



# 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 & information can be viewed on our website*

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: 9.00am  
Thur: 9.00am

## WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 4.30pm  
Sun: 9.00am

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.20pm

## BAPTISM

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am at Corpus Christi  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am at STM  
For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As requested

## WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**FOR THE SICK:** Iris Dixon, Zanchi Maria Grazia, Monica Wickerson, Carl & Michael Ceddia

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Gino Cipriani (1 month)

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Caterina Curcio (12 years)



## OLD PALMS...for ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash  
Wednesday

Ash Wednesday this year will be on 2nd March. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are made **from the burning of palms blessed in the previous year's Palm Sunday celebration.** If you wish to bring your old palms, please do so in the coming weeks and leave them in the baskets provided in the front and side foyers. Thank you.

**REMINDER TO ALL LECTORS AND MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST THAT FEBRUARY ROSTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE SIDE FOYER. THANK YOU.**

# 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 30 January 2022

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

*1:4-5.17-19*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying,

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.0

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you  
dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron,  
and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes,  
its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to  
deliver you - it is the Lord who speaks.’

*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R.** *I will sing of your salvation.*

In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

in your justice rescue me, free me:

pay heed to me and save me. **R.**

Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.

Free me from the hand of the wicked. **R.**

It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.

On you I have leaned from my birth,

from my mother’s womb you have been my help. **R.**

My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.

O God, you have taught me from my youth

and I proclaim your wonders still. **R.**

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

*2:31-13:13*

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or  
conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always  
ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will  
come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever;  
and knowledge - for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our  
knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection

comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

*The word of the Lord.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor  
and freedom to prisoners.

*Alleluia!*

## **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

*4:21-30*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son surely?’ But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’ And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to the widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

The central theme of today’s readings is that we should have, and show in our communities, the courage of our Christian convictions in our Faith and in its practice, even when we face hatred and rejection because of them.



On Monday 31st January we welcome back all the school children and their families. We pray for a great start and a happy year ahead, full of learning and friendship.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER**

Dear Lord, use my eyes to SEE new friends,  
Open my ears to HEAR my teacher,  
Open my mind to LEARN new things.  
Let my heart REMEMBER You are near when I'm afraid.  
Help me to LOVE others like you do.  
I want to SHINE your light so bright in my school. Amen.

Courtney De Feo

### **LIFE MESSAGE:**

#### **LET US FACE REJECTION WITH PROPHETIC COURAGE AND OPTIMISM.**

The story of Jesus' rejection in his own hometown is a story that we can identify with, because it is a story that has happened to most of us. Perhaps we have experienced the pain of rejection, betrayal, abandonment, violated trust, neglect, or abuse. What about rejection by those closest to us? Often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us, refuse our advice, and reject the words of grace, love, and encouragement that we offer to them because they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace. Perhaps we ourselves are guilty of such rejection. How often have we discounted people through prejudice? We must realize that God's power is always available to transform even the most unlikely people and that His power may come to us through unlikely instruments.



### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement.

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