



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

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL:

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Contact 1800 305 330

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER:

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For special requests or enquiries ring Theresa on 0407 043 123

6th Sunday of Easter Yr A - 16th & 17th May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

With restrictions to the access of churches now starting to ease (under strict guidelines), parishes must clearly assess whether they have the resources and capabilities available to move forward and implement these new allowances.

Given the above, I have decided to move slowly and cautiously as the wellbeing and safety of our parishioners is of the utmost importance. As the first step, the **Church will be OPEN next week on**

Tuesday 19th May, Wednesday 20th May & Friday 22nd May between the hours of 9.00am to 11.00am for INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER only.

Only 10 parishioners may be present at any one time. Door monitoring, social distancing and strict hygiene precautionary measures will be put into place and ALL attending the Church must adhere to these regulations as well as having their names and contact details and date and time of visit to the Church recorded in an Attendance Register.

This is a requirement to ensure contact can be tracked if needed.

It is important that everyone wishing to attend for private prayer MUST report to the Parish Office before entering the Church.

Week to week I will re-assess the situation and keep you updated on developments and any changes to Church opening times and when we will be able to start celebrating the Mass.

Please see the letter from the Bishops overleaf which clearly explains the situation that we are faced.

Be assured of my prayers and blessings

Fr Raj



"The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin...

The Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty. Mary responds at once like a beneficial dew, bringing new life to human hearts."

St. Therese of Lisieux

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Imelda Sinclair, Mirella Santoro

RECENT DEATHS: Paul Micallef

ANNIVERSARIES: Stefano di Giorgio, Joe Xuereb, Maryanne Furnari





Wednesday 13 May 2020

Members of the Catholic community in Victoria,
The Catholic Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Throughout this situation of the Coronavirus pandemic our prayers and solidarity have been with you all, and will continue to guide the challenging decisions we have been called to make.

Despite the many weeks of worry and social restrictions, we are delighted that as of 11.59pm yesterday, Tuesday 12 May 2020, churches in Victoria may now be open in certain circumstances.

This opportunity for small gatherings and for some quiet moments of prayer in the sacramental presence of Our Lord is a gentle first step in the right direction, and rightly a moment of rejoicing for God's people. We are pleased to work constructively with our communities to make appropriate adjustments. Strict restrictions still govern our actions due to the risks of COVID-19 and we are all being asked to show patience and fortitude.

Each Diocese is communicating with their parishes about how various ministries, including sacramental care, will be conducted in this first stage of the easing of social restrictions. We wish to be fully compliant with the directives that apply across Victoria, so that we ensure the protection of elderly and vulnerable people, and work together for the common good of our communities.

The conditions under which a church can be open include a collection of contact details (for the purposes of contact-tracing if it becomes necessary), strict monitoring of numbers, ongoing hygiene requirements, publicising the scheduled times for private worship, and public worship limited to ten people at a time.

Arrangements for liturgies and access to churches while ensuring these conditions are met will vary, depending on the facilities and resources that are available in each particular community. We recognise that deciding on these arrangements and putting them in place is not straightforward, and we ask for patience and understanding during this time.

This new stage of restrictions is subject to changing guidance that we receive from the State Government authorities, and we are advised this will be reviewed at the end of May.

After a difficult time for all of us, including many new pressures on families and great challenges for healthcare and emergency workers, we share in the disappointment that social restrictions are likely to continue for some time.

Nevertheless, we act with one accord in doing what is most prudent and loving for the sake of those most susceptible to the virus. We rejoice that Christ is with us and will walk with us as we begin the long journey out of the current stage of restrictions.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSsR MA, DD
BISHOP OF BALLARAT

Most Rev Shane Mackinlay
BISHOP OF SANDHURST

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

Rev Peter Slater
DELEGATE OF DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR,
SALE