

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

New Parish Priest: Fr Anthony Dunne commences as our Parish Priest on the 19th Jan. Fr Anthony has been the Parish Priest at Leeton for 10 Years and we are pleased to welcome him to our parish. Our thanks to Fr Beltrame who has looked after the parish since Sept. and we wish him well as he takes up his appointment as Administrator of the Cathedral in Wagga.

There will be an informal gathering to farewell Fr Reece after Tuesday 10AM mass on the Presbytery veranda.

Note Phone Number Change: Presbytery/Office 02 6088 6222

Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

1st Coll \$470.50, **2nd Coll** \$125.95, **Env** \$135.00, **Dir Debit** \$455.00, **Cheque** \$1000

Readers: Sat: 6.00pm

Sun: 9.30am Mark Mannering

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin

Sun: 9.30am Stefany George

Cleaning Roster: Sat 22nd Jan Mary & Ann Marie



DIOCESAN COVID 19 PROTOCOLS 24/12/2021

- Registration still required - QR Code registration preferred.
- Masks are required in indoor settings, subject to exemptions.
- Those who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are asked to approach the communion line after those who have received on the hand.



First reading**Isaiah 62:1-5**

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10**

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation**cf. 2 Thess 2:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel**John 2:1-11**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are

customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’, and they filled them to the brim. ‘Draw some out now’ he told them ‘and take it to the steward.’ They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, ‘People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.’

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him. *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithful:

For our sick, Jackson Davis, Shamus Clancy, Elizabeth Ryan, John Corby, Mathew Dix, Katerie Byrnes, Elise Stevens, Carmel Baker, & Laurie Evans. We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

For our recently departed, Ron Chambers and Aaron Chambers, Gary Smith, Fr Jim Esler, Marjorie Ptasiuk and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time inc. Shirley Bevan, Terry Barsby, Patricia McFarland & Terrance Benson . We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me,
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst. *universalis.com*

AT THE WEDDING: SCOTT HAHN

Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of “epiphanies.” The liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us coheirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the liturgy we went to a baptism. This week we’re at a wedding. We’re being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding, Adam and Eve’s in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the groom, humanity His beloved and sought after bride.

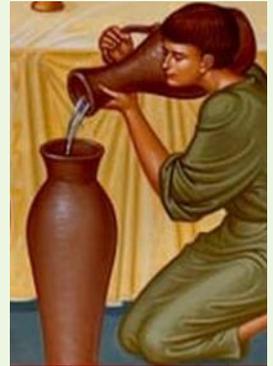
We see this reflected beautifully in today’s First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse. But God promises to take her



back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant. That’s why in today’s Gospel Jesus performs His first public “sign” at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine bridegroom, calling us to His royal wedding feast. By His New Covenant, He will become “one flesh” with all humanity in the Church. By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband. The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s feast is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His bride and body, as today’s Epistle says. This is the “salvation” announced to the “families of nations” in today’s Psalm. *stpaulcenter.com*

TRUST IN DIVINE MERCY

At the Wedding Feast in Cana we see the first of the signs through which Jesus revealed his glory. Christ manifested his power of goodness, of mercy, by this miraculous sign of transforming water into wine. Not just any wine, a wine better than that which had been served from the beginning. What was the key to achieving this miracle? Trust in God’s goodness! When Mary sees the need, in all humility and trust, she turns to her son Jesus, informing him of the situation. Despite Jesus' answer to his mother: "What do you want from me, woman? My hour has not yet come", Mary gives instructions to the servants: "Whatever he tells you, do it!" These are the few words of Mary in the New Testament. But with this phrase she teaches us to trust in Providence, in goodness, in the mercy of God. It teaches us how to receive, through trust, the grace of God and to share God’s love with others, with our neighbour. Mary invites us to trust in her Son with all the tenderness of a mother, who is the Mother of the Church. It sends us a strong message of hope and faith, a message of conversion and trust in God’s mercy. Also, we understand that the servants have shown obedience and trust in Jesus. First by going to fill the jars with water; then by going to serve this "water" to the guests without question, without any doubt. The confidence of the servants in Jesus must be ours today. When in all kinds of situations the Lord asks us to do things that we find strange, impossible or painful by our human nature, we must always remember that it is the God of the impossible and accept to do them by constantly repeating: "Jesus, I trust in you". *groupeactionmisericorde.com*



Most Merciful Jesus,

I trust You in all things. I trust in Your perfect plan for my life.

I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your divine Will.

I trust You when all feels lost.