



# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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*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: Communion Service  
Thur: 9.00am Mass  
Fri: Communion Service  
Sat: 5.00pm Mass  
Sun: 9.00am Mass

### EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month at 6.30pm

## SACRAMENTS

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm-4.50pm

### BAPTISM

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10am

For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As requested

### WEDDING

Contact Office at least six months in advance.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**SICK:** Pamela di Giorgio, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Iris Dixon, Jules Sauzier, Margaret de Bono, Pat John, Alex Baglin, Luigi Bianchi

### DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** Rosina Curatore (1 yr), Salvatore Curatore, Anthony Sacco (10 yrs), Mario Testa (17 yrs), Monica d'Elia, Teresa Marinucci

**Sunday Mass:** Bruno Tieri, Vincenzo Iannucci, Salvatore Terranova

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY



In the Catholic Church the month of May is Mary's month. It's the month we pay homage to the Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother. The first 23 days fall 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. As our Mother she is an example of a committed "Yes" to the will of God. Our Blessed Mother always seeks to be a *bridge* to Her Divine Son our Lord Jesus Christ. We find peace and comfort to approach her in prayer for grace, strength and her intercession to Jesus for our personal intentions and for help in the difficult moments of our lives, just as any child does with his mother. *Please pray a Marian prayer to Our Lady every day this month!*

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY: THE WORLD OF FINANCE

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. (See also [Pope's WorldWide Prayer Network](http://Pope's WorldWide Prayer Network))

# Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2 May 2021

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.*

9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

*The word of the Lord.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R:** *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever! **R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

‘These things the Lord has done.’ **R.**

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St John.*

3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children

of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia*

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

*Alleluia!*

### **GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.*

15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away- he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

Today's Scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ. The branches of a vine will bear fruit only if they are attached to the vine. It is from the vine that they draw the life-giving nourishment they need. Likewise, we must remain attached to Jesus if we are to receive the life of God and produce 'the fruits of the Spirit in our world: love, joy, peace, patience and kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Gal 5:22)

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT NOTICES

**REGISTRATION AT MASSES** - Please remember to always use the QR code when registering for weekday or weekend Masses. Sign in sheets are provided and must only be used if you do not have a smart phone. Please remember to also sanitise your hands before entering. Thank you.



**LOST & FOUND** Gold ring was found on Palm Sunday and has yet to be claimed. Please contact Parish Office if you are the rightful owner.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN** – ALL volunteers must have a current Working with Children check to continue their ministry in the Church. Details of how to apply are on our website [pol.org.au/hadfield](http://pol.org.au/hadfield) or ring Theresa on 9357 1422 for help.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** - Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion this Sunday 2 May at 11.30am (Grade 5's). Please keep the children and their families in your prayers on this special day. *“May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love and the joy of His life within you. Amen”*.

**SPECIAL MASS AND BLESSING** to celebrate all mothers, grandmothers and mother figures on Thursday 6 May at 9am, followed by Morning Tea in the St John Paul Room. ALL WELCOME !



**EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH** - next Friday 7 May at 6.30pm. *In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.* Pope Benedict XVI

### “I can't take another step”

There is a scene in the movie, *Shadow of the Hawk* where a young couple is climbing a mountain with the help of their Indian guide in a desperate attempt to flee from evil people. At one point the young woman slumps to the ground and says, “I can't take another step.” The young man lifts her to her feet and says, “But darling, we must go on. We have no other choice!” She shakes her head and says, “I can't go on! I can't go on!” Then the Indian guide advises the young man, “Hold her close to your heart. Let your strength and your courage flow out of your body into hers.”

The young man does this and in a few minutes the woman smiles and says, “Now I can go on! Now I can do it!” — By telling us the parable of the vine and branches in today's Gospel, Jesus shows us how He shares his Divine strength with us.

***The parable reminds us that, united with Jesus, we can do anything, but separated from Jesus, we are good for nothing.*** (Fr Tony's homilies 2021)