



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD

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

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MASSES

MON: 9.15am Communion Service
TUES-FRI : 9.15am
SAT: 9.15am, 5.00pm (Vigil)
SUNDAY: 9.00am (Italian/English Mass)
10.30am (Children's Liturgy)

MALTESE MASS: 4th Saturday of the month at 6.00pm

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION: 1st Friday of every month 8.45-9.15am

OUR SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: 9.45am Sat or by appointment

BAPTISMS: 2nd Sunday of the month

WEDDINGS: Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: As requested

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 in the Parish Convent

CUPPA & CHAT: 1st Weekend of every month after every Mass

STM CRAFT CLUB: Meets 1st Monday of every month from 9.45am to 12 noon

PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mrs Marcy De Nardis, Principal
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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Contact 1800 305 330

CHILD SAFETY OFFICER: 0416 027 413

PIETY STALL: For special requests or enquiries ring Theresa on 0407 043 123

The Ascension of the Lord Yr A - 23rd & 24th May 2020



Each Sunday we profess through the Creed, "*He ascended into Heaven.*" Christ's Ascension was the culmination of God's divine plan for Christ Jesus, his return to his Father with "Mission Accomplished."

The Ascension, as the grand finale of all Jesus' words and works done for us and for our salvation, is a culmination, but not a conclusion. Jesus is now with God in glory, and with us in the Holy Spirit: "*Lo, I am with you always*".

The feast of the Ascension celebrates one aspect of the Resurrection, namely Jesus' exaltation. He did not wait 40 days to be glorified at God's right hand. That had already happened at his Resurrection. Like the 40 days after Easter during which He appeared to many in Israel, this public Ascension into Heaven was given to us for our sakes. The forty days allowed many to experience personally Jesus' Resurrection from the dead and his being alive in a glorified body as fact to be counted upon, reality, and the fulfillment of prophecy.

The focus of this feast is the Heavenly reign of Christ, and the Lord's being "seated at God's right hand," meaning He alone will be in control of the continuing plan of salvation through the Holy Spirit, unrestricted by time, space or culture. It is there, at the "right hand of God," that Jesus continues to make intercession for all of us with the Father. Thus, the Paschal Mystery — Jesus' passion, death, Resurrection, Ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit — is a single, unbroken Reality which is to be understood by Faith. By His Ascension, Jesus, the risen Christ, True God and True Man, is One with the Father and the Holy Spirit in glory forever. (*Excerpts from cbc homilies*)

*As Christians, we need to be **proclaimers and evangelizers.** The difference between preaching and proclaiming is that we **preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives.** Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we may bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives which we also hope to share.*

FEASTS DURING THIS WEEK

Mon 25 May Our Lady, Help of Christians
Tues 26 May St Philip Neri
Wed 27 May St Augustine of Canterbury

Our enemy, the devil, who fights with us in order to vanquish us, seeks to disunite us in our houses, and to breed quarrels, dislikes, contests and rivalries because while we are fighting with each other, he comes and conquers us and makes us more securely his own.
St Philip Neri

Bishops announce gradual re-opening of churches ...

Last week, it was announced that churches in Victoria may begin to re-open for small gatherings and private prayer. Every parish is different and they must assess what is reasonably possible within their local community and within the guidelines. Churches may be re-opened but there must be provision for the collection of contact details, strict monitoring of numbers, ongoing hygiene requirements, publicising the scheduled times for private worship, and a limit of 10 people for public worship.

For this reason, our Parish Church was open this week for private prayer only. Thank you to all the parishioners that came and adhered and cooperated with all the regulations put into place.

However I am confident that we can move to the next step and begin to celebrate Masses during the three weekdays Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Therefore effective **Tuesday 26th May (until further notice)...**

1. The Church will be open for 9.15am Mass on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Church doors will open at 9.00am and close at 10.00am.**
2. Maximum attendance at any Mass is 10 people.
3. Frequency of attendance at Mass per person will depend on how many people pre-register (participation at Mass may be weekly, fortnightly or less frequently)
4. Attendance is ***only by pre-registration*** by email to admin@stmhadfield.org.au or by calling the Parish Office during office hours on 93571422, or ringing Viviana on 0402 249 117. You will receive a confirmation of your Mass booking date. If you are unable to attend on your booked day, then please contact the Parish Office by phone or email, so your spot can be passed on to another parishioner.

Please do not try to attend any Mass unless registration is confirmed beforehand.



CDFpay for Parishes...

is a new option for anyone in a position to give and assist the parish financially during this difficult time.

The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) and the Archdiocese of Melbourne have partnered to build an online parish payment portal called **CDFpay for Parishes**. The site enables you to make quick and easy online thanksgiving payments or donations to your Parish. You can set up recurring payments (*if you have not already done so*), or you can choose a one-off offering.

The St Thomas More Parish site is live and can be found by going to **CDFpay for Parishes** and click on the link: <https://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/Organisations/CDFpay>. Page down to FIND MY PARISH and choose HADFIELD PARISH on page 5, and follow the prompts to make an offering.

*Thank you to all those parishioners who continue to help the Parish financially either by dropping off their Thanksgiving envelopes or by bank transfer. CDFpay is another option to help anyone wanting to give to the Parish. **Your ongoing financial support during these difficult times is very much appreciated.***

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Cedia, Goretty Soares, Imelda Sinclair, Mirella Santoro

ANNIVERSARIES: Stefano di Giorgio, Nazzareno & Teresa Marinucci,

