

## The Meaning of the Word "Heart" in Christian Piety

Human life is dependent, in a special way, on the Proper Functioning of the Heart. While the Heart controls the flow of blood through the Arteries and Veins according to the needs of the Body, it is itself influenced by Thoughts of the Mind and Acts of the Will which affect our Emotional Nature. Thus the Heart can beat Fast or Slow, Strong or Weak - according as it reacts to these Impressions.

This Interaction between Body and Soul seems to affect the Movement of the Heart more than any other part of the Body.

Thus the Word "Heart" has come to be used to convey various States of the Human Spirit, as if it were the Seat of the Affections, the Source and Seat of the various Dispositions of the Soul. In this sense, we can speak of one having a 'Kind' Heart, a 'Hard' Heart, a 'Generous' Heart, a 'Broken' Heart, a 'Sorrowful' Heart, etc.

The Heart then, is not merely a Symbol of these Interior Dispositions and Acts of the Soul, it is affected by them and Beats in Sympathy with them. For this Reason, the Heart, in the Language of the Spiritual Life, stands for the Interior Life of the Individual, a Symbol of the Depths of the Human Soul, the Centre of Choice and Commitments, whether Good or Evil.

### The Heart of Mary

From the First Moment of her Conception, she was Freed from the Stain of Original Sin - and from all its Disturbing Consequences. Body and Soul, she was Immaculate from that First Moment, until the End of her Earthly Life. And since, in her there was not the slightest Obstacle to Grace, there was a Constant Growth in that Divine Life every conscious Moment of her Earthly Existence. So Sublime is her Fullness of Grace, that the Sanctity of her Soul, not even the Angels can Comprehend.

Since Mary was Endowed with so Perfect a Human Nature without Stain or Unbalance of any kind, her Heart responded Perfectly and most Delicately to every Act and Disposition of her Soul. In the language we are using, in her Heart she experienced a more Intense Love for her Son - on the purely Natural Level - than did any other mother, for no other Son was as Lovable, and no mother's Heart was as capable of Love, for none was ever as Pure. And for the same Reason, she Suffered when her Son Suffered, as did no other mother.

And being the Universal Mother of all Mankind in the Order of Grace, she Loves each one of us with a Love that we can never fathom; and because of this her Heart is Deeply Joyed when we Love her Son - by keeping His Commandments, while it is deeply Pained when we Offend Him - by breaking His Commandments . . . a Pain Symbolized (as we will see) by Thorns Piercing her Heart on all sides. It was to ask Reparation to her Immaculate Heart that a Prophetic Message was given to the World at Fatima in 1917.



## 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.

**Anointing of the sick Mass:** Tues, 10am 11th July 2017

**Planned Giving Envelopes for the New Financial Year:**

take your envelopes from church foyer, if you have not already done so

**Pray the Rosary for our families and for peace in our world.**

If you would like to have the pilgrim Statue of Our Lady in your home and pray the Rosary for one week, please leave your name and telephone number on Pilgrim statue clip board in church foyer.

With the Statue you will find a small crucifix, candle, holy water and a flower vase. Also, there is a note book for you and members of your family to fill in your petitions. These petitions will be prayed for at the Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Thursday night. If you would like a blessing of your home while you have the statue, Please contact Fr John Fowles.



## 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Collect:** O God, who in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

### Second reading Romans 8:9, 11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.



### Gospel Acclamation Cf. Mt 11:25

*Alleluia, Alleluia!* Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. *Alleluia!*

### Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

### Communion Antiphon Ps 33:9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**Fest of the Week:** *Tues*-St Benedict, Abbot, *Sat*-St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor

### Lord hear our prayers for the:

**Sick:** Bob Mannering, Lyn Byrnes, Noel Glasgow, Matthew Cameron, Kieran Clifford, Theresa McCooke, Jack Dwyer **Departed:** Kevin Golding, Angela Gunning, Gail Sutcliffe, Vicky Coelli, **Anniversaries:** Barry Pascoe,

**Readers: this week: Sat 6pm - Lucy Findlay Sun 9.30am - Vera Galvin**

### Readers & Cleaners Roster - 15/16 July 2017

**Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Denise Murphy Sun: 9.30 am - Gwen Abikhair**

**Cleaning: Group 6 Vera Galvin**

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### A Yoke for the Childlike: Scott Hahn

Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses.

Moses, the meekest man on earth, was God's friend. Only he knew God "face to face". And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed himself and how we are to live.

Jesus too is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a law-giver, presenting himself today as the yoke of a new Law, and as the revealed Wisdom of God.

As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth. And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God. In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike"—those who humble themselves before Him as little children. These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just saviour and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel.

We too are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness, as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church. We are to live by the Spirit we received in baptism, putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love, by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom.

We joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus—first anticipated by Moses, but which still awaits the people of God.



### The Eucharistic Prayer revealed at Fatima to the tree children

*"Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament."*

