



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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

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February ..Month of the Holy Family



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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 7<sup>th</sup> February 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

The Italian Mass has been reinstated. Sunday masses will be reviewed on a week to week basis and may change if needed.

Masks MUST be worn inside the Church. No need to register but contact details will be collected at the door.

Today's readings challenge us to avoid Job's pessimistic and desperate view of life as a chain of pain and sufferings and to accept life with hope and optimism as a precious gift from God, using it to do good for others and spending our time, talents and lives for others as Jesus did.

### OUR SACRAMENTS

- RECONCILIATION: Before & after weekday and weekend Masses.
- BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month
- WEDDINGS: Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK: As requested

### PARISH CONTACTS

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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 in the Parish Convent—this will resume in the coming weeks. Details to follow.

### EXPERIENCE THE HEALING TOUCH OF GOD...

Most of us are familiar with Lourdes, the Catholic shrine in southern France built at the place where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a young girl, St. Bernadette Soubirous, in 1858. Pilgrims today continue to throng to our Blessed Mother's shrine, hoping to be cured of their ailments.

Over the decades, thousands have left behind their crutches and braces as silent witnesses to the Lord's power to make them well. This sort of thing is, of course, nothing new. Sites of holy apparitions and miraculous healings ranging from Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal), Guadalupe (Mexico) and Medjugorje (Yugoslavia; [not yet authenticated by the Church]), to the holy sites in our own land, have drawn pilgrims from all countries throughout the ages. These seekers have made their way to sacred temples, grottoes, and hillsides in the hope of finding healing and strength.

Some dismiss such journeys of Faith as childish piety, inappropriate in an age of therapeutic advances such as our own. But healing is an essential element of the Gospel message. Surely, Jesus, whose Sabbath day of preaching and healing ministry is described in today's Gospel, will not disappoint us today when we are assembled around the altar seeking his power, healing, and favour in our own lives (cbci homilies)

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES—11 FEBRUARY

Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but *even* more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

*St. Bernadette once said of the spring she discovered that "one must have faith and pray; the water will have no virtue without faith." Let us all be inspired by this prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes approach her with faith, hope and love!*



### NEWS of FR RAJ...

Fr Raj arrived safely in India. He was able to see and speak to his mother. She had been waiting for him. Mrs Lourdasamy passed away peacefully a few hours after Fr's arrival surrounded by all her family. We ask for your continued prayers for the soul of Fr Raj's mother, for him and his family.

### WELCOME FR AURELIO FRAGAPANE...

We warmly welcome Fr Aurelio to our Parish. The Archdiocese has sent Fr Aurelio to be with us and celebrate the Masses and liturgies. Let us all show Fr Aurelio our support, friendship and care and pray that his time at STM is a fruitful and blessed one.



### IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE NOW TWO OPTIONS TO SIGN IN FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

1. Give contact details at the door
- OR
2. Scan QR code provided at various entry points. Thank you.

### PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

- Thursday 11 Feb 7pm** Information/ Introduction session for the 33-Day Consecration to St Joseph in the Church
- Ash Wednesday 17 Feb** Morning Mass and distribution of Ashes (**Time to be confirmed**)  
**7.30pm Evening Mass** and distribution of Ashes
- Every Friday during Lent after Morning Mass** Stations of the Cross
- Reconciliation** During this time, this important sacrament will be available **before** and **after** all weekday and weekend Masses.



We pray for  
*Ethan Michael Quinn*  
and *Estelle Anne Patane*

who will be baptised this Sunday. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers, and with Your unfailing protection, watch over and cherish these children, whom You have blessed with the grace of baptism.



### As of Tuesday 2 February the following Masses will be celebrated:

#### Four weekday Masses:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays at 9.30am

#### Three weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil at 5 pm  
Sunday Italian Mass at 9.00am and  
English Mass at 10.30am

*COVID 19 safety and hygiene guidelines will be strictly adhered to. Social distancing (2 metres) must be maintained.*

***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.***



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

Mon	8 Feb	Sts Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita
Wed	10 Feb	St Scholastica
Thurs	11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes

*"I do not promise you happiness in this world, but in the next." Our Lady of Lourdes*

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

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Pamela di Giorgio, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Bianca Baseggio, John Bignall, Rosilea D'Oliveira

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Irudhaya Mary Lourdasamy (in India), Maria Cortis

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Armando Pironti (1 month), Carmela Sammut, Violet Debono (13 years)

Please note names for the sick will remain on our list for four weeks.  
Please contact the Parish Office if you wish the names to remain after that time.  
All anniversary names must be in the Parish Office by **no later than 10am Fridays**

