



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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

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## 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

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Contact 1800 305 330

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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Yr A - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

*"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" (Acts 2:38)*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response. "



## The Month of May is dedicated to The Blessed Virgin Mary

The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Easter, which is represented by the liturgical colour white — the colour of light, a symbol of joy, purity and innocence (absolute or restored).

Pope Francis has written a short note to the faithful for the month of May 2020, offering the text of two prayers to pray at the end of the Rosary.....

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.*

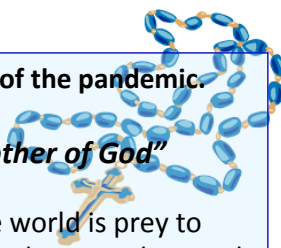
*For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.*

*I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.*

*Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing. **Pope Francis***

*Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020, Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist*

This prayer offers specific petitions linked to the end of the pandemic.



**“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”**

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health.

Be close to those who assist the sick night and day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus.

Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary.

Amen.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY....**



The Fourth Sunday of Easter (3rd May 2020) is called “**Good Shepherd Sunday**” because the Gospel at Mass always draws on the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. It’s also the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The word “vocation” comes from the Latin word “vocare”, meaning “to call”, and the word “voice” is closely related – and for us as Christians the most important voice of all is the voice of Jesus, our Good Shepherd.

*Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives. (Pope Francis Message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2020).*

**Let us pray for each other as we seek to follow the Good Shepherd more closely in our respective vocations, and let us pray especially for those still discerning their vocation, that they may hear, and trust, the voice of Jesus calling them to fullness of life.**

Warmest Congratulations to

*John & Maria Luff*

on their **58<sup>th</sup>** Wedding Anniversary



As a Parish Community, let us keep them both in our thoughts and prayers, and wish them God’s blessings, protection and happiness, and many more happy years together.

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

**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:** Thomas Azzopardi (1 month), Monica d’Elia, Stefano Giliotti

