

ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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



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

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February ..Month of the Holy Family

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B - 14th 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

Commencing Friday 19 February and for every Friday during Lent, there will be **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** after the morning Mass.

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

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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 to 12 noon in the Parish Convent—restarts Monday 5 February 2021

All three readings today contain the Christian teaching on the need for social acceptance especially when people are different from us. They also tell us that it is purity or holiness of soul coming from God that cleanses our lives. We become holy by confessing our sins to God and offering our lives for God's glory and by sharing God's love with everyone around us without discriminating against anyone based on colour, race, culture, religion, lifestyle, wealth, or social status.



St. Francis of Assisi and the leper:

Today's Scripture lessons teach us that the sick and the maimed are not to be objects of scorn, but potential reservoirs of God's mercy for us. St. Francis of Assisi, for instance, understood this. At one time in his life, he had a terrible fear and abhorrence of lepers. Then one day when he was out for a ride, he heard the warning bell that lepers were required to ring in the Middle Ages. When a leper emerged from a clump of trees, St. Francis saw that he was horribly disfigured.

Instead of giving in to his fears, Francis slid down from his horse, ran forward, embraced the leper, and kissed him. Then the leper put out his hand, hoping to receive something. Out of compassion, Francis gave money to the leper. But when Francis mounted his horse again and looked all around, he could not see the leper anywhere. It dawned on him that it was Jesus whom he had just kissed.

Francis' life was never the same after that episode. He had found a new relationship with God, a new sensitivity to others and a new energy for his ministry. (cbci homilies & Franciscan Media).

ASH WEDNESDAY 17 February TWO MASSES at 9.30am and 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent calls us to turn our lives around, to let go, to be open with others, to be vulnerable and trust in God. Lent requires an awakening and attentiveness to God within our lives. Themes of *Prayer*, *Fasting* and *Almsgiving* are central in the Lenten Season.

The mark of ashes, a symbol of repentance, is given to indicate the start of the penitential season of Lent. Ashes are etched in the sign of the cross on the foreheads of Catholic around the world on Ash Wednesday, symbolising the beginning of the 40 days of fasting and penance in preparation for Easter.

This is an important day for Catholics of all types because those ashes signify our participation in a community that's walking toward God together. Even for those who haven't been to Mass in ages, receiving and wearing those ashes is an important outward sign of an inward reality: we're all part of this family.



Masses at STM

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. Physical 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.

There are now two options to register for mass:

1. Give contact details at the door **OR**
2. Scan QR code provided at various points in the Church entrance. **Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

FEBRUARY CALENDAR AT STM

Shrove Tuesday 16 Feb

Pancakes and a cuppa AFTER morning Mass - Outdoors

Ash Wednesday 17 Feb



9.30am Morning Mass and distribution of Ashes

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.

Thursday 18 Feb



7.00pm to 8.00pm in the Church - Teachings and discussion evening on St Joseph (to supplement daily prayers)



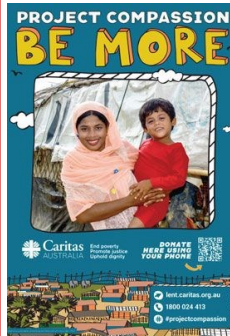
**Congratulations to
Julienne & Frank
Prendergast**
who recently celebrated their
50th Wedding Anniversary

May God continue to bless you with great joys and cherished memories on all your days ahead. With blessings and prayers from Fr Fragapane, Tot & Pat John and the STM Parish Community.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you."
Numbers 6:24-26

GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA ITALIANO...dopo un lungo periodo di chiusura dovuto al Covid, annunciamo che il Gruppo di Preghiera italiano riapre questo lunedì 15 febbraio dalle ore 10 alle ore 12 nel convento. TUTTI BENVENUTI

ITALIAN CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP...we are pleased to announce that the Prayer Group will restart this Monday 15 February from 10am to 12 noon in the Convent. Everyone is welcome to attend.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021

*"Aspire not to have more,
but to be more"* St Oscar Romero

Every year, thousands of parishes across Australia participate in Project Compassion and countless people turn Lent into a demonstration of faith, love and generosity. You can be a part of this incredible community, who believe that there are simple actions we can all take to **"be more"** for our world.

Today's readings both invite and challenge us to reflect on the issues that divide our world and its people. We are called to be like Paul in the second reading who strives "for the benefit of the many" - who seeks the common good - who wants to heal the divisions.

Caritas Australia's annual Lenten appeal, Project Compassion, offers us a way in which we can begin to restore relationships and a way in which we can draw closer and heal divisions.

Please take a donation box or weekly envelope set home today to donate throughout Lent and through your generosity and aspiring to "Be More", you will be assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Bianca Baseggio, John Bignall, Rosilea D'Oliveira, Goretty Soares, Maria & Nelson Joaquim, Lidia & Joaquim Quaresma, Paul Michael Lynam

RECENTLY DECEASED: Alessandro Antonio Dimasi (in Adelaide), Robert Smallman

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Maurie Keppel (16 yrs), Ronnie & Mary Nation, Michael Anthony Lynam, Joe Abela, John & Mary Abela, Rosina Varrese (5 yrs), Angelo Gargano, Michele Nicolaci, Raffaele Alicandro, Giuseppina Pelaccia, Mariangela Pelaccia, Steven Leech, Giuseppe Mammone (4 yrs)

