

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** at indoor places of worship is not allowed.



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

Collect

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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**Isaiah 50:5-9**

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 114(116):1-6,8-9**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Second reading**James 2:14-18**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation**Galatians 6:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all

this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’ *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull

For the church: That the Body of Christ listens attentively and responds with transformative practical action to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

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 including John Lawrowicz, Nicholas Gleeson, Richard West Blade, Mary O’Brien & Lawrence (Dooley) Carroll.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings. *universalis.com*

Readers : Sat: 6.00pm Sun: 9.30am
Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30am Vera Galvin
Cleaning Roster: Sat 18th Sept Kate Tobin

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2021–22

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis’ invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si’ Goals. The Statement provides theological foundations to ground and inspire our efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded.



To download the statement search Social Justice Statement 2021-22.

Fr Hart will be speaking about the statement this weekend and he has highlighted some excerpts from the document.

Listening to Our Communities

Whether planned and managed by governments or not, a transition away from a carbon-based economy is already underway. A new energy trajectory is being set as we speak. Rather than delaying a commitment to sustainable energy sources, concern for the future of communities that have been reliant on extractive industries should be built into the transition. Pg. 5

Listening to Our Neighbours

“For the people of small islands, understanding the importance of the ocean to human survival is as natural as breathing. If the ocean is healthy, we are healthy; if the future of the ocean is uncertain, so is ours. Pg. 6

Listening to the Word of God in Scripture

Often the biblical considerations of care for the earth are not overt. These ancient texts were not composed in the context of the environmental degradation we have created today, nor the poverty inflicted upon so many of our sisters and brothers. Pg. 9



Some Theological Foundations

God respects the freedom in which we are made and holds all things in love, even though we may fail to love creation itself. The universe is infused with the love of God, and we are immersed in a world that continues to reveal the presence of the divine Word. St Francis sings, “Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs. Pg. 10

A Call to Care for Country

When it comes to human knowledge of the lands and waters now known as



Australia, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are our first teachers. We need to learn how to listen more attentively to them. They say: “This connection to country and all of God’s creation reveals our Spirituality as people and our ancestors, a home we have looked after with special regard for millennia. Pg. 13

The Laudato Si’ Action Platform

The Platform invites people and organisations in seven sectors to embark on a seven-year journey towards seven Laudato Si’ Goals.

The Goals are:

1. Responding to the cry of the earth
2. Responding to the cry of the poor
3. Ecological economics
4. Adopting simple lifestyles
5. Ecological education
6. Ecological spirituality
7. Community involvement and participatory action.

Various groups now celebrate the Season of Creation beginning with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 Sept and continuing until the 4 Oct, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, patron saint of ecology. Pg 15, 16.

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.” *Franklin D. Roosevelt, USA President - Inaugural Address - 20/01/37.*