



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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



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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 31<sup>st</sup> January 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:	10.00am Mass

One Mass only on Sunday during this Covid period. Mass times will be assessed on a weekly basis and may change if needed.

Please note there is no need to register for Mass however contact details will be collected at the door and once our permissible quota has been reached, the Church doors will close.

Masks are not compulsory but we recommend they are worn inside the Church. You will need to sanitise your hands and give your contact details and follow all safety precautions as per DHHS guidelines.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The common theme of today's readings is Divine authority, as exercised in this world by the prophets of the Old Testament in their messages, by the apostles (including St. Paul), in their writings and teaching in the New Testament, and by Jesus in his teaching and healing ministry.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



The Parish of St Thomas More Hadfield is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults. Our Child Safe Standards policies and procedures are on our website: [pol.org.au/hadfield](http://pol.org.au/hadfield)

## FEBRUARY is the MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.



In the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to meditate upon than the example of this Holy Family, which embraces the perfection and completeness of all domestic virtues."

The Feast of the **Presentation** (February 2) or **Candlemas** forms a fitting transition from Christmas to Easter. The small Christ-Child is still in His Mother's arms, but already she is offering Him in sacrifice.

*The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify.* It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. There we find God, and learn how to connect with God and with others. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "**The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self**" (Nov. 27, 2002).

Do our own families model that of the Holy Family? We need to be open to God's grace to value the positive and to accept our mistakes — and to be willing to rectify them. Parenting is a very challenging responsibility and at times errors are made despite the best intentions. With this in mind, let us pray to the Holy Family for help and guidance.

## PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

**JESUS**, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

**MARY**, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

**JOSEPH**, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

**HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen. (from Missionaries of the Holy Family)

## FAREWELL TO FR RAJ...

Unfortunately due to unforeseen problems, Fr Raj has not been able to travel to India this week as planned. We ask for your continued prayers for his mother who is seriously ill and for Fr Raj that he is able to travel to India very soon and be with his mother and family.

**During this period of uncertainty, the Mass times will continue as follows:**

**Four weekday Masses:** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays at 9.30am  
**Two weekend Masses:** Saturday Vigil at 5 pm & Sunday at 10.00 am

*Pre-registration for Mass is no longer required however COVID 19 safety and hygiene guidelines will be strictly adhered to, therefore numbers are limited and once our full quota has been reached, the Church doors will close.*

***WE ASK THAT PARISHIONERS ARRIVE EARLY FOR MASS*** in order to register in time for the start of Mass, and also to avoid congregating outside the entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

*Social distancing (2 metres) must be maintained and face masks are no longer compulsory inside the church however we strongly recommend masks are worn especially if social distancing cannot be maintained.*

**If you are awaiting Covid test results or you are feeling unwell, please do not come to Church.**



Consecration to Saint  
**JOSEPH**

**33-DAY CONSECRATION  
to be held in ST THOMAS  
MORE CHURCH**

To honour the Year of  
St. Joseph proclaimed by

Pope Francis, **please join us in praying a 33-day**

**Consecration to St. Joseph**, the Foster Father of Jesus, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary and Protector and Patron of the Church.

Introduction to the Consecration will be at **7pm on Thursday 11 February** at St Thomas More Church. A free consecration booklet will be provided on the night, to do the daily prayers at home. This will be supplemented by **optional weekly teachings and discussion at the St Thomas More Church on Thursday evenings** (dates to be advised at the Introduction evening).

This is a special way to deepen your prayer and Lenten commitment this year and grow in knowledge and devotion to the Guardian of the Holy Family. **All welcome and encouraged to attend. For any further information please call Julian 0423844134.** *If you are interested in participating, please ring the Parish Office to register or send an email to [hadfield@cam.org.au](mailto:hadfield@cam.org.au).*

### FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Tues	2 Feb	The Presentation of the Lord
Wed	3 Feb S	St Blaise & St Ansgar
Fri	5 Feb	St Agatha
Sat	6 Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions

"Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am -- you alone. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil." - St. Agatha (d. 251)

**Welcome back to our  
STM School Community.**

A special welcome also to all the Prep children and their families. We hope you all have a great year of learning, fun and friendship.



**ON MONDAY !!**

**PLEASE**

**DRIVE  
SLOWLY  
WE ♥ OUR  
CHILDREN**

This is also a time to remind all parents and caregivers dropping off or picking up their children in the Church carpark to **PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY AND SLOWLY whilst in the Church grounds.** Please keep a watchful eye open especially for the children and our elderly parishioners. **THANK YOU.**

**ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL ORGAN CONCERT BY THOMAS HEYWOOD** - An organ concert by Thomas Heywood in the glorious setting of St Patrick's Cathedral. Works include Bach, Elgar, Verdi, Tchaikovsky, Guilman, Grieg, Cocker & Mulet. The concert will be held on **FRIDAY 5 FEBRUARY from 6pm to 7pm.** Tickets may be purchased online at [Trybooking](#). Tickets also be available at the door.

### **THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 2021** **Violence Against Women...**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.  
For more information and prayers go to [Apostleship of Prayer](#)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Tecla Alessi, Alex Baglin (6 yr), Anna Nicolazzo, Jessie Formosa, Bernadette & Robert Micallef, Lisa Clemente, Bill Johnson, Robert & Carmen Tabone, Lorena di Giandomenico, Sheree Goodear, Maureen Canino, Lidia & Joaquim Quaresma, Lourdes Joaquim, Irudhaya Mary Lourdasamy

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Antonio Belo **DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Joana Barreto (1 month), Caterina Curcio (11 years)

