

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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PARISH NOTICES

Church Closure:

Unfortunately all the Churches in the diocese will be closed from Monday 11th October to Monday 25th October to comply with the NSW Health Order. This weeks bulletin will be a modified version with the Sunday readings and reflections. If you know of someone who would like a copy, get them to email me, paulmcd@westnet.com.au or text 0401999915

MESSAGE FROM OUR BISHOP



Cathedral Live-Stream Mass

As a way of celebrating our unity in Christ, on Sunday 17 October and again on Sunday 24 October, in the diocese there will be one live-streamed Mass from the Cathedral at 9am on YouTube at youtu.be/vFxmX1ui16A.

I invite you to join me for these Masses. This is an opportunity to celebrate our union as the pilgrim people who have their eyes fixed on the Lord. We will be explicitly the one body of Christ and remain united in this time of tension. This is an opportunity. Let us pray these Masses as the one Church of the Diocese of Wagga Wagga.

Bishop Mark Edwards.

Parish Register:

To assist our new Parish Priest we are compiling a register of all IHM Parishioners. Please email your details, email, phone, address etc to thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com.

We will also send you a copy of the weekly bulletin during the 2 weeks of the Diocesan closure.

Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

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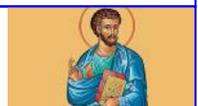
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Feasts & Solemnities

Feast: Saint Luke, Evangelist - Monday 18th Oct



Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye, in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin.

Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them.

'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all.

For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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Prayers of the Faithfull

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For our sick, Laurie Evans, Richard Drum, 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 Barlow and those who's anniversaries occur at this time, Ernest Desnousse, Faye Duncombe, William Fowles & Anna Stempinska

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

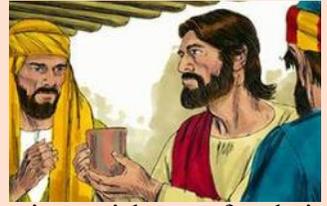
Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

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SCOTT HAHN: CUP OF SALVATION

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule. But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.



The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins. But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized, which means plunged or immersed, into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins. Like Isaiah's servant in today's First Reading, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin. Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood and by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God.

Jesus ransomed "the many", paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death. We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him.

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood.

St Paul Centre

GOD IS ALREADY HERE!

Sometimes I find myself day-dreaming about different things; perhaps a successful career, fame and recognition, perhaps about owning a beautiful property on the coast. Whatever the 'dream' is, the problem with day-dreaming is that I miss the magnificence of the 'now'. And 'now' is the only time in which I can truly meet God. I can only meet and know God in the beauty of this day that God has given. If I fill my mind with any escapist obsession, be it



wealth, beauty, honour or power, I will miss the revelation of God that is here for me in the circumstances of my life now. What beauty and goodness is present in my life that I am taking for granted?

How can I tune in to see how these things speak of God's goodness and love? Lord, open our eyes to see what is perfectly plain! *Living Word*

JOURNEY WITH THE POPE

If we think about it, we grow not so much on the basis of our successes and the things we have, but above all in difficult and fragile moments.

There, in our need, we mature; there we open our hearts to God, to others, to the meaning of life. When we feel small in the face of a problem, small in front of a cross, an illness, when we experience fatigue and loneliness, let us not get discouraged because, *with God weakness is not an obstacle but an opportunity.*

Pope Francis