

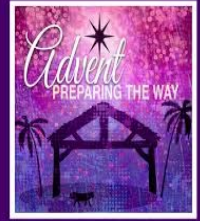


ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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

Church open for all parishioners

Masks are no longer compulsory for indoors but are still encouraged!

Please arrive early for Mass and QR or register manually before Mass. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.20pm

BAPTISM

1st Saturday 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.

On the **fourth week of Advent**, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the **"Angel's Candle,"** symbolizes peace. The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."



Today's readings remind us that Jesus is reborn every day in ordinary people living ordinary lives, who have the willingness to respond to God's call and the openness to do God's will. They suggest that Christmas should inspire us to carry out God's word as Mary and Jesus did, in perfect, loving obedience to His will, with cheerful kindness and unselfish generosity.

Celebrate the joy of Christmas with the Archdiocesan Carols Special, *Jesus is Christmas*, to be broadcast **Monday 20 December at 7.30pm** on Community TV Channel C31 (Channel 44 on digital TV) and streamed live on the [Archdiocesan YouTube](#)

4th Week of Advent—Year C - 19 December 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Micah

5:1-4

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power
to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: *Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.

You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;
then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

1:39-44

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

MASSES THIS COMING WEEK...

Tuesday 21 Dec	Mass at 9.00am
Wednesday 22 Dec	Communion Service at 9.00am
Thursday 23 Dec	Mass at 9.00am
Friday 24 Dec	<u>NO Communion Service in the morning</u>
Friday 24 Dec	Christmas Eve Mass at 4.30pm (at STM) and 6.00pm (at Corpus Christi)
Saturday 25 Dec	Christmas Day Mass at 9.00am (at STM) or 10.30am (at Corpus Christi)
Sunday 26 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Mass at 9.00am



A VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who donated money to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. **An amount of \$ 1,968.40 was received.** This will provide many needy families with goods to celebrate a brighter and happier Christmas. Your generosity is much appreciated....**From Ben Caruana (President) & all the**

Committee Members.

THANK YOU to all the members of the Vinnies Hadfield Conference for their commitment and continued hard work to support and help the needy in the Parish. Fr Giang

“At least I made a difference to that one!”

A little girl was walking along a beach covered with thousands of starfish left dying by the receding tide. Seeking to help, she started picking up the dying starfish and tossing them back into the ocean. A man, who watched her with amusement, said, “Little girl, there are hundreds of starfish on the beach. You cannot make a difference by putting a few of them back into the sea.” Discouraged, she began to walk away. Suddenly, she turned around, picked up another starfish, and tossed it into the sea. Turning to the man, she smiled and said, “At least I made a difference to that one!” —

Today’s Gospel tells us how Mary, a village girl carrying Jesus in her womb, made a difference in the lives of her cousin Elizabeth and of Elizabeth’s unborn child, John. When John had grown up, he helped Mary’s Son to transform the history of mankind by preparing the way for the Messiah. ***The starfish story suggests that each person, no matter how unimportant, may truly benefit from our work, and that any service, however small, is valuable. The story also shows how seemingly hopeless problems can be solved by taking the first step.*** (Fr Tony’s cbc homilies)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giuseppe Rizzo (Funeral Tues 21 Dec at 11.00am)
Errico Tambasco (1 month)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

Franco & Maria Pisano (1 year), Mary Turville (2 years), Gabriele Sigismondo, Armando Pironti, Salvatore Terranova, Theresa Paladino, Teresa & Robert Carcour

