

Fatima and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

In the Second Apparition of Our Lady to the Children at Fatima (June 13, 1917), she revealed: "Jesus wishes to establish Devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the World. I promise Salvation to those who embrace it".

On December 7, 1925, while Sr Lucia was in her room at the Convent. Our Lady appeared to her accompanied by the Child Jesus. The Blessed Mother held in her hand a Heart that was surrounded by Thorns that Pierced it on every side. The Child Jesus spoke first: - *"Have pity on the Heart of your most Holy Mother. It is covered with Thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an Act of Reparation"*.

Our Lady then spoke to Sr Lucia: - *"My daughter, look at my Heart surrounded with Thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their Blasphemies and Ingratitude. You, at least, try to console me, and announce that I promise to assist at the Hour of Death, with all the Graces necessary for Salvation, all those who, on the First Saturday of Five Consecutive Months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite Five Decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a Quarter of an Hour while Meditating on the Mysteries of the Rosary, with the Intention of making Reparation to me"*.

If, however, one would ask why Our Lady asked for Communions of Reparation on Five (5) First Saturdays. It was because of Five (5) Kinds of Offenses and Blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, namely

- ♥ Blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception,
- ♥ Against her Perpetual Virginity,
- ♥ Against the Divine and Spiritual Maternity of Mary,
- ♥ Blasphemies involving the Rejection and Dishonouring of her images,
- ♥ Neglect of Implanting in the Hearts of Children a Knowledge and Love of this Immaculate Mother.

So Dear is the Heart of Mary to her Divine Son, and so much is He Pained at the Offenses and Blasphemies against her Immaculate Heart, that as Fr Thomas McGlynn, O.P. expresses it: - *"God has told us now, through Fatima, that we can make Reparation to Him if we Repair the Suffering we have caused her."*

And as Our Lady revealed to Lucy, June 13, 1917: *"I will never abandon you, my child. My Immaculate Heart will be your Refuge and the Way that will lead you to God"*.

The Church sees Mary, then, not as the Goal, but as the Guide, who always leads Souls who Honour her with True Devotion - to her Son, especially to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona

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Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith. James 2:18

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Mass Times

Saturday: - (Vigil) 6pm
Sunday: - 9:30am & 5:30pm
Monday: - 8am Mass
Tuesday: - 10am, Mass of Mercy, *2nd*
Tues of month Anointing of the sick
Wednesday: - 8am
Thursday: - 7pm, Mass & Family Novena
Friday: - 8am
Saturday: - 8am, Blessed Virgin Mary Mass

Sacraments and Devotions

Adoration: - Fri 8:30am to 10:30am
Precious Blood - 10am
Rosaries: - Thurs 6:30pm and Sun 9am
Reconciliation: - Thursday after Novena
Sat after 8am Mass & 5:30 to 5:50pm
Sun 9 to 9.20am & 5.00 to 5:20pm
Baptism and Marriage: - By appointment
Legion of Mary Praesidia:
Mon 9:30am - Mystical Rose
Thur 5.30pm - Mother of Divine Grace
Wed 8:30am - Mary Immaculate

~ Parish Notices ~

First Holy Communion & Reconciliation Preparation classes will begin at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish on the 26th July 2017 at 4.30pm to 5.30pm each Wednesday until the 6th of September. If we can assist you to prepare your child, please email Parish office or contact Lyn Byrnes 60432232.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the New Financial Year:

take your envelopes if you have not already done so

Morning tea after 9:30am Mass: All Welcome, join us for a cuppa

Hav-A-Chat: With Jack Frost around the corner, this won't stop the Ladies from Hav-A-Chat meeting at the Thurgoona Golf Club at 12 noon on Monday 3rd July. Guest Speaker will give us a few tips in the Physio Department on how to ease our winter aches and pains. See you all there.

Fr John will be away on annual leave until the 17th July & following a Priests In service in Wagga Wagga - will resume Parish Duties on the 20th July. In his absence Fr Jim Victory will be available for all priestly functions.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 2nd July 2017

Collect: O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

First reading 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his Servent) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

Second reading Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

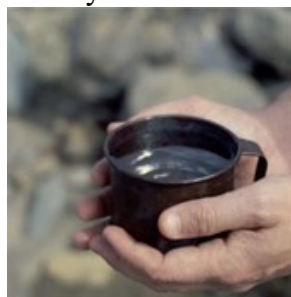
Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. *Alleluia.*

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



Communion antiphon:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

Feast of the week: *Mon*-St Thomas, apostle

Lord hear our prayers for the:

Sick: Lyn Byrnes, Noel Glasgow, Matthew Cameron, Kieran Clifford, Theresa McCooke, Jack Dwyer **Departed:** Angela Gunning (Cox), Gail Sutcliffe, Vicky Coelli, Vincent Murray, Patrick O'Brien, Jeanetta Armour **Anniversaries:** Barry Pascoe

Readers: this week: Sat 6pm - Damien Tocher Sun 9.30am - Br Denis Devich

Readers & Cleaners Roster - 8/9 July 2017

Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Lucy Findlay Sun: 9.30 am - Vara Galvin

Cleaning: Group 5 Kathleen Horsfall

Financial Report: Please make cheques payable to "Thurgoona Catholic Parish" or Direct Debit: BSB 012-708: Ac No. 3546 39223. Please include name on transfer. First Collection: \$357.70, Envelope: \$305.00+ Direct Debit: \$200.00, Loose: \$256.25

To Find Our Lives: Scott Hahn

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles, or to be prophets like Elisha. But each of us is called to a holy life.

At Baptism our lives were joined forever to the cross of Christ. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan.

Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives—above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By Baptism, we've been made part of a new family—the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers and mothers, and all men and women to live as "little ones" under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One. We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunnamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets, but also little children, the poor and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ himself.

The Sacrifice prayer revealed at Fatima to the three children

"O Jesus, it is for the love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners [that I do this]."

The prayer is meant to be recited when you are offering up suffering to God.

