



# 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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**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:**  
Contact 1800 305 330

**CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:**  
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**PIETY STALL:**  
For special requests or enquiries ring Theresa on 0407 043 123

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Yr A - 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020



Today's readings tell us how the early Church accepted the challenge of keeping Jesus' memory alive by remaining a dynamic Christian community, bearing witness to Christ by their unity, fidelity in worship and spirit of loving, humble service. Today's Gospel introduces Jesus as the

Way to God, the Truth to be accepted, and the Life to be shared and lived.

### "IS ANYONE DOWN THERE?"

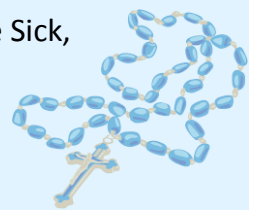
There is the story of a man who fell off a cliff. On the way down he manages to grab a tree limb. Peering into a deep canyon, he calls out, "Help, please. Is anyone down there?" After an unbearable silence, a voice answers, "Yes, I am here." "Who are you?" the man shouts. "It's Me, the Lord!" Greatly relieved, the man says, "Thank you. Have you come to rescue me?" "Yes," says the Lord. "Let go. I will catch you." The man thinks for a second, and then asks, "Is there anyone else down there?"

Well, we can understand the man's reluctance to let go, but, in reality, there is no one else down there. Jesus says it quite plainly this Sunday, "I am the Way" (Jn 14:6). He does not say *a* way, but *the* way.

*Fr. Anthony Kadavil*

### PRAYER BY POPE FRANCIS TO RECITE AFTER THE ROSARY

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.



"Protectress of the Roman people," you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.

For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

*In reflecting on Mothers Day, we acknowledge and celebrate mothers and mothering...and all those who fulfill the chief mothering role in families.*

*When we speak of motherhood and as we honour it today, we honour the transcendent gift of motherhood in all its forms.*

*With love and prayers we wish all our Mothers and Mother figures all of God's blessings*



On Mother's Day, our shared faith points us toward the light of Mary. Her motherly love and devotion illuminate the most beautiful sentiments found in the human heart:

The self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement.

*Blessed John Paul II, Redemptoris Mater*



### BLESSING PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

*Holy God,  
You compare Your own love for  
Your people,  
to the love of a mother for her children.  
Look with kindness on these mothers,  
give them comfort in moments of sorrow,  
and joy in their work for their families.  
Listen to their prayers,  
and bless + them in all they do for You.  
Let them share with Jesus Your Son  
and Mary our mother in the everlasting  
happiness of Heaven.  
Father, we ask this grace through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

*Please say this blessing prayer for your mothers*

### To Our Mother

*You are the mother I received the day I wed your son.  
And I just want to thank you, Mom,  
for all the things you've done.  
You have given me a gracious man with whom I share my life.  
You are his lovely mother and I his lucky wife.  
You used to pat his little head and now I hold his hand.  
You raised in love a little boy then gave to me a man.  
(Thank you to Pat John for sharing this with us)*

### CATHOLIC HUMOUR....

**Sunday school teacher:** Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?  
**Johnny:** No, ma'am, I don't have to.  
My mom's a good cook.

### FEASTS DURING THIS WEEK

Tues 12 May	Sts Nereus & Achilleus. St Pancras
Wed 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima
Thurs 14 May	St Matthias, Apostle

*"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer the Holy Rosary". Sister Lucia of Fatima*



*"If roses grow in heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my Mother's arms  
and tell her they're from me."*

*- Dolores M. Garcia*

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

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Imelda Sinclair  
**RECENT DEATHS:** Rosina Curatore, Teresa Marinucci  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Elisa Bernadette Loedijanto Da Costa, Michael Patrick Byrne, Ottilia Meli

