

## There is Great Strength in Humility Marge Fenelon, NCR

Why in the world would I need the Litany of Humility? Now that I've been praying it daily for a while, I understand why I do indeed need it. It's not because I have an over-inflated opinion of myself. I don't. It's not that I think I'm never wrong. I do, and I often am.

It's not that I think I'm more talented than others. I know I'm not. There are others who are far more talented than I am.

No, it's because I think I know my own worth better than God does. There's a huge difference between underestimating your worth and being truly humble. When you think you know better than your Creator who you are and what you're good for, you're not really being humble. You're actually – being prideful because you think you know better than God.

No, God. I'm not worth what you say I'm worth. I'm worth what I say I'm worth.

Just as prideful persons become agitated by insults or undervaluation, falsely humble persons become agitated by praise and what they consider overvaluation. Genuinely humble persons don't become agitated by praise or attention, nor do they become insistent on their own self-image. Rather, they look to God as their measuring stick and take their cue from the signs and messages that he provides to them.

Godly humility enables you to better serve God by allowing you to accept what God has given you. It allows you to spread your wings and soar – not on your own volition, but on the grace and support of the God who made you...

Humility isn't about lowering oneself; it's about putting your preconceived notions aside and serving God with all your strength and in the manner he asks of you.

In that respect, there is tremendous power in humility. It takes the onus off your self-valuation and instead places it on the value God has given to you. Genuine, godly humility is a powerful force because it's God's power that gives you flight rather than your own. **Litany of Humility - Cardinal Merry del Val**

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart, **Hear me.**

From the desire of being esteemed,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being loved...

From the desire of being extolled ...

From the desire of being honored ...

From the desire of being praised ...

From the desire of being preferred to others...

From the desire of being consulted ...

From the desire of being approved ...

From the fear of being humiliated ...

From the fear of being despised...

From the fear of suffering rebukes ...

From the fear of being calumniated ...

From the fear of being forgotten ...

From the fear of being ridiculed ...

From the fear of being wronged ...

From the fear of being suspected ...

That others may be loved more than I,

**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be esteemed more than I ...

That, in the opinion of the world,

others may increase and I may decrease ...

That others may be chosen and I set aside ...

That others may be praised and I unnoticed ...

That others may be preferred to me in every-thing...

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should...



## 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. First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday 9th September & First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 10th September 2017. Please indicate to Lyn Byrnes 60432232 if your child requires the above Sacraments.

**SRE - Catechist:** On 7th June at 10am until 12 noon in the Marian Centre, Victoria Kirley will be training catechist in classroom management followed by (optional) Bible study 1hour 45 minutes.

**Hav-A-Chat:** 5th of June 2017, the Ladies are gathering at Thurgoona Golf Club at 12 noon. This month we have a special Guest Speaker giving a talk on the "Life Behind Bars". Looking forward to seeing you there, friends most welcome

**Leaders Now Information Session** Monday 7.30pm at Thurgoona parish for mothers and daughters. Leaders Now is a leadership program for young women who are in high school. Items to be discussed are: What is it about? Cost to be subsidised by recent fundraising. Share driving arrangements. Supper provided. Call Kathleen Horsfall on 0431734206.

## Pentecost Sunday 4 June 2017

**Collect:** O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

### Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love *Alleluia!*

### Gospel John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you

forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

### Communion Antiphon Acts 2:4,11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

**Feast of the week: Mon** - St Boniface, bishop, Martyr

**Lord hear our prayers for the:**

**Sick:** Noel Glasgow, Ray Curtis, Kieran Clifford, Theresa McCooke

**Departed:** Pat Coleman, George Honey, **Anniversaries:** Patricia Gordon and Jack Fowles,

**Readers: this week: Sat 6pm - Peter Tobin Sun 9.30am - Jorgette Hudson**

**Readers & Cleaners Roster - 10/11 June 2017**

**Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Denise Murphy Sun: 9.30 am - Mark Mannering**

**Cleaning: Group 1 Isabella and Denis**

**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: \$285.15, Envelope: \$370.00+ Direct Debit: \$310.00, Loose: \$161.80

### A Mighty Wind: Scott Hahn - Pentecost Sunday

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God is prefigured and fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised.

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles.

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle.

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism.

Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

