

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



Show me your faith apart from your works and I by my works will show you my faith

James 2:18

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

Readers needed for Saturday Evening Mass:

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

Library: Educational & Inspirational DVDs available in the Church foyer, free to borrow and return. *See Denis Golden*

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

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

Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

1st Coll: \$1388.95 **2nd Coll:** \$190.55 **Env:** \$140.00 **Dir Debit:** \$925.00

Readers: Sat: 6.00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9.30am Jorgete Hudson

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Magdalene Kaur Sun: 9.30am Mark Mannering

Cleaning Roster: Sat 15th Jan Dennis



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.



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR C

9/01/2022

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103(104):1-4,24-25,27-30

O, bless the Lord, my soul.

Second reading

Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘The truth I have now come to realise’ he said ‘is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. ‘It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ, but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.’

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit

descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.' *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Elizabeth Ryan, John Corby, Mathew Dix, Katerie Byrnes, Wendy Mills, Elise Stevens, Carmel Baker, & Laurie Evans.

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

For our recently departed, 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

Jn 1: 32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God. *universalis.com*



BAPTISM OF THE LORD: Sr MARY GILMORE

When we were baptized as infants we had no clue about what was happening or the commitment the baptism entailed. When it comes to Jesus' baptism by John, the opposite is true: he knew exactly what he was doing and those closest to him were uncomfortable with the memory and played it down. Among the evangelists, John doesn't even mention Jesus' baptism, Mark openly depicts it, and Matthew qualifies the event by having John protest that Jesus should baptize him. Luke, our guide for this liturgical year, alludes to Jesus' baptism, then spotlights the descent of the Spirit and the divine voice that named Jesus as God's beloved son.

For the early Christian community, Jesus' baptism was an embarrassing admission that Jesus began his ministry as one of John's disciples. The early community's embarrassment about Jesus' relationship to John helps us understand Jesus in his own context. Luke tells us that John's preaching left people filled with expectation. John preached radical conversion. He had set up camp along the Jordan River, a site with enough water for his ceremonies and near a well-travelled trade route that assured a steady flow of people could hear his preaching. John's baptismal rite, unlike people's ordinary ritual washings, had to be received, people did not do it

for themselves. This established a unique relationship between John and the baptized, symbolizing their acceptance of his call to radical conversion. Baptism was a public proclamation of commitment. After the infancy narratives, this is Jesus' first appearance in the Gospel. Jesus' baptism signalled a life-changing decision. If we read the Gospels without imposing later teachings on them, we see that they depict Jesus as a thoroughly human man whose goal was to discern and do God's will and to bring others along with him. He joined the tax collectors, soldiers and throngs of ordinary folk going to John. He identified himself with their hopes and needs rather than with the righteous who felt no need for major changes. This, Jesus' first public act, declared his loyalty: He would stand with the people who desired a radical return to God for themselves and their world.

After allowing himself to be baptized, Jesus heard the divine voice say, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus had received not just a baptism, but an affirmation and a naming. When Luke describes the Spirit and the voice that came to Jesus, the background music is that of the Servant Song of Isaiah 42 in which God says, "Here is my servant, my chosen one upon whom I have put my spirit." That song about God's servant reaffirmed Jesus' choices and set him on a path to serve the neediest of God's people. We noted that Jesus' followers were reticent to admit that he had been baptized by John. As he continued his mission, some would continue to be embarrassed and even scandalized by the way he enjoyed the company of sinners and portrayed God as always kind and merciful.

The people had been full of expectation, but he was not exactly what they expected. As on the day of our baptism, we have little idea about what these commitments will lead to, except that they will call us to live radically, losing ourselves in love and serving others in the manner of Jesus. It is always risky to make commitments about an unknown future, but like our Lord, we can trust that the Spirit will lead us to where God will say, "You are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

Extract: ncronline.org

JOURNEY WITH THE POPE

“The Holy Family of holy cards does not exist. Every day, families have to learn to listen and understand one another, to walk together, to face conflicts and difficulties. It is a daily challenge and it is overcome with the right attitude, through simple actions, simple gestures, caring for the details of our relationships. Let us convert ourselves from “I” to “you”. What must be most important in a family is “you”. And please, each day, let us pray a little bit together, if you can make the effort, to ask God for the gift of peace in the family.”



Pope Francis: missio.org