

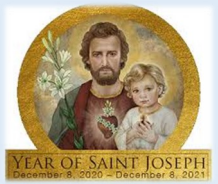


# ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

69 North Street, Hadfield 3046

*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

### 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 Parish 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:** Paul Micallef (1 yr), Elizabeth Birmingham

**Sunday Mass:** Francesco Fragiaco (recently deceased), Roberto Sardo (5 yrs), Tommy Azzopardi

## *A Prayer for My Mother*

*Dear Father up in Heaven,  
Bless my Mother here on earth.  
You gave my spirit earthly life.  
My mother gave me birth.  
She follows in Your footsteps,  
her heart is full of love.  
Please keep her in Your  
loving care,  
and bless her from above.*



## *To My Mother in Heaven...*

*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.  
Tell her that I love her and miss her, and  
when she turns to smile, place a kiss upon  
her cheek and hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is  
easy, I do it every day.  
But there's an ache within my  
hear that will never go away.*



## Sixth Sunday of Easter – 9 May 2021

### First Reading

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles* 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. ‘Stand up’, he said ‘I am only a man after all!’

Then Peter addressed them: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.’

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, ‘Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?’ He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

*The word of the Lord.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**R:** *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **R.**

### Second Reading

*A reading from the first letter of St John*

4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

*The word of the Lord.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

*Alleluia!*

### **Gospel**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know  
his master's business; I call you friends,

because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you;

and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you

anything you ask in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – “*Love one another as I have loved you.*” When we celebrate today as Mother's Day, let us remember with gratitude that it is generally our mothers who practice the *unconditional love* of Jesus.

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ALWAYS REGISTER FOR MASS USING QR CODE or Sign In Sheets if you do not have a mobile phone.



**CHILD SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH...** Thank you to all the volunteers for your cooperation with the required Working with Children checks, which is a legal obligation in order to continue your ministry at STM. **Next week** you will be receiving important information about the St Thomas More Child Safeguarding Policy, Reporting Procedure and the Code of Conduct Declaration which must be read, understood and signed by all volunteers. If anyone has any questions or comments please feel free to contact us in the Parish Office on 9357 1422.



Next weekend is the **Chaplaincy Appeal** in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic chaplains. The chaplains support thousands of Victorians each year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Chaplains provide a listening ear, a compassionate presence, along with assistance to cope with emotional pain and loneliness. Next week you will be able to donate via a third collection, using the envelopes provided or online at [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. *Please give generously. Thank You.*

### *The Role of Mothers in our Lives...*



**Mother's Day** is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behaviour, disciplined us as best as they could, and made us good citizens of our country, our Church, and our society.

Let us also acknowledge the truth that we have two mothers: our earthly mother and our Heavenly Mother, the Mother of Jesus. The Catholic Church proclaims the great nobility of the Mother of Jesus, Mary most holy, and presents her as the supreme model for all mothers. Through Mary, the work of Motherhood is glorified and sanctified. Let us show our love and appreciation for both of our mothers and let us ask our Heavenly Mother to take care of our earthly mothers.

Today let us thank our mothers, pray for them, and honour them by celebrating Mother's Day and presenting all mothers on the altar of God, whether they are alive here or have gone for their eternal reward. Let us lavish our love on our mothers and express our gratitude for them in the form of fervent prayers offered for them before God *and* sing the beautiful hymn... "*Gentle woman, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom, teach us love.*" (Excerpts from cbc homilies)