



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



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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: 9.00am

Thur: 9.00am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat: 4.30pm

Sun: 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00pm - 4.20pm

BAPTISM

1st Saturday of the month at 10am at Corpus Christi

2nd Saturday of the month at 10am at STM

For bookings contact Claudia on 0414 308 019

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

As requested

WEDDINGS

Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

FOR THE SICK: Margaret Roberts, Iris Dixon

RECENTLY DECEASED: Donato di Nardo (1 month)

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Armando Pironti (1 year)



Food for Thought.....Wanting too Much...

I often read that we are inclined to sacrifice our health in order to make money and then we sacrifice money to recuperate our health.

At the same time we become so anxious about the future, that we do not enjoy the present. Thus we live as if we are never going to die and then finally we die, having never really lived. What folly! What a contrast to the many Missionaries I meet who labour, not with the hope of seeing the fruit of their hard work, but trusting that good will be done even though they never see it.

Excerpts from reflection by Fr Adrian Meaney MSC

The Baptism of the Lord — 9 January 2022

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Thus says the Lord:

42:1-4.6-7

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth,
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;
I have appointed you as covenant of the people
and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R.**

The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

3:15-16.21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Feast of the Baptism of Christ

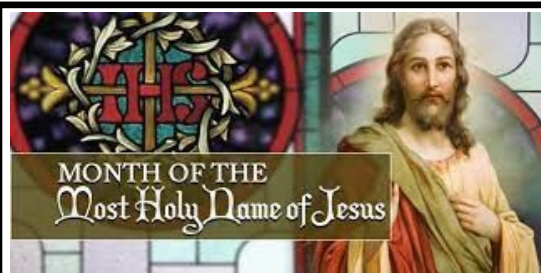
Today we celebrate the baptism of Christ in the Jordan.

The most holy one placed Himself among us, the unclean and sinners. The Son of God freely humbled Himself at the hand of the Baptist. By His baptism in the Jordan, Christ manifests His humility and dedicates Himself to the redemption of man.

He takes upon Himself the sins of the whole world and buries them in the waters of the Jordan.

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

It is a day to thank God for the graces we have received in Baptism, to renew our Baptismal promises and to preach Christ's "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.



The month of January is dedicated to the **Holy Name of Jesus**, celebrated on January 3.

Jesus was the name given by the angel before Christ's birth "You shall name him Jesus" (Luke 1: 31).

It was the name by which our Lord was known in His family and among His friends in Nazareth. Exalted by the crowds and invoked by the sick during the years of His public ministry, it calls to mind His identity and mission as Saviour. "Jesus" means "God saves". A blessed name, which also proved to be a sign of contradiction, it was written on the Cross in justification of His death sentence – "Jesus, King of the Jews". But this name, in the supreme sacrifice of Golgotha, shone forth as a life-giving name in which God offers the grace of reconciliation and peace to all.

Pope's January prayer intention for January 2022: For those who suffer religious persecution

Pope Francis dedicates his first prayer message of 2022 to combatting religious discrimination and persecution, reminding us that religious freedom is not limited to freedom of worship, but is tied to fraternity.