

## Our Lady of Fatima and The Holy Eucharist Father Frederick L. Miller

In 1916, the before Mary herself came, an angel appeared to the children on at least three occasions. Identifying himself as the “Angel of Peace,” he came from God to teach the children how to exercise their baptismal priesthood. In the first apparition, the Angel bowing profoundly with his forehead on the ground taught the children this prayer: “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.” The Eucharistic theme of this prayer was repeated with a slightly different emphasis in the second apparition of the angel. He said to them, “in every way you can offer sacrifice to God in reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for sinners. In this way, you will bring peace to our country, for I am the Angel of Portugal. Above all, bear and accept with patience the sufferings God will send you.”



The third and final apparition of the Angel is explicitly Eucharistic. In fact, the angel gave Jacinta, Francisco, and Lucia their first Holy Communion. The Angel gave the Eucharist to the children under both species. From the diary of Sr. Lucia: “After we had repeated this prayer, I do not know how many times we saw shining over us a strange light. We lifted our heads to see what was happening. The Angel was holding in his left hand a chalice and over it, in the air, was a host from which drops of blood fell into the chalice. The Angel leaves the chalice in the air, kneels near us and tells us to repeat three times: ““Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”

“After that he rose, took again in his hand the chalice and the host. The host he gave to me and the contents of the chalice he gave to Jacinta and Francisco, saying at the same time, Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ terribly outraged by the ingratitude of men. Offer reparation for their sakes and console God.

“Once more, he bowed to the ground repeating with us the same prayer thrice: ‘Most Holy Trinity,’ etc. and disappeared. Overwhelmed by the supernatural atmosphere that involved us, we imitated the Angel in everything, kneeling prostrate as he did and repeating the prayers he said.”

The Angel taught the children how to worship the mystery of God; how to offer Jesus to the Father in sacrifice, how to offer themselves and their sacrifices in union with Jesus to the Father, how to draw life from the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood. He catechized the children on the Real Presence and the Real Sacrifice of Christ in the Eucharistic celebration. He taught them how to exercise their baptismal priesthood in making the oblation. He introduced a theme that Our Lady would make much more explicit in the subsequent apparitions: the oblation of Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, must be lived out every day by members of the Church.



## 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

**The Devotion of the Five First Saturdays  
continues Saturday 5th August**

### 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 ~

**A Parish ‘Get Together’:** 6/8/17 in the Marian Centre after the 9.30 am Mass. Morning Tea will be provided and it would be appreciated if you could bring a plate to share.

**Saint Mary MacKillop Ball:** 12th August 2017 commencing at 6.30pm at the Commercial Club Albury. Bookings: \$60 pp, \$45 students (+16) or \$50 pp for table of 10. Please come along and enjoy a three course dinner, dancing, auctions, prizes and drinks at bar prices. Booking Online [www.trybooking.com/296197](http://www.trybooking.com/296197) or call Fiona on 0260 263 733

Children gathered together in the Marian Centre enjoying exploring the beauty of the faith as they prepare for the sacraments of Holy Communion and Reconciliation.



## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 30 July 2017

**Collect:** O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who .....

### First reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, I love your commands.

### Second reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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

### Gospel Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



## Communion Antiphon Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**Feasts of the week:** *Mon*-St Ignatius Loyola, Priest,  
*Tues*-St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor,  
*Thur*-St Dominic, Priest,  
*Frid*-St John Vianney, Priest

### Lord hear our prayers for the:

**Sick:** Ian Cummings, Bob Mannering, Lyn Byrnes, Noel Glasgow, Matthew Cameron, Kieran Clifford, Theresa McCooke,  
**Departed:** Brendan Jacobs, John McDonald, Kevin Golding, Angela Gunning,  
**Anniversaries:** Tess Coleman and Fr Patrick O'Connell

**Readers: this week: Sat 6pm - Luke Burton Sun 9.30am - Jorgette Hudson**

### Readers & Cleaners Roster - 5/6 August 2017

**Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Damien Tocher Sun: 9.30 am - Mark Mannering**

**Cleaning: Group 3 Kate Tobin**

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## Euthanasia 'threat to vulnerable': Archbishop Anthony Fisher Op

Real world experience confirms that there is nothing empowering about assisted dying, especially for those who lack the money, fame and articulateness of euthanasia campaigners. Once euthanasia is accepted, even as a last resort, those who are suffering tend to suffer more and those who are vulnerable face new threats to their dignity and very life.

Stories had emerged from the Netherlands and Belgium, both of which legalised euthanasia in 2002, of people being euthanised without their families' knowledge or while they were too young, disabled, unconscious or depressed to understand and freely consent.

In February, Belgium prompted alarm, including in media generally favourable to assisted dying, by being the first country to legalise euthanasia for terminally ill children with no age limit (the minimum age someone can be euthanised in the Netherlands is 12, with parental consent).

Cases have been reported in which a large part of the suffering of those given euthanasia or assisted suicide consisted in being aged, lonely or bereaved. Some of these patients could have lived for years or decades. Pressure on doctors to conform to patients' – or, in some cases, relatives' – wishes can be intense. Pressure from relatives, in combination with a patient's concern for their well-being, is in some cases an important factor behind a euthanasia request. Not even the review committees, despite hard and conscientious work, have been able to halt these developments.

