



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

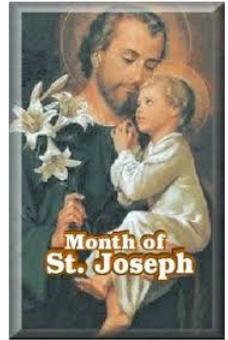


YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

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Parish Office Hours: Tues, Wed & Fri 8.30am to 2.30pm
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



4th Sunday in Lent Year B- 14th March 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: 9.00am Italian Mass
10.30am English Mass

Commencing Friday 19 February and for every Friday during Lent, there will be **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** after the morning Mass.

OUR SACRAMENTS

- RECONCILIATION:** Before & after weekday and weekend Masses
- BAPTISMS:** For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019
- WEDDINGS:** Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** As requested

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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 to 12 noon in the Parish Convent—restarts Monday 15 February 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Lætare* (Rejoice) Sunday. This Sunday reminds us of the Event we look forward to at the end of the penitential season.

As on *Gaudete* Sunday, rose-coloured vestments may replace violet, and flowers may grace the altar. In Lent, these outward signs symbolize the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, a joy which cannot be contained even in this penitential Season, though we still refrain from Alleluias and the singing of the Gloria until the magnificence of the Easter Vigil.



The central theme of today's readings is that our salvation is the free gift of a merciful God, given to us sinners through Jesus, His Son. The readings stress God's mercy and compassion and remind us of the great love, kindness and grace extended to us in Christ.



LIFE MESSAGE

We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: The crucifix – the symbol of the "lifted up" Jesus – holds a central place in our Churches because it is a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation.

Hence, no Christian home should be without this symbol of God's love. The crucifix invites us to respond with more than compassion; it inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery.

It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image and carry our own daily cross with joy. (cbci homilies)

2021 Patrick Oration to be televised ...

On the feast day of St Patrick (17 March), Archbishop Comensoli will present the 2021 Patrick Oration and warmly invites the community to reconnect and rediscover our hope for the future.

Two years ago, when he delivered the first Patrick Oration, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli put forward a guiding framework to help set directions for the Church in Melbourne. Since then our community, indeed the world, has moved through unprecedented times and faced many unexpected challenges. **The 2021 Patrick Oration will be held on Wed 17 March. The broadcast begins at 7.30pm and can be viewed on community channel C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and via YouTube at 7.30pm.**

LAST WEEK WE RECEIVED NOTIFICATION THAT OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR, FR GIANG TRAN, WILL BEGIN HIS MINISTRY AT STM ON 7 APRIL 2021. PLEASE FIND ATTACHED A LETTER FROM FR GIANG FOR ALL THE PARISH COMMUNITY WHICH ALSO INCLUDES THE REVISED MASS TIMES AFTER 7 APRIL.

FR FRAGAPANE WILL CONTINUE AT STM AND CELEBRATE ALL THE MASSES UPTO AND INCLUDING THE EASTER LITURIGES.



Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ chose to enter the world through the human family; He came as an infant born into the marriage and home of the two holiest human creatures who ever lived: Joseph and Mary.

Although He was God, He was obedient to them as a Child, and under their watchful care "Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and men" (Luke 2:51-52).

In this Jesus gave us an example, that we too as His disciples are meant to entrust ourselves to Joseph and Mary, learning from them how to grow in holiness as the adopted children of God

(Eph. 1:5).

As Christians we are blessed to have sweet Mary as our spiritual mother and valiant Joseph as our spiritual father. Just as Mary guides us from heaven with loving devotion, so too St. Joseph diligently provides for the needs of the family of God, the Holy Catholic Church.

"We must be convinced that, in consideration of his great merits, God will not refuse St. Joseph any grace he asks for those who honour him." St Alphonsus Liguori



Mass for the
60th Anniversary
of the Servant of God,

Angela Iacobellis

**Saturday 27th March at
2.00pm at STM**

to be celebrated by

Fr Fragapane. Mass will be followed by refreshments. **All welcome.**

Santa Messa per il 60esimo anniversario della Serva di Dio, Angela Iacobellis sabato 27 marzo alle 2.00pm celebrata da Padre Fragapane. Ci sara un rinfresco dopo la Messa. **Tutti benvenuti.**

Solemnity of St. Joseph

Holy Mass will be celebrated on

March 19 at 7:30pm

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Mass will be followed by Traditional Italian cakes and Tea/Coffee in the St John Paul Room

For those who have followed the Consecration to St. Joseph, the final Consecration prayer will be prayed as a group during Mass

PROJECT COMPASSION

"Start by doing what is necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible"
St Francis of Assisi

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes available to take home, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/rojectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH/APRIL - PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday 19 Mar Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Adoration & Benediction at 6.30pm
Mass at 9.30am (followed by Stations of the Cross) and 7.30pm (includes Consecration)

Friday 26 Mar 8.30am Stations of the Cross (before Mass today only)
Please take note 9.00am Morning Mass
10.00am First Reconciliation for Grade 3 children

Sat 27 Mar 11.00am Memorial Mass for the late Marion Alexander
2.00pm Mass for the 60th Anniversary of the Servant of God, Angela Iacobellis (1948-1961).

Palm Sunday of Passion of the Lord

Sat 27 Mar 5.00pm Vigil Mass with Blessing of Palms & Procession
Sun 28 Mar 9.00am Italian with Blessing of Palms & Procession
10.30am English Mass with Blessing & Procession

**HOLY WEEK 2021 SCHEDULE
AVAILABLE IN BOTH FOYERS.
PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Bianca Baseggio, John Bignall, Rosilea D'Oliveira, Goretty Soares, Maria & Nelson Joaquim, Lidia & Joaquim Quaresma, Paul Michael Lynam, Iris Dixon, Margaret de Bono

RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Conforto, Lucia Ascenzo

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Emmanuele Bonacci (1 yr), Palmira Soares, Joseph Abdilla, Paul & Mary Sammut, Charles Birmingham, Ronnie & Mary Nation

