



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 & information can be viewed on our website



THANK YOU!

2021 has been another challenging year with long lockdowns, travel bans, mask and vaccination rules, millions of people lost their jobs, many lost their loved ones because of coronavirus etc... It is not an ordinary year.

At the end of the year, I would like to thank you to everyone for your love, prayers, friendship, support, kindness and contributions in numerous ways. Special thanks for your generous financial contributions which have sustained the life of the parish. Each of you is valued member of our parish community.

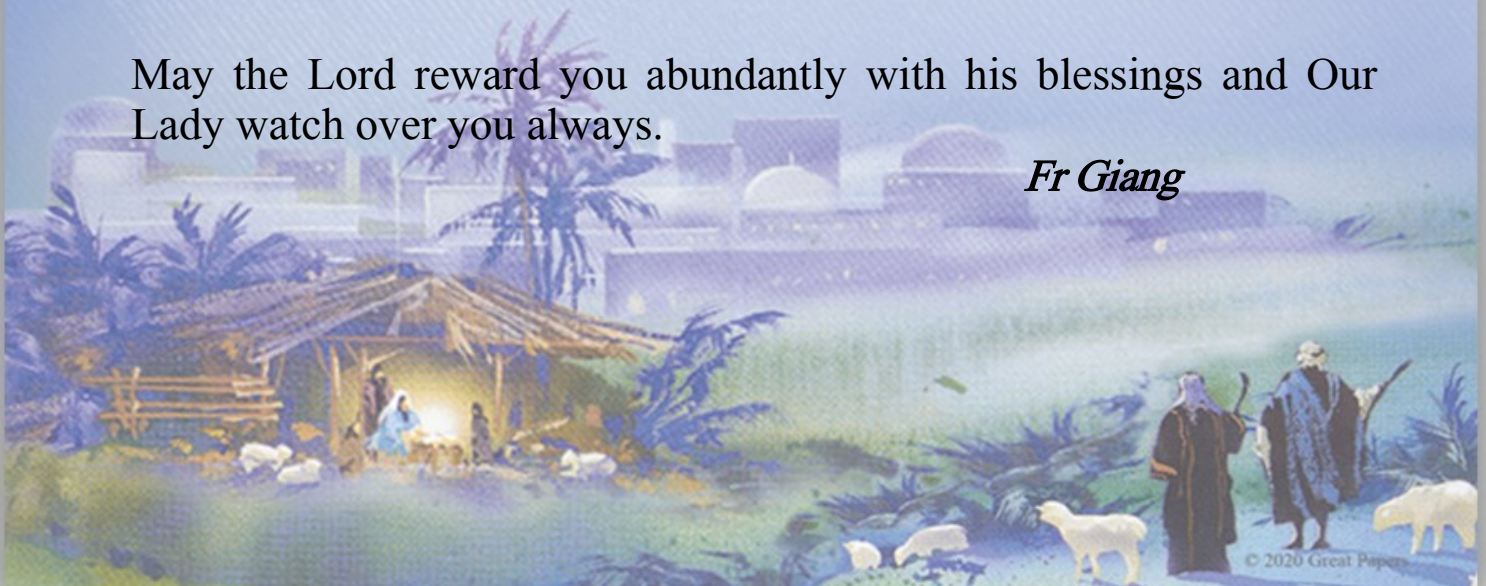
Thank you to all Parish Members Committees, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Counters, Cleaners, Gardeners and Volunteers for your continued assistance.

I especially thank you to Viviana who has been working hard as Parish Secretary. Her knowledge and skills are impressive. I also thank you to Claudia who has been preparing for all the baptism sessions.

Thank you for your kind wishes and gifts. I wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

May the Lord reward you abundantly with his blessings and Our Lady watch over you always.

Fr Giang



Christmas Day — 25 December 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

R. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

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.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

R.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is.

He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.



*Christmas will always be for us a time to reflect on Christ.
The gift God gave to all the world was the gift of His life.
So remember as you celebrate just what it's all about,
and invite the Lord Jesus to join with you,
instead of leaving Him out.
For He will always be the reason we celebrate this day,
no substitute the world may offer
can take that meaning away.*

PRAYER BEFORE MEALS AT CHRISTMAS

Heavenly Father, love brought Jesus
to the earth, and love brings us
to this Christmas table.

We give thanks for the joy of being with
our family and friends
and the blessings of sharing
this meal together.

May we do so with a joyful heart
and a warm smile.

Lord, we ask that you bless us,
our food and those we love,
who are not with us today.

Lord, console and bless all those who are
lonely, hungry and suffering today.

With grateful hearts, we thank you for all
the blessings you have given us this year
and we pray for peace in families
and nations around the world. Amen



JOY is the true gift of
Christmas, and we can
communicate this joy simply:
with a smile, a kind gesture,
a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we
give will certainly come back to us.

Pope Benedict XVI



A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

May all my family members and
friends who need miracles
be blessed.

May whoever is feeling unwell
and weak be given strength.

May all of those who have heavy
burdens have their load lightened.

May your Christmas be one filled
with happiness and joy.



NEW YEARS EVE & JANUARY

MASS SCHEDULE at STM

Tues 28 Dec	Mass at 9am
Thurs 30 Dec	Mass at 9am
Fri 31 Dec	Mass at 9am (Corpus Christi)
Sat 1 Jan	Mass at 9am
Sat 1 Jan	Vigil Mass at 4.30pm (Epiphany)
Sun 2 Jan	Mass at 9am (Epiphany)

During January, the usual mass timetable
with continue but NO communion services
at STM.

**Lectors and Ministers, there will be NO
January rosters. Please help out during any
of the January masses as needed. Thank
you for your faithful service!**