



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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responsibility



Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - 21st & 22nd Nov 2020

A UNIQUE KING WITH A UNIQUE KINGDOM....

Today we celebrate the great Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This solemnity is always held on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, one week before the beginning of Advent. It, therefore, brings to culmination the entire liturgical year, in a celebration of the King of Kings



What is the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of Christ the King?

Here is a beautiful explanation given by Gerald Darring (St. Louis University: *Centre for Liturgy*):

The **Kingdom of God is a space**. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.

The **Kingdom of God is a time**. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the Faith.

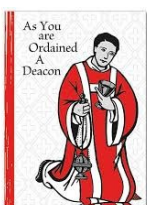
The **Kingdom of God is in the past** (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The **Kingdom of God is a condition**. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace. Jesus Christ is king! We pray today that God may free all the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, to live in his love. (Fr Tony cbcI homilies/Vatican News)

ADVENT STARTS NEXT WEEK...

Advent is a time of preparation. We prepare our hearts, minds, and homes to celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation when Christ came to us as a baby and to be ready to greet Christ when he comes again in glory. This season invokes feelings of expectation and hope!

After the long dark winter of lockdown we pray and hope that next week, the first Sunday of Advent, we will be able to open the Church for weekend Masses. If, as expected, numbers of worshippers allowed indoors in Church will increase to 100 this coming week, we will open our Church next Saturday 28th Nov for Vigil Mass at 5.00pm and Sunday 29th Nov for one Mass at 10.00am. Until the situation becomes clearer, the Italian Mass at 9.00am will be put on hold and parishioners, who normally attended Sunday Masses, are asked to join together at the Sunday 10am Mass. Please telephone or email the Office this coming week or visit our website at pol.org.au/hadfield for updates about the start of weekend Masses.



PRAYER IS A MOVING FORCE in vocations development.

Prayer is effective; prayer is powerful; prayer is essential. Few are called to priesthood or religious life, but all are called to pray for vocations.

Fr Raj asks for your prayers for his nephew, John Peter, who, together with other five seminarians from Fr Raj's province, will soon be ordained Deacons.

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

We are now permitted to have 20 parishioners attend indoor Masses. Therefore the following **weekday** Masses will be celebrated. Please continue to register for the Masses until further notice.

Tuesdays **One Mass** at 9.30am

Wednesdays **One Mass** at 9.30am

Fridays **One Mass** at 9.30am

It is expected that further easing of restrictions will be announced this Sunday. If the numbers increase for indoor services then the Church will open for weekend Masses. Please contact the Parish Office on 9357 1422, email us at admin@stmhadfield.org.au or visit our webpage at pol.org.au/hadfield for up to date details. Thank you

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 our **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** will be left at the foot of the Altar and all Masses during November will be offered for all our departed loved ones and those who have no one to pray for them. **IF YOU WISH TO HAVE ANY NAMES INCLUDED IN THE BOOK, PLEASE WRITE NAMES ON THE SLIPS PROVIDED AT OUR REMEMBRANCE TABLE. ONLY INCLUDE NAMES OF THOSE NOT ALREADY IN OUR BOOK.**

May the Lord support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes and the bust world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in his mercy, may He give us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last. Amen **Cardinal John Henry Newman**

The Most Beautiful Thing God made: THE FAMILY
Before creating the world, God loved, because God is love. But the most beautiful thing that God made, the Bible says, was the family. He created man and woman, and He gave them everything. He gave them the world! Grow, multiply, cultivate the earth, make it produce, make it grow. He presented to a family all of the love that He made in this marvellous creation... All of the love that God has in Himself, all of the beauty that God has in Himself, all of the truth that God has in Himself, He gives to the family. And a family is truly a family when it is able to open its arms and receive all of this love." Pope Francis



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL will start on 28/29 November.

Please note that this year due to Covid 19 **there will NOT be a collection of food items for hampers. There will ONLY be a money collection.** Donation envelopes and more information will be available next week

CHILD SAFETY NEWS

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. **This resource provides "key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people" including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them.** Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps.

Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>



FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Mon 23 Nov St Columban & St Clement I
Tues 24 Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Wed 25 Nov St Catherine of Alexandria



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