

# 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

**Note phone number change:** Presbytery/Office 02 6088 6222   
**Our Blessed Mother Statue:** Record your name in the roster in the Church Foyer. Contact Denis Golden for further information  
**Cleaners needed for the Church:** If you have an hour once every few months to assist in cleaning the Church it would be most appreciated. *(Men too)*  
**Library:** Educational & Inspirational DVDs available in the Church foyer, free to borrow and return. *See Denis Golden*  
**Legion of Mary:** Mondays 9:30am, Tuesdays 9:00am

**Financial Report** Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account  
Direct Debit: BSB640000: Acc. No.111270902 Include name on transfers.  
**1st Coll** \$379.80 **2nd Coll** \$231.75 **Env** \$125.00 **Dir Debit** \$485.00

**Readers:** Sat: 6.00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9.30am Simon Horsfall  
**Next week:** Sat: 6.00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9.30am Vera Galvin   
**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 5th Feb Yola, Grace & Martin

## 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.
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**First reading****Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19**

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying: 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. 'So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you. Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

'I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people. They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 70(71):1-6,15,17***I will sing of your salvation.***Second reading****1 Corinthians 13:4-13**

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear.

When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

**Gospel Acclamation****Luke 4:18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

**Gospel****Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside."' And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly,

no prophet is ever accepted in his own country. ‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away. *universalis.com*

### **Prayers of the Faithfull:**

**For our sick,** Bro Chris Greck, Jackson Davis, Shamus Clancy, Mathew Dix, Katerie Byrnes, Elise Stevens, Carmel Baker, & Laurie Evans.

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

**For our recently departed,** Peter Kerstjens, John Corby and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time inc. Dallas Hanrahan, Andrew Trethowan, and Brian Baker.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Cf. Ps 30: 17-18**

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you. *universalis.com*

## **PROPHET TO THE NATIONS: SCOTT HAHN**

God’s words in today’s First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a “prophet to the nations”. Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility.

In today’s Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him,



apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins, that He’s more than just “the son of Joseph.” The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colourful careers Jesus draws two stories.

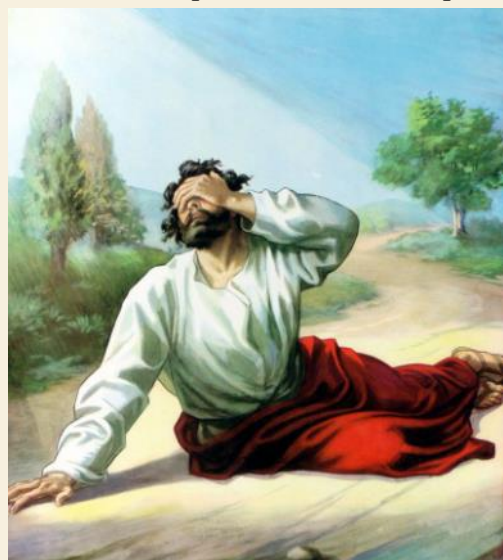
In each, the prophets bypass “many . . . in Israel” to bestow God’s blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God. “None . . . not one” in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes. His point isn’t lost on His audience. They know He’s likening them to the “many . . . in Israel” in the days of the prophets. That’s why they try to

shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him. And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation, not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge," as we sing in today's Psalm. Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes."

In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to hear, as He declares in today's Gospel. Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as the one who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word. This is the salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," that we, like the psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist. *stpaulcenter.com*

## LIVING WORD: RESCUED FROM RIGHTEOUSNESS

Paul of Tarsus was a scary dude. Much like a modern-day militant, religious extremist, he was so convinced of the rightness of his fanatical brand of religion that he had no problem with the imprisonment and death of anyone believed to be



'contaminating' it. It is a testament to the power of the Holy Spirit that Saul's mystical encounter with the carpenter of Nazareth melted his heart and changed his attitude - for good.

The conversion of St Paul reminds us that God is not only concerned with 'saving sinners.' He also wants to rescue those trapped in the illusion of saving themselves through their own moral uprightness. But unfortunately, this illusion often manifests in a harsh and judgemental attitude.

**St Paul, pray for us today that we might be utterly convinced of our need for**

**God's mercy, and in experiencing that mercy, we might become ever more gentle and humble of heart.**

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