

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



James 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 7 pm 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

Because of the recent lockdowns there are currently lots of maintenance jobs. Please come and help.



PARISH NOTICES

Parish Priests: Fr Hart will be returning home to Wagga this week. We thank Fr for being with us during this time and wish him well as he resumes a well earned retirement. Unfortunately with the lockdowns he has had a very quiet time but it is great that he can celebrate Mass for us this weekend before he leaves mid week. Fr Reece Beltrame arrives this week and will look after the parish until Fr Anthony Dunne commences as Parish Priest on the 19th Jan. A warm welcome to Fr Beltrame. **Normal Mass times this week.**

Communion: As per the updated Diocesan protocols, communion is to be given in the hand because of the high risk of transmission.

DIOCESAN COVID 19 PROTOCOLS - 16/09/2021:

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

See the parish website for a copy the Diocesan protocols.

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



Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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**Numbers 11:25-29**

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second reading**James 5:1-6**

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation**cf John 17:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48**

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

‘But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.’

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Prayers of the Faithfull

We pray that we may accept the gifts of our migrants and refugees with open hands and hearts.

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

For our sick, Tony Abikhair, Katerie Byrnes, Gary Smith, Mathew Smith, Wendy Mills, & Carmel Baker.

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

For our recently departed, Margaret Doyle and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time including John Lawrowicz & Nicholas Gleeson,

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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Readers : Sat: 6.00pm

Sun: 9.30am Simon Horsfall

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin

Sun: 9.30am Vera Galvin

Cleaning Roster: Sat 2nd Oct

Yola, Grace & Martin

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

REFLECTION: “*We are one*”; “*All on the road together*” “*Towards an ever wider “WE”*”. In the Gospel proclaimed today, we hear exclusion spoken from the midst of the Twelve. John is their indignant spokesperson, informing Jesus that a man, not one of us, is healing/exorcising in your name, and we tried to stop him. The real issue is that the man is doing what Jesus did, but he is not one of us, i.e, the Twelve. Jesus has to give his own group another lesson that discipleship is not about competition, and our God is not limited to one special group, and says, “Whoever is not against us is for us.”

Most of us here today, came to this Great South Land via our family choosing or being pushed to leave their homeland, Ireland in my case, around 1857 on the ship "Morning Light". We may have started out as



individuals, overcoming a few or many 'bumps' until now finding that we are all in the same boat, and we are all called to work together so that there will be no more walls that separate us, no longer others, but only a single "we", encompassing all humanity. This will find a wider resonance near the end of Jesus' ministry, where, in Matthew's Gospel, "WE" takes on its fullest meaning. There, Jesus says to his disciples, "I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome, and then explains to them that, "in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did it to me. Not FOR me, but TO me.



The ever wider "we" towards which we are called on this World Day of Migrants and Refugees, is a "we" which impels us to see Christ Jesus in every migrant and refugee, and indeed, in every person we meet.

"We are one" "We are on the road together" "Towards a wider We"

Fr. Paul Hart.

P.S. A Big Thank You to the parishioners of Thurgoona for your welcome and support. It was a most restful appointment, but 5 Massless weeks & weekends was a great loss.

May the Lord Bless you all & keep you in the palm of his hand.

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MESSAGE - 107th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, I expressed a concern and a hope that remain uppermost in my thoughts: "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'" (No. 35).



For this reason, I have wished to devote the Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees to the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*, in order to indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world.

Search *Pope Francis 107* for full text.

Pope Francis

PRAYER

Holy, beloved Father, your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider.

We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of good will, the grace to do your will on earth. Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters. Amen.