

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



James 2:18 2:18

Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:30am to 12:00pm
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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) - 6pm

Sunday - 9:30am & 5:30pm

~~Monday - 8am~~

~~Tuesday - 10am~~

2nd Tues of month: Anointing of the sick

Wednesday - 8:00am followed by Rosary

Thursday - 7pm

Friday - 8am followed by Holy hour and Novena to IHM, 1st Fri of Month inc devotions to Sacred Heart

1st Saturday of Month - 8am

Mass dedicated to IHM

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

Adoration - Fri 8:30am to 9:30am

Rosaries - Thurs 6:30pm and Sun 9am

Reconciliation

Thu after Mass

Sat 5:30 to 5:50pm before Vigil

Sun 9 to 9.20am & 5.00 to 5:20pm

Baptism and Marriage - By appointment

Working Bee - Sat 9am to 11am



PARISH NOTICES

This week we welcome Fr Paul Hart to our parish. Fr Hart will be looking after the parish until a new Parish Priest is appointed.

Mass times: No masses on Monday or Tuesday this week. Other Masses as normal. Sacraments and Devotions to be advised.

Parish History: Copies of the Parish History are available (no cost). Inside you will find a farewell message from Fr Fowles. See Dennis for your copy.

SINGING IN MASS: This is not allowed as per NSW regulations and Bishop Edwards' direction. Unfortunately with the spread of the virus in Sydney and NSW it is important we follow the rules. Cantors can sing if socially distanced but the congregation cannot join in. We can meditate on the words on the screens or enjoy Leon's or Mark's fine voices at 9:30 Mass.

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS: Bishop Edwards has updated the Diocesan protocols to reflect the new NSW regulations.

- **Register** when entering the Church, Hall etc. QR Codes preferred.
- **Masks** are to be worn in the church and all indoor settings.
- **Physical distancing.** People from different households are to remain 1.5m apart
- **Singing** by congregants at indoor places of worship is not allowed.

Please take your bulletin home to minimise the possible spread of COVID19



Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First reading

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, ‘Why did we not die at the Lord’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart’s content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day’s portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart’s content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:17,20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God’s way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.'

So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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Prayers of the Faithfull

That the Church may boldly and faithfully point to Christ as the true bread and sustenance for every human need,

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

For our sick, Mathew Smith, Martin Kelly, Wendy Mills, & Carmel Baker,

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

For our recently departed, Fr. John Ware, Patrick Power and those who's anniversaries occur at this time,

We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6: 35

I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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Readers : Sat: 6.00pm Magdalene Kaur Sun: 9.30am Simon Horsfall

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9.30am Vera Galvin

Cleaning Roster: Sat 7th August Kate Tobin

INTERIOR FURNISHINGS

Parish history continued (25th Jubilee)

Having limited funds, our budget for the interior furnishings of the church, presbytery and Marian Centre was left to divine providence. It was beautiful to watch how all was provided. As patroness of the parish, the Immaculate Heart

of Mary needed to have pride and place in her church. Where were we going to find a statue of Our Lady to give honour to her? It was to be in God's time, not ours. We needed to wait. A short time later, two priests travelling through Albury had car trouble. Seeking help from the parish, we soon had their car fixed and ready to travel again. Sharing a cuppa, the elderly priest told his story of how sad he was about leaving his Marist Mission House of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The priest told us that his deepest regret was not knowing what was going to happen to the life size statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary that he so loved. After telling the priest that our parish was named in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, he smiled and remarked, "I think we have a home for Mary." It was then, that we realised why we needed to wait. And so, it was that all the statues, altars, crucifixes, pews, sacred vessels and sacristy needs were to find their way to us. Each has a story to tell about God's bountiful blessings. Certainly there has been a heavy burden of work, but the outcome is the reason for enormous gratitude to our many benefactors and the many extraordinary blessings that have kept tumbling down from above.



REFLECTION ON EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

God feeds his people with manna and quail in the desert, and with the bread of life in and through Jesus. While the manna was only an earthly food that, if not eaten on the day, rotted and became useless, the bread that Jesus gives us is that which gives us life in eternity. Jesus is the bread of life. Jesus feeds us, his disciples, through his revelation of the Father, his gift of faith and the Eucharistic bread. Jesus came to show us the Father, leading us into an intimate relationship with God the Father. This Sunday's gospel reading concludes with the words: "*He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.*" Where must we go to encounter the Lord? It is for our sake that God can be found everywhere; He has not chosen a particular city or sanctuary, but one can find Him in every corner of the city, in the country, on the mountains, in the valleys. He wants to stay among those dear to Him.



We encounter God in Prayer: Prayer removes our distance and unites us with God. It is the noblest vocation; it gives us strength, comfort, joy and life. It is grace, indeed a source of grace. It calls one to go deeper in the room of the heart and meet God there, in secret: Keep your soul always as the temple of God should be; and when you cannot do meditation, when the short time of your Communion has passed, do not get discouraged but shut yourselves for a moment with God inside your soul, and talk and pray with Him continuously.

Extract: paulistmissionaries.org sunday-reflection