

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, SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

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 to St Joseph

Thursday - 6:30pm Rosary followed by 7pm mass and Novena to IHM

Friday - 8am followed by Eucharistic Adoration, devotions to Sacred Heart.

1st Saturday of Month - 8am Mass followed by devotions to IHM

Reconciliation - Ask Fr if not in Conf booth
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

Please come and help. There are currently lots of maintenance jobs.



PARISH NOTICES

Mass Times:

No Masses on Thursday or Friday, other Masses 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 and the concern of other parishioners.

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.

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

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory.

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**Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10**

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready.

Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 44(45):10-12,16**

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1:39-56

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

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Prayers of the Faithfull

For the Church, that she, like the Virgin Mary, may bring Christ into the world with joy, and be joined with him in endless life

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. Peter Carauna, Bruce Duck and those who's anniversaries occur at this time,

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

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1: 48-49

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

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Readers : Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30am Steve McCrohan

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Magdalene Kaur Sun: 9.30am Jorgete Hudson

Cleaning Roster: Sat 21st August Kathleen Horsfall

Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

1st Coll: 229.00 **2nd Coll:** \$211.25 **Env:** \$120.00 **Dir Debit:** \$670.00

Memorials & Solemnities

Memorial: Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr - Saturday 14th

Solemnity: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Sunday 15th

DO NOT GET WITH THE TIMES



Today (Sunday 14th) is the Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe whose life will be known to many readers. In brief, the Franciscan Priest, who had a ministry in Catholic communications, imprisoned in Auschwitz took the place of a family man condemned to death by starvation. Maximilian lived for three weeks leading the other condemned men in prayer until, as the last survivor, he was executed. The spared man lived to be 93, dedicating his life to retelling the story of his deliverance.

Max K would be an embarrassment in the 21st Century. In an age of identity politics, where one seeks to associate with fashionable cultures, ethnicities, or groups, he refused the advantage of being part German in Nazi-controlled Poland. In age of fake news, he was a broadcaster of truth. In an age of blame shifting where politicians and bureaucrats seek to deny and avoid the consequences of their choices and actions, Max K took upon himself a tortuous death intended for another. In an age of cynicism and unbelief, he trusted in God and dedicated himself to serving Him and others.

From the heart of the 20th Century Holocaust when all the proud boasts of secularism were revealed for what they are, Max K still speaks to us and it's worth recalling his observation:

“No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is the inner conflict. Beyond armies of occupation and the hecatombs of extermination camps, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we ourselves are defeated in our innermost personal selves?”

Max's executioner probably died in a basement in the fall of Berlin, living long enough to see all that he strived for destroyed; St Maximilian Kolbe lives on, communicating the glory of God even better now than when he was on Earth. St Maximilian Kolbe, pray for us. cgatholic.org.au/LivingWord

MARY'S BIRTHDAY GIFT - (Parish history cont. (25th Jubilee))

The Church opening and blessing was celebrated on Our Lady's birthday, 8/9/2002. Then, one year later on 7/9/2003, amidst great joy, Bishop Gerard Hanna consecrated the new Church to Our Lady and also officially opened and blessed the Presbytery and Marian Centre. Many came to witness this occasion with the church filled to capacity. So many people gave so much of their time and labour, and then, to see their vision realised was indeed a reason for celebration.

