



ST THOMAS MORE PARISH, HADFIELD



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

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of all children and vulnerable adults*

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REFLECTION

“Once a man was asked, “what did you gain by regularly praying to God?”

The man replied, ‘nothing....but let me tell you what I lost:

Anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death.’

Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain.”

Fr Raj

THE CHURCH DEDICATES THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER To OUR LADY OF SORROW WHOSE MEMORIAL THE CHURCH CELEBRATES ON SEPTEMBER 15



*Sorrowful Heart of Mary
Pray for Us*

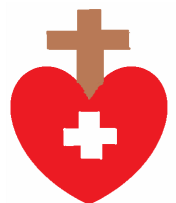
During September, as in all of Ordinary Time , the Liturgy does not focus on one particular mystery of Christ, but views the mystery of Christ in all its aspects. We follow the life of Christ through the Gospels, and focus on the teachings and parables of Jesus and what it means for us to be a follower of Christ. During Ordinary Time we can concentrate more on the saints and imitate their holiness as Christ's followers.

THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

Respect for the Planet’s Resources: We pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner. (See also <http://www.popesprayerusa.net/>)

FEAST OF ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA ON SEPTEMBER 5

The **heart** represents her loving caring heart and how she followed her heart in wanting to help the poor. The **cross** stands for her belief in God and her belief in the Kingdom of God.



Some quotes of Mother Teresa....

“God doesn’t require us to succeed, he only requires that you try.”

“Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet, especially your family.”

“Speak tenderly to them. Let there be kindness in your face, in your eyes, in your smile, in the warmth of your greeting. Don’t only give your care, but give your heart as well. ”

“Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other and in the home begins the disruption of peace in the world.”

STAY SAFE
STAY HOME
SAVE LIVES

OUR CHURCH IS CLOSED until further notice

see advice on: www.cam.org.au

The Lord is my strength
and my shield, in whom
my heart trusts.
Psalm 28:7

Visit our website at pol.org.au/hadfield for regular updates

PARISH OFFICE—due to Stage 4 Restrictions, the Parish Office will be unattended.

During this period of increased restrictions and for any urgent matters please contact Viviana on 0402 249 117, otherwise you may either phone or email the Parish Office.

Please leave a message on the Parish Office answering machine on 9357 1422

or email us on admin@stmhadfield.org.au. We will attend to your call/email asap.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support your Parish through thanksgiving and your donations.

JOKE OF THE WEEK:

Three holy, religious priests, a Dominican, a Franciscan, and a Jesuit were in the same hospice. All were near death.

One evening, the Angel of Death appeared before them and informed them that it was their time. He said, however, that each could have a final request before accompanying him from this world as they had scrupulously practiced the triple norms of Christian discipleship in their pretty long lives.

The Dominican went first, and he asked to gaze upon the face of his Saviour. In an instant, the face of Christ appeared before him. He was satisfied and felt he could die with no regrets. The Franciscan was next. He asked to touch the wounds in the hands and feet of Jesus before he died. No sooner had he spoken than Christ appeared and invited him, as he did Thomas, to examine His wounds. The dying priest touched Christ's hands and feet, wept with joy and was content and at peace.

Finally, the angel turned to the Jesuit and asked his final request. Without hesitation, the Jesuit replied: "I'd like a second opinion."

MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA: BISHOPS RELEASE 2020-21 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

'Our society tends to push away or draw away from those who confront us with our frailties and limitations. This is not the way of Jesus,' writes Bishop Terry Brady, the Bishop Delegate for Social Justice on the release of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, **To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia**. It was released ahead of **Social Justice Sunday, celebrated on 30 August**. Given the challenges our country and world are facing due to COVID-19, the issue of mental health is very much front and centre for many people. 'The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting many members of our parishes, schools and communities,' Bishop Brady says. 'Understanding mental health will help us to be aware of those who most need our support.'

Download the Statement at

[https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020-nf41c/517737900?](https://agora.catholic.org.au/e/576423/SocialJustice-2020-nf41c/517737900?h=HNIU_9ibY5UCWxG_7WfcHageNi62WKxDZK82jAiPuzQ)

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to a very special lady
and parishioner

Beth Crowhurst

Beth is a shining light in our Parish. She is the Lady's Prayer Group leader and is always so positive and supportive. We all love Beth for the thoughtful, wise and generous person that she is. May God bless you Beth on your birthday and throughout the coming year.

Fr Raj and all the parishioners at STM !!

FEASTS DURING THE WEEK

Thurs 3 Sept St Gregory the Great

Fri 4 Sept Ember Day

Sat 5 Sept St Teresa of Calcutta

*Kind words can be short and easy to speak,
but their echoes are truly endless.* St Teresa

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER.....



THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pamela di Giorgio, Josie Abela, Carl & Michael Ceddia, Goretty Soares, Joe Asdagi, Maureen Canino, Frank & Maria Pisano, Tecla Alessi

RECENT DEATHS: Angela Pizzo

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Alex & Antonio Cutrale, Thomas, Victoria, Joseph Azzopardi & Abela Family, Anthony Coletta, Pauline Salerno, Elena Delia

