

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

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 this Wed 8th Dec 7:30 PM in the church.

First reading

Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 125(126)

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second reading

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you.

My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best.

This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the

pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, John Corby, Gary Smith, 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 and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Douglas Thomson and Fr James Victory.

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

Communion Antiphon

Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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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: Record your name in the roster in the Church Foyer. Contact Denis Golden for further information.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

Next Wednesday (8/12/2021) is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Anniversary of the Parish. There will be **Eucharistic Adoration commencing at 12 noon** with devotions to the Immaculate Conception in the Church.



Readers: Sat: 6.00pm Magdalene Kaur Sun: 9.30am Mark Mannering

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30am Stefany George

Cleaning Roster: Sat 11th Dec Mary & Ann Marie



Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

1st Coll: \$364.05

2nd Coll: \$202.60

Env: \$205.00

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BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels - Mark, Matthew, and Luke - attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth.

The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season.

As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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Life-Giving Gifts represent a variety of mission projects supported by Catholic Mission around the world. By purchasing Life-Giving Gifts for your loved



ones, you are not only showing them how much you care for them, but you are also making an incredible difference for those in need. The village of Lisanjala and its surrounds is home to many families, many of whom live under the poverty line, sometimes not even able to put food on the table, let alone access medical care, if not for the Clinic. This year, four children under the age of five have died from preventable illnesses in our clinic. Find out more at catholicmission.org.au