

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~~

Thursday - 7pm

Friday - 8am

Reconciliation

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

Mass Times:

No Mass on Wednesday, other Masses as normal. Devotions organised by parishioners as normal.

Taking Communion:

In keeping with our NSW Gov. Covid Safe Plan we strongly encourage you to take communion on the hand because of the high risk of transmission.

If you are to have communion on the tongue you must wait until everyone has received communion on the hand and be at the end of the line.

We have had a number of complaints from parishioners who have found themselves behind those taking communion on the tongue. Their concern is understandable with the increasing number of infections in Sydney, the spread into regional areas of NSW and more cases this week in Vic.

COVID 19 PROTOCOLS:

Bishop Edwards has updated the Diocesan protocols to reflect the new regulations.

- **Register** when entering the Church 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

O God, source of all goodness, who have shown us in Saint Mary, a woman of faith living by the power of the Cross, teach us, we pray, by her example to live the Gospel in changing times and to respect and defend the human dignity of all in our land.

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

First reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, ‘Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.’ So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, ‘Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please’ he said ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives,’ she replied ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

“Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.”

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-8

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Second reading

Colossians 3:12-17

You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'

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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 and those who's anniversaries occur at this time,

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf Jn 13:35

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

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Readers :	Sat: 6.00pm Barb McDermott	Sun: 9.30am Vera Galvin
Next week:	Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin	Sun: 9.30am Steve McCrohan
Cleaning Roster:	Sat 14th August	Yorella, Grace & Martin

Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

Direct Debit: BSB640000: Acc. No.111270902 Include name on transfers.

1st Coll: 284.55 **2nd Coll:** \$138.10 **Env:** \$135.00 **Dir Debit:** \$530.00

Feasts & Solemnities

Solemnity: Saint Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) - Sunday 8th

Feast: Saint Laurence, Deacon, Martyr - Tuesday 10th

MARY MACKILLOP

Mary MacKillop chose St Joseph as patron of the women she inspired with her vision of simple living and the education of poor children. Last December Pope Francis announced a Year of St Joseph, describing him as a father who was beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. In 1893, Mary wrote this to her sisters: 'Let us ask Joseph to obtain for us a generous devoted love for Jesus, a love that will make us like himself. A love that will make us delight in serving his poor, and his neglected little ones.' It's timely advice for the church in this land that she loved.

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FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT



When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth, he encountered scepticism from his countrymen who did not understand how the man who grew up amongst them was also a prophet who taught with authority and performed miracles. As a result of their lack of faith, Jesus can hardly work in Nazareth. Jesus said 'A prophet is only despised in his own country.' If the Church today is like

the people of Nazareth were, then we run the risk that Jesus may also become unable to work in our lives. If we have become inattentive or routine about what we are doing and what Jesus might be saying when we pray or go to Mass, then we live like the people of Nazareth. As the old saying goes, 'familiarity breeds contempt.' Our faith isn't just routine, although the routines that we do as part of our faith are good and helpful.

To believe in Christ is to follow him in an active relationship that responds to his word. Today, place yourself in the silence of God's presence and ask Jesus to move in a new way in your life and to give you the grace to respond to him.

Extract: cgcatholic.org.au/LivingWord 30 July 21

HIGHWAY TO HEAVEN AGAIN - (*Parish history cont. (25th Jubilee)*)

Although we had commenced the building stage, there was an urgency to undertake a second Art Union and once again we hit the highways.

Capitalising on the good will generated by the first raffle we undertook a second raffle, this time, however, it was a Western Star truck and people rushed to get their tickets. Each year, a Mass is offered for those who have lost their lives on the highways. A plaque is placed inside the church in gratitude for the support given by those hard working men in the transport industry.

