



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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All Saints Day Yr A - 1st & 2nd November 2020



"November begins with two beautiful days
the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

Holy Mother Church remembers all of her children,
to whom she has given the life of Jesus through Baptism ...

We all know that during this whole month
we give them extra love and care,
by praying to them and for them."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

All Saints Day (1st November) is a universal Christian feast honouring
all Christian saints – known and unknown. One thing that strikes you
first about the Saints is their diversity. It would be very difficult to find

one pattern of holiness, one way of following Christ.

How do we explain this diversity? God is an artist, and artists love to change their styles. The saints are
God's masterpieces, and He never tires of painting them in different colours, different styles, and
different compositions. What does this mean for us? It means we should not try to imitate any one Saint
exactly. Look to them all, study their unique holiness, but then find that specific colour God wants to
bear through you. *St. Catherine of Siena* was right: **"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the
world on fire."**

We need to accept the challenge to become saints. St. Augustine asked: "If he and she can become
saints, why can't I?" *We all can become saints by choosing well by doing good and avoiding evil, by
choosing to follow Christ, all the way to heaven.*

We need to take the shortcuts practiced by three St. Teresas:

St. Teresa of Avila: Recharge your spiritual batteries every day by prayer, namely, listening to God and
talking to Him

St. Therese of Lisieux: Convert every action into prayer by offering it to God for His glory and for the
salvation of souls and by doing God's will to the best of your ability

St. Teresa of Calcutta: Do ordinary things with great love. Do something beautiful for God.

(Bishop Robert Barron , Fr Tony Cbci homilies)

NOVEMBER MONTH OF ALL SOUL'S



The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

On All Souls Day (2nd November) and throughout November, the Church commemorates all her
faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven.

The prayers of intercession and petition which the Church never ceases to raise to God have great value.
They are "characteristic of a heart attuned to God's mercy" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2635).

The Lord always lets himself be moved by his children's supplications, for he is the God of the living.

I therefore encourage Catholics to pray fervently for the dead, for their family members and for all our
brothers and sisters who have died, that they may obtain the remission of the punishments due to their
sins and may hear the Lord's call: *"Come, O my dear soul, to eternal repose in the arms of my goodness,
which has prepared eternal delights for you"* (Francis de Sales, *Introduction to the Devout Life*, 17, 4). Excerpt of the
Letter of Pope John Paul II for Millennium of All Souls' Day 2 June 1998.

OUR CHURCH IS NOW OPEN

See updated advice on: www.cam.org.au for full details or visit our website at pol.org.au/hadfield
Effective 28th October, many restrictions have lifted or eased, therefore we are now able to open our Churches to indoor (and outdoor) Masses. At this point in time, there are 10 people (plus celebrant) permitted for indoor services and 20 people (plus celebrant) permitted for outdoor services.
Given the uncertainty of Melbourne weather, Fr Raj is reluctant to conduct any outdoor services **therefore the following indoor Masses will be celebrated until further notice:**

Tuesdays **One Mass** at 9.30am
Wednesdays **Two Masses** at 9.30am and 11.00am
Fridays **Two Masses** at 9.30am and 11.00am

Please note you need to register your intention to attend Mass by telephoning the office on 9357 1422, emailing us at admin@stmhadfield.org.au or ringing 0402 249 117. We will try and accommodate everyone but ask for your patience and understanding if the days requested are not available. Bookings will be done on a week to week basis.

Names and contact numbers of those attending the Masses will need to be taken and ALL safety guidelines set out by the Health Department in relation to Covid 19 will be strictly followed.

YOU MUST WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES AND IF FEELING UNWELL PLEASE DO NOT COME TO CHURCH AND RESCHEDULE IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED. THANK YOU

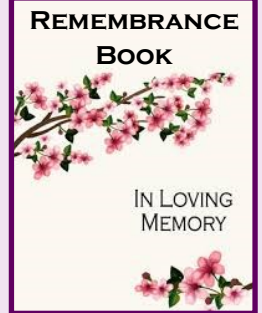
DURING NOVEMBER we will have our **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** at the foot of the Altar however because of Covid safety issues, you will not be able to write the names in the book. There will be leaflets at the Remembrance Table which you can take with you, complete and then return in the basket provided. We will then include the names of your loved ones in the Remembrance Book. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO WRITE THE NAMES OF YOUR LOVED ONES EVERY YEAR. PLEASE ONLY INCLUDE NAMES OF LOVED ONES NOT ALREADY IN THE BOOK.**

If you wish for Fr Raj to offer a separate Mass then please complete the envelope marked (Mass for the Holy Souls) also provided on the table together with your donation.

ONLY the names of those whose anniversaries which occur in November will be read out

We will pray for all those mentioned in our Remembrance Book and in our Memorial Rose Garden at ALL the Masses during the month of November

“A tear for the dead evaporates, a flower on the grave withers, a prayer instead, reaches the heart of the Most High.” St Augustine



A PUMPKIN STORY: “What is it like to be a Christian saint?” “It is like being a Halloween pumpkin. God picks you from the field, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off you by inviting you to confess your sins and seek reconciliation. Then he cuts off the top and scoops out the yucky stuff. He removes the pulp of impurity and injustice and seeds of doubt, hate, and greed from you. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light of holiness or Holy Spirit inside you to shine for the entire world to see by your serving and sharing love, mercy and forgiveness.” This is the Christian idea behind the carved pumpkins during the Halloween season !



A vocation must be nurtured for a lifetime, not just until ordination or the taking of vows. You can help nurture the vocations of priests, sisters and brothers by praying, listening, and expressing appreciation. A life of service needs support from those served.

For an outpouring of grace upon all those called to bring the newness of life in Christ to His people by their vocations as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life,

We pray to the Lord

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 2 Nov All Souls Day
Tues 3 Nov St Martin de Porres
Wed 4 Nov St Carlo Borromeo



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Tecla Alessi, Frank & Maria Pisano, Anna Nicolazzo, Bernadette Micallef, Catherine. Jessie Formosa

RECENT DEATHS: John Cannon