

**“We Are No Longer Witnesses,
But Deserters if we Do Not Speak Openly and Publicly”**

Satan is hurling “the ultimate and terrible challenge” at God, showing he is capable of constructing an “anti-creation” that mankind will be deceived into thinking is better than what God has created, Cardinal Carlo Caffarra warned in his talk. He said this confrontation is taking place now and is being fought primarily over marriage and the family - a prediction made by Sister Lucia, in a letter the Fatima visionary sent to him over 30 years ago.

He began by explaining that human history has always been a tale of confrontation between two forces: “The force of attraction,” that is the wounded Heart of the Crucified Risen One, and the “power of Satan,” the father of lies, the “murderer from the beginning” who seeks to extinguish truth in the heart of man.

This area of confrontation, the cardinal continued, is being fought in an interior and exterior dimension: within both the human heart and human culture. He warned how Satan seeks to kill truth in the heart of man by “inducing” him to unbelief, therefore always working against the Lord’s strong force of attraction to Himself, seeking to “neutralize” it. And this battle within the human heart becomes manifest in society and culture, leading to “the culture of the truth and the culture of the lie.”

This confrontation, Cardinal Caffarra went on to explain, shows in the transformation of the crime of abortion into a legal and subjective right and the “ennoblement of homosexuality” through same-sex “marriage” - effectively denying entirely the truth of marriage. Both, he said, represent the destruction of “two pillars of creation,” the work of Satan who wants to build an actual anti-creation. “This,” he said, “is the ultimate and terrible challenge which Satan is hurling at God. ‘I am demonstrating to you that I am capable of constructing an alternative to your creation. And man will say: it is better in the alternative creation than in your creation.’”

It is constructed around a profound contempt for man. But to combat it, Cardinal Caffarra stressed the importance of witness, not to remain silent, and to “hunt down the sin,” condemn it, and bring to light its insubstantiality.

He also said Sister Lucia’s words to him - that the “decisive confrontation” between the Kingdom of God and Satan “will take place over marriage and the family” - is happening now
Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, archbishop emeritus of Bologna.

The Angel’s Prayer revealed at Fatima to the three children

“O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee 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. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg the conversion of poor sinners.”



**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.

Kairos at Mannus: A Sincere Thank You: to all at Thurgoona Parish who cooked homemade biscuits and wrote letters. It was a privilege for me to take part with about 17 other men. In all we took in 639 dozen homemade biscuits which was a big increase on last year. Thank you for your support, prayers and encouragement.
Yours sincerely Greg Mason



The next meeting of the NCC Indi-Farrer group will be at Marian Centre Meeting Room, 30 Hartigan Street, Thurgoona on Wednesday 14 June, 2017 at 7.30 pm. Michael McCormick and Peter Murray will be present to lead the meeting.

Anointing of the sick mass: 10am Tuesday 13 June 2017

The Most Holy Trinity, Sunday 11 June 2017

Collect: God our Father, who by sending into the world the word of truth and the spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord.....

First reading Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'



Responsorial Psalm: You are Blest, Lord God of our fathers

Second reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation cf Revelation 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

Gospel John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'



Communion Antiphon Gal 4:6

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Feast of the week: *Tues* - Saint Antony of Padua, Priest, Doctor

Lord hear our prayers for the:

Sick: Noel Glasgow, Matthew Cameron, Kieran Clifford, Theresa McCooke, Jack Dywer, **Departed:** Vicky Coelli, Vicent Murray, Patrick O'Brien, Jeanetta Armour **Anniversaries:** Patricia Gordon and Jack Fowles,

Readers: this week: Sat 6pm - Denise Murphy Sun 9.30am - Mark Mannering

Readers & Cleaners Roster - 17/18 June 2017

Readers: Sat: 6.00 pm - Patrick Darcy Sun: 9.30 am - Kieran Williams

Cleaning: Group 2 Mary and Jenny

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How God Loves: Scott Hahn - Trinity Sunday

...Communion with the Trinity is the goal of our worship — and the purpose of the salvation history that begins in the Bible and continues in the Eucharist and sacraments of the Church.

We see the beginnings of God's self-revelation in today's First Reading, as He passes before Moses and cries out His holy name.

Israel had sinned in worshipping the golden calf. But God does not condemn them to perish. Instead He proclaims His mercy and faithfulness to His covenant.

God loved Israel as His firstborn son among the nations. Through Israel, God planned to reveal himself as the Father of all nations.

The memory of God's covenant testing of Abraham and Abraham's faithful obedience lies behind today's Gospel.

In commanding Abraham to offer his only beloved son, God was preparing us for the fullest possible revelation of His love for the world. As Abraham was willing to offer Isaac, God did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all.

In this, He revealed what was only disclosed partially to Moses that His kindness continues for a thousand generations, that He forgives our sin, and takes us back as His very own people.

Jesus humbled himself to die in obedience to God's will. And for this, the Spirit of God raised Him from the dead, and gave Him a name above every name. This is the name of our Lord, the God who is Love.



Adoration chapel vacancies: the Adoration Chapel needs for assistance to fill the following vacancies. If able to help or anyone has any enquiries please ring Chemai on 0478 416 635

Hours in need of a permanent adorer:

Mon: 3am
Tues: 1am, 2am, 1pm
Wed: 12am
Sat: 1pm, 4pm
Sun: 12am, 1am, 8pm

Current vacant hours:

Sat 10th June: 3-4pm
Mon 12 June: 4-5am, 4-5pm
Fri 16 June: 4-5am, 9-10pm
Sat 17 June: 4-5am, 6-7am, 1-2pm, 4-5pm