

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

Saturday (Vigil) - 6pm

Sunday - 9:30am & 5:30pm

Monday - 8am

Tuesday - 10am

2nd Tues of month: Anointing of the sick

Wednesday - 8:00am

Thursday - 7 pm Mass and Novena - IHM

Friday - 8am

1st Saturday of Month - 8am Mass

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

Martha's Kitchen:

The **Legion of Mary** would like to thank all those who kindly made cakes for the St. Martha's Kitchen Parish Project. The proceeds have topped up Martha's Pantry enabling us to cook for those in need. Many thanks and blessings for your support, this is very much appreciated.

"Feed My Lambs":

Over the past year many families have suffered great losses due to COVID-19, but with your support we can make a difference with the "Feed My Lambs" Parish Christmas Hamper Donations. This year St Martha's Kitchen will prepare the "Christmas Hampers" and Bro Denis Devcich will deliver to those families in need. The Food Donation Box will be placed in the



DIOCESAN COVID 19 PROTOCOLS

- **Wear a Mask**
- **Register** QR Codes preferred.
- **Physical distancing** Different households 1.5m
- **No Singing**

Taking Communion: As per our NSW Gov. Covid Safe Plan we strongly encourage you to take communion on the hand due to 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.

Please take your bulletin home to minimise virus spread



First reading**1 Kings 17:10-16**

Elijah the Prophet 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 145(146):7-10**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second reading**Hebrews 9:24-28**

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began.

Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation**Matthew 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 12:38-44**

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

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Prayers of the Faithfull

For the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer.

Relieve and protect them, O Lord, and grant them eternal hope in you.

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, Lorraine Grace (Fr Grace's Mother) and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Enso Croce, Bernice Roach & Georgina Nelson.

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Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22: 1-2

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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foyer of the Church. This is a great opportunity to share our Christmas by putting food on the tables of those less fortunate. May we come together to make the celebration of the Birth of Jesus a happy one for all.

Carols-By-Candlelight

Please circle the 19th December for our Carols By Candlelight. The Parish will provide a sausage sizzle and ask that you bring a salad to share, also your own refreshments. Carols will commence after the 5.30pm evening Mass. We would like to have a beautiful choir, so come along and sing-along. Choir practice will be announced later in the Bulletin.



Mark your calendar 19th December "Carols on the Mount".

Parish Register:

We are compiling a register of all parishioners in our parish. Please email your details including phone, address etc to thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com. This register will assist Fr Dunne to get to know his new parish. So far we have had very few emails.

Advent Reflection booklets:

Available at the rear of the Church, \$5.00 each.

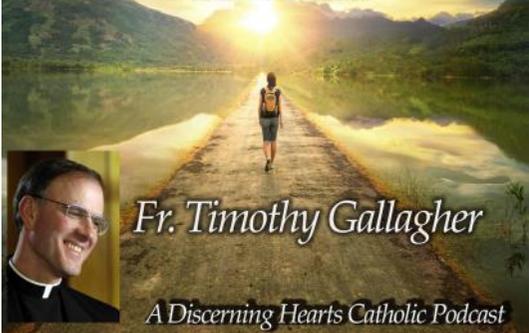
The Examen Prayer:

Looking for greater peace and stability in the Christian life? Consider coming along for five consecutive Thursday evenings to learn the examen prayer, a prayer that St Ignatius of Loyola would never dream of omitting in his daily prayer life. This will be a great exercise leading up to and during Advent as we prepare for Christmas. See Fr Reece Beltrame for more information.

First meeting is this Thurs 12th of Nov at 6pm in the Marian Centre.

The Examen Prayer

The Daily Prayer of Discernment



A Discerning Hearts Catholic Podcast

THE DAILY EXAMEN

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. It's an ancient practice in the Church to help us see God at work in our lives. St. Ignatius thought the Examen was a gift that came directly from God who wanted it to be shared as widely as possible. One of the few rules of prayer that Ignatius made for the Jesuit order was that Jesuits practice the Examen twice daily. It's a habit that many other Christians practice to this day. ignatianspirituality.com



WHO DO I DINE WITH?

Jesus disrupted the religious people of his time by choosing to eat with the sinners. The Pharisees accused him of welcoming sinners and eating with them. They were saying it as if it were a bad thing, but it reveals the truth of Jesus' heart. He desires to be with those who need his mercy.

It is good for us to reflect on what is our attitude to others. Are we able to love and be in a relationship with others who do not conform to our standards, or do we stand in judgment over them? It is a fundamental question for us. How can those who do not know the love of God yet, discover him if we are not prepared to go to where they are? Lord, give us the grace to be ready to bring your love to those who need it most. *LivingWord*

Readers : Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30am Simon Horsfall
Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Magdalene Kaur Sun: 9.30am Vera Galvin
Cleaning Roster: Sat 13th Nov Yola, Grace & Martin



Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

1st Coll: \$336.70 **2nd Coll:** \$136.70 **Env:** \$165.00 **Dir Debit:** \$535.00