

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

Address: 20 Hartigan St, Thurgoona 2640 PO Box 110, Lavington 2641

Email: thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com **Web:** www.thurgoonacatholicparish.com

Ph: 02 6043 2222 **Admin:** Fr Beltrame 0409 982 915 **Acolyte:** Denis Golden

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

DIOCESAN COVID 19 PROTOCOLS 8/11/2021

- **Wear a Mask**
- **Register**
- **Physical distancing**
- **Singing** Only people who are fully vaccinated
- QR Codes preferred.
- Different households 1.5m



Taking Communion: 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

PARISH NOTICES

Fatima Calendars: A beautiful and practical spiritual resource. \$8.00 ea.

Parish Christmas Hamper:

Prepared by St Martha's Kitchen (**Legion of Mary**) to support families in need and to make the celebration of the Birth of Jesus a happy one for all. Please leave your contributions in the box in the Church foyer.

Carols By Candlelight - 19th December:

Carols will commence after the 5.30pm evening Mass. The Parish will provide a sausage sizzle. Please bring a salad to share, also your own refreshments. We would like to have a beautiful choir, so come along and sing-along. Choir practice 8th Dec 7:30 PM in the church.



First reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it.

You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. ‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap.

For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’ *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull

For our own parish community, that the keeping of Advent may open our hearts to God's love and prepare us for the coming of Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For our sick, Mathew Smith, Katerie Byrnes, Wendy Mills, Elise Stevens, Carmel Baker, & Laurie Evans

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For our recently departed, Mary Hickey, Lorraine Grace (Fr Grace's Mother) and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Enso Croce.

We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase

universalis.com

Parish Notices cont...

Parish Register:

This register will assist Fr Dunne to get to know his new parish. Please email your details, phone, address etc to thurgoonacatholicparish@hotmail.com.

Our Blessed Mother Statue:

If you would like the statue for a week in your home, record your name in the roster in the Church Foyer. Contact Denis Golden for further information.

Readers needed for Saturday Evening Mass:

If you would like to go on the roster please see Denis Golden

Readers:	Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin	Sun: 9.30am Jorgete Hudson
Next week:	Sat: 6.00pm Magdalene Kaur	Sun: 9.30am Mark Mannering
Cleaning Roster:	Sat 4th Dec	Dennis



Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

1st Coll: \$434.70 **2nd Coll:** \$277.20 **Env:** \$130.00 **Dir Debit:** \$565.00

COME HOLY SPIRIT

The prayer to the Holy Spirit is spontaneous: it has to come from your heart. In moments of difficulty, you have to say: Come, Holy Spirit. This is the key word: Come. *Come*, because I find myself in difficulty. *Come*, because I do not know what to do. *Come*, because I am about to fall. This is the Holy Spirit's word to call upon the Spirit. We can do this with simple words at various moments during the day. And with the presence of the Spirit, we will protect our freedom.



We will be free, free Christians, not attached to the past in the bad sense of the word, not chained to practices, but free with the Christian freedom, the kind that makes us grow.

Pope Francis - missio.org

THE GOSPEL OF ST LUKE - YEAR C



Year C is designated the year of the Gospel of St. Luke. Written between the years 80-85 AD, Luke's Gospel must be read with the Acts of the Apostles. Together they constitute one set, written in two volumes and dedicated to Luke's patron, Theophilus. Written in Greek, conscious of the historical aspects of the Christ event, Luke seeks to show Jesus as the universal saviour accepted by the Gentiles but ultimately rejected by the Chosen People. He seems to have access to several sources, but is intent on producing one reliable report in two volumes that will tell of the life of Jesus of Nazareth and assist his followers in remaining

faithful to the Gospel message. As with the writers of the other synoptic Gospels, Luke does not identify himself in the body of the text.

But from the writings of Paul and the other NT writers we encounter a companion of Paul, a physician named Luke who is traditionally identified with the writer of the Gospel.

Tradition and the writings of the Church Fathers tell us that he was a Syrian by birth, most likely from Antioch and that through his many travels with Paul, including his final journey to Rome where Paul was executed, he became acquainted with the traditions and writings handed down by the Apostle to the Gentiles. It was probably after Paul's death in 64AD that Luke left Rome and went to Greece where he began the writing of his two volume work: Gospel and Acts. Tradition tells us that he died in old age and was buried in Constantinople. Much has been written about the sources used by Luke to write his Gospel. If, as many believe, he was a companion of Paul, then very little of Paul's theology such as the mystical body of Christ or redemptive death of Jesus is reflected in the Gospel text.

Scholars tend to divide into three main groups: those who see Matthew's gospel as the main source, supplemented with original Lukan material, those who see Mark as the source for both Luke and Matthew with Luke supplementing it with material from an unknown source, usually referred to as Q and those who believe that Luke has access to early and trustworthy witnesses like the family and apostles or friends of Jesus.

Luke's Gospel is characterized by its universality and the inclusiveness of Gentiles, women, those on the fringes of society: tax collectors, sinners and prostitutes. From now on everyone, Jew and Gentile, has the possibility of entering the Kingdom of God. Jesus is the link that joins the Old Covenant with its history of the Chosen People with the New Covenant of the Church. For Luke, John the Baptist, is the last and the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. He is the one who announces the Messiah.

And this Messiah is more than Israel ever dreamed of! *Extract stfrancisa2.org*

