.

WE ASK THAT PARISHIONERS ARRIVE EARLY FOR MASS in order to register in time for the start of Mass, and also to avoid congregating outside the entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

Social distancing (2 metres) must be maintained and face masks are no longer compulsory inside the church however we strongly recommend masks are worn especially if social distancing cannot be maintained.

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Mon	25 Jan	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
Tues	26 Jan	Australia Day
Wed	27 Jan	Sts Timothy & Titus, St Angela Merici
Thurs	28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible".

St Thomas Aquinas

JOKE OF THE WEEK.....

A young boy wanted to go down to the lake to fish, and his mother asked him to take his little sister with him. He said, "Mom, don't make me take her with me. The last time she came with me, I didn't catch a single fish." The mother said, "I'll talk to her, and I promise this time she won't make any noise." The boy said, "Mom, it wasn't the noise. She ate all my bait!"

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

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Maria & Frank Pisano (1 month), John Clemente (1 yr), Eligio Federico (1 yr), Jose Barbosa, Gerald Leech, Kate Crawford, Marshall Hughes

