



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021

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Parish Office Hours: Tues, Wed & Fri 8.30am to 2.30pm
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



APRIL is the month of the HOLY SPIRIT

Easter Sunday - 4th April 2021

MASSES

- MON: Church closed
- TUES: 9.30am Mass
- WED: 9.00am Communion Serv
- THURS: 9.00am Mass
- FRI: 9.00am Communion Serv
- SAT: 5.00pm (Vigil)
- SUNDAY: 9.00am English Mass

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION:
1st Friday of the Month at
NEW MASS TIMES
COMMENCING 7th APRIL 2021

OUR SACRAMENTS

- RECONCILIATION: Saturday
4.30pm - 4.50pm
- BAPTISMS: 2nd Saturday of the month
at 10am. For bookings contact
Claudia on 0414 308 019
- ANOINTING OF THE SICK: As requested
- WEDDINGS: Contact Parish Office
at least six months in
advance

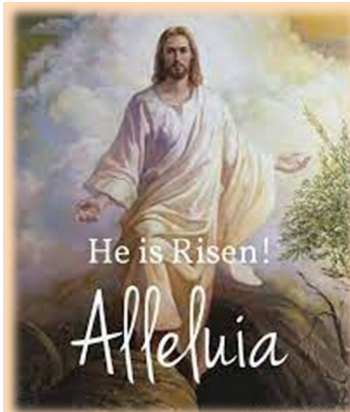
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PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 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 to 12 noon in the
Parish Convent



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF EASTER

Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for three reasons:

1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain"* (1 Cor 15:14).

2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Laza-

rus: *"I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies"* (Jn 11:25-26).

3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows, and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven that gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayer, strength to fight against temptations, and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. (Fr Tony Kadavil cbcj homiles)

An Easter Prayer

My Lord Jesus,
You have risen to new life!
Give me new eyes with which
to recognise Your presence
in the world around me.

Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond
the ordinary events of each day and into
the extraordinary reality of your grace.

Brighten my view of the world
with renewed hope in the coming
of your Kingdom.

Soften my gaze so that I view others
with the kind of tenderness and
compassion you showed to so many.

May each day of this Easter season
In Your sacred name, I pray.

Amen

Archbishop Comensoli's Easter Message 2021

In his message for Easter for this year, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli reminds us that in his death and resurrection, the Lord offers us the gifts of peace, life and love. 'All of us come under the love of Jesus Christ on the Cross,' says the Archbishop. 'And in the midst of our own struggles, Jesus comes to us, just as he came to Mary Magdalen on the day of the Resurrection to offer us hope and a pathway forward.'

The Archbishop's message:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/easter-message-2021>

Easter Triduum liturgies at St Patrick's Cathedral will be livestreamed and broadcast to C31 (channel 44 on digital TV).



Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it.

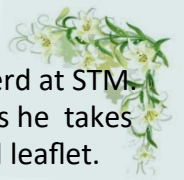
As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, let us thank God for all our blessings. May it be a special time together with our family and friends and may the peace and joy of the Risen Christ be our strength and hope.

Wishing everyone in our beautiful Parish community a Happy and Safe Easter in the love and protection of the Risen Lord.

WELCOME FR GIANG TRANFAREWELL FR AURELIO FRAGAPANE

On Wednesday 7th April, Fr Giang Tran of Corpus Christi commences as our new shepherd at STM. Let us all extend a warm welcome to Fr Giang and show our kindness and support to him as he takes on the pastoral care of our Parish. New Mass times commence 7th April. Please see attached leaflet.

However, it is also with sadness that we must bid farewell to Fr Fragapane. Father has been at STM for two months, and in this short time has left an indelible mark on our Parish of STM. He has endeared himself to everyone...young and old. He has given of his time and reverend ministry with generosity, kindness, and compassion. Thank you most sincerely Fr Fragapane for everything that you have done in the Parish and may the Lord bless you with peace and joy and continue to strengthen and guide you in your faithful service to God and his Church.



Sincere thanks to **EVERYONE** who helped in any way with the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies and the cleaning of the Church inside and out. Every little bit of help, whether big or small, has contributed to making these liturgies so special for all the parishioners.

Pope Francis said *Little acts of love, kindness and faith add up to holiness... All Christians are called to holiness and to take even little steps each day to be more loving and more Christ-like. It is a gift God offers to everyone and a response to his grace. It is the result of hundreds of little steps and gestures each day. And they will be different for each person depending on the circumstances of one's life.* THANK YOU again everyone for taking your little steps !!

OUR 2021 PASCHAL CANDLE



This year our Paschal candle comes from the Benedictine Nuns at Jamberoo Abbey in NSW.

Especially because of the dark days of the universal Covid 19 crisis, the design was inspired by the Coptic Icons of "The Harrowing of Hell", Holy Saturday and the Apostles Creed, "He was crucified, died and was buried: He descended into Hell. The third day he arose again from the dead..." Jesus, the Christ rises from the Earth, the Sun for his Nimbus Halo, Redeemer of the whole Universe. In the band, Jesus, the Christ leans into Hell pulling to himself a man and a woman symbolising all those waiting there.

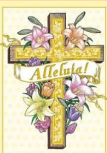
HONOURING ST JOSEPH - With the donations received on St Joseph Feast Day, Fr Fragapane suggested that it be used for something to honour St Joseph. Our incense thurible was very worn and old so a new thurible for our Church has been purchased in honour of St Joseph in this Year of St Joseph 2021. A big thank you also to Jonah Caruana for making a beautiful stand for the thurible in one day!!



Anniversary Mass for **ANGLEA IACOBELLIS**—Thank you to everyone who attended the mass for Angela Iacobellis. Donations received of \$547 were given to Angela's family and will be used for the process of her beatification.

PROJECT COMPASSION - Please remember to return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes as soon as possible. THANK YOU again for your generosity.

"However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads. Each day in our world, beauty is born anew." Pope Francis



Today in a particular way, we remember and pray for the sick and lonely and those who are in darkness and despair, that they may find the hope and light of Christ. And we also remember and pray in a special way for all those who have died or close to death...that the Lord may lead them to the fullness of the resurrection and gladden them with the light of his face. We pray to the Lord.