



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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**Love one another
as I have loved you
John 13:34**

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:
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Contact 1800 305 330

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:
0416 027 413

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

3rd Sunday of Easter Yr A - 25th & 26th April 2020

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

Reflection 109: The Arms of God



When a child is frightened or gets hurt, the natural place of comfort is the arms of a parent. This is the first thing a crying child looks for. So it must be with us. The arms of our Father in Heaven, and Jesus our Saviour, are what we must run to in our need. We should not hesitate to turn to God in all things, especially when tempted to despair, or when we recognize our weakness and sin. (See *Diary* #505).

When burdens weigh you down, or when you get angry or are tempted to despair, where do you turn? Some turn to sinful fleshly comforts, others to harsh words, and others run to God. Run to God in every moment! Ideally, we run to Him when life is good and when we are filled with great joy and consolation. But God also wants us to run to Him, immediately, when life is hard. Make the arms of God the first thing you think about when you find yourself in need.

Lord, I do run to You. I pray that I will daily build a habit of running to You in all things. I pray that I will turn to You with my every need. I cling to You, Divine Lord, and seek to rely upon You always.

Jesus, I trust in You.

From Daily Reflections on Divine Mercy: 365 Days with Saint Faustina



Our warmest congratulations to the following parishioners who recently celebrated some special occasions.....

Pasqualina di GIORGIO on her **90th** Birthday

Ernestina TATAR on her **89th** Birthday and

Italo & Mafalda MALAVISI on their **63rd** Wedding Anniversary

Unfortunately due to Covid 19 restrictions, what might have been a wonderful time of celebration with family and friends for them, did not occur. So, let us all keep them in our thoughts and prayers, and wish them God's blessings, protection and happiness, and hopefully one day soon, we will all be able to celebrate with them as a Parish Community.

AN ANONYMOUS PRAYER THAT BRINGS COMFORT AND PEACE

Hear me, Lord, on behalf of all those who are dear to me,
all whom I have in mind at this moment.

Be near them in all their anxieties and worries.

Give them the help of Thy saving grace.

I commend them all with trustful confidence to

Thy merciful love.

Remember, Lord, all who are mindful of me;

All who have asked me to pray for them;

All who have been kind to me;

All who have wronged me, or whom, I have wronged by
ill-will or misunderstanding.

Give all of us grace to bear each other's faults,
and to share each other's burdens.

Have mercy on the souls of our loved ones who have gone
before us. Grant them peace and happiness. Amen.

(Thank you to Margaret Whittle for sharing this prayer with us)



Why is Anzac Day important?

While Anzac Day is set to coincide with the anniversary of the landing in Gallipoli, the day itself is not meant to be a commemoration of the event, but rather the qualities that Australia established for itself there.

On Anzac Day, we recognise the courage, mateship, skill, and perseverance of those who have served, fought, and given their lives in the military. On Anzac Day, we show love, honour and support for those who fought to enable freedom for people all over the world, but were not able to make it home.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. Lest we Forget.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Sebastiano Gargano, Giovanni, Stefano, Francesco, Anna & Luisa di Giorgio, Angela Trentino, Amabile Cuschieri, Cuschieri & Sammut Families, Angela Trentino



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

Thank you for everyone for your continued support of our Church. The generosity of our parishioners is amazing and every amount, whether big or small is very much appreciated and a big help to the Church. 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.

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

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