

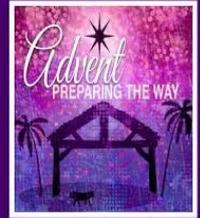


ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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: **4.30pm Mass**
Sun: 9.00am Mass

Masks are no longer compulsory for indoors but are still encouraged!
Please arrive early for Mass and 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

Today we light the rose candle (called the "Shepherd's Candle") of the Advent wreath. To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy. The priest wears rose vestments, to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Saviour. We rejoice because:

- we will soon be celebrating the day of Christ's birth,
- we recognize Jesus' daily presence in our midst, and
- we wait for Christ's return in glory.

Advent is a time for joy, not only because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but also because God is already in our midst. Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain, or trouble, but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls through it all.



3rd Week of Advent—Year C - 12 December 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: *Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds,
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John. ‘What must we do?’ he answered, ‘If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.’ There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, ‘Master, what must we do?’ He said to them, ‘Exact no more than your rate.’ Some soldiers asked him in their turn, ‘What about us? What must we do?’ He said to them, ‘No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!’

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’ As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.



SCHOOL FINISHES ON TUESDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 12.00pm

Despite all the challenges and complexities that this year has brought, the children thankfully were able to complete their studies, have their sacraments and Grade 6's graduated this week. We bid the Year 6 students farewell and many blessings as they move to secondary school.

To everyone, we wish you all the peace, happiness and joy that is so much part of the Christmas season and a most enjoyable and safe summer break. May it be for each of you a time of rest, reflection and joy. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at the end of January, returning to school well rested, refreshed and ready for the 2022 academic year!

Fr Giang

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL... A very sincere thank you to all our parishioners for your very generous support of our Appeal to help needy people to celebrate Christmas. **Our Appeal closes this weekend (11 & 12 December)**, so we would appreciate any last minute donations by **Monday** as we will be processing our packages and delivering them this coming week.



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH 2020-2021 has come to an end.....

The special year dedicated to St Joseph (8 Dec 2020 - 8 Dec 2021), marking the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as patron of the Universal Church, came to a close, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Comensoli reflects on why St Joseph remains such an important figure in the life of our Church, and what relevance he has for us in today's world.



“As we come to the conclusion of this year to St Joseph, can I just offer you some words that Pope Francis himself has reflected upon St Joseph:

How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all.’

Each of us can discover St Joseph in our lives. And I encourage you even as this special year comes to a conclusion to nonetheless continue to seek the friendship of St Joseph in your life, and that he might indeed be a friend for us all.

Archbishop Peter Comensoli

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Umberto Skroce (Funeral Wed 15 Dec at 10.30am)
Jacqueline Ferrie, Kathleen Thorne
Pasquale Marinelli (1 mth), Michael Yalessi (2 mths)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Teresa Sigismondo (1 year), Vince & John Clemente, Armando Pironti, Gino Bonacci (15 years), Francesco & Angelina De Fazio (4 years), De Fazio family, Bonacci family, Pironti & Cerra families, Lucia Ibrido, Antonio Libertore (2 years), Maria & Francesco Liberatore, Concettina & Salvatore Iacullo

