



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

1st Friday of the month at 6.30pm

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30pm-4.50pm

BAPTISM

2nd 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: Sebastiano Lazzara & Andrew Mallia (recently dec'd), Remigeus Kurera

Sunday Mass: Jessie Bugeja (recently deceased), Chetcuti Family & Zammit Family

Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman's favourite little prayer, "**Come Holy Spirit:**"



*"Come Holy Spirit
Make our ears to hear
Make our eyes to see
Make our mouths to speak
Make our hearts to seek
Make our hands to reach out
And touch the world with your love. Amen"*

[Cardinal Newman was beatified September 19, 2010 by Pope St. John Paul II; he was canonized October 13, 2019 by Pope Francis]

COPIES OF ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI'S PASTORAL LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL "TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL...RE-IMAGINING OUR LOCAL CHURCH AS MISSION COMMUNITIES" IS AVAILABLE IN BOTH FOYERS. MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK.

Pentecost Sunday – 23 May 2021

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: *Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!

Lord God, how great you are,

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your riches. **R.**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I find my joy in the Lord. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

12:3-7.12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal Mystery — the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus — culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father (at the request of His Son), on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT NOTICES



Please remember to register with the new **Victorian Government QR Code Service** provided at various points at both entrances to the Church. **Manual registration is only for those who do not have access to a mobile phone.** Please also remember to sanitise your hands !!

THANK YOU to everyone who donated so generously to the Project Compassion during Lent 2021. **The Parish total was \$ 2,352.95.** Wonderful outcome and will help many communities in need.

NO Communion Service on Wednesday 26 May at 9am as there will be work undertaken in the Church during that time. Thank you for understanding.

We celebrate and give thanks for **Pope Francis' appointment last week of two new Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Melbourne the Msgr Anthony Ireland and Fr Martin Ashe.** Many of our parishioners will remember Fr Ashe who was ordained in June 1978. **Fr Ashe's first parish was here at St Thomas More Hadfield** as Asst Priest where he stayed for a few years. Fr Ashe is currently at Christ the Light Catholic Parish in Mernda. Further info on the Bishops-elect may be found at: www.melbournecatholic.org

Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia on Monday 24 May....*Loving God, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, Help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHINA this week 23-30 May. In 2007, then-Pope Benedict XVI published his letter to Catholics in China and designated 24th May, the feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, as an annual worldwide day of prayer for the Chinese Church. Cardinal Charles Bo, president of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences, has set 23-30th May as a week of prayer for China. We are encouraged to pray that all believers in China are given the freedom to practice their faith and that human dignity and respect is always upheld and respected.

JOKE OF THE WEEK....

The gift of **understanding:** A kindergarten teacher was observing the children in her classroom while they drew pictures. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's artwork. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing the girl replied, "They will in a minute !"