

# 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

### CATECHISTS

We **urgently** need Catechists for Thurgoona Public School.

Catechists share their faith and connect children and their families with the parish and the broader Church. If you are able to be involved in this important work, please contact Fr Anthony or the office on 02 6088 6222

**St Vincent de Paul** are asking for volunteers to help at the Centre in Union Road. The Centre provides emergency assistance of food, accommodation etc. to those in need. There is no better way to live the Gospel than to support those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Call Paul on 0401999915.

**Legion of Mary:** Mystical Rose - Mondays 9:30am  
Mary Immaculate - Tuesdays 9:00am

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

## 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**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.’

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 1:1-4,6**

*Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

**Second reading**

**1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20**

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Luke 6:23**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

**Gospel**

**Luke 6:17,20-26**

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven.

This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.  
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.  
'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their  
ancestors treated the false prophets.'  
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### Prayers of the Faithfull:

**For our sick,** Elaine Pascoe, Alex Krivtchoun, Jackson Davis, Shamus Clancy,  
Mathew Dix, Carmel Baker & Laurie Evans.

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

**For our recently departed,** Bro Chris Greck, Peter Kerstjens, John Corby &  
those who's anniversaries occur at this time inc Brian Baker, Andrew Trethowan  
& Dallas Hanrahan.

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

### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 77: 29-30**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they  
were not disappointed in what they craved.  
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**Financial Report** Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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**1st Coll** \$436.00      **2nd Coll** \$130.00      **Env** \$135.00      **Dir Debit** \$805.00

**Readers:** Sat: 6.00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9.30am Steve McCrohan

**Next week:** Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30am Jorgete Hudson

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 19th Feb Mary & Ann Marie

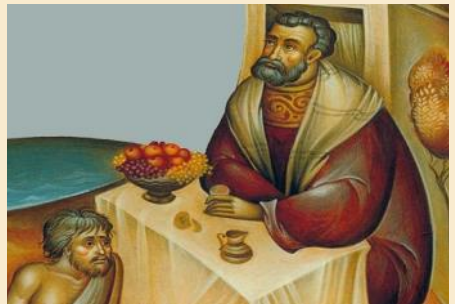


## RICH IN POVERTY: SCOTT HAHN

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvellous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous, those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law, will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and die. Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes.

Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state. The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord. We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted.

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure



unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life. The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity, in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we’re to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”

The blessings of God mean that we’ll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile, feast at the heavenly table of the Lord, “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb and rise with Christ, “the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

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## **GROWING**

Sometimes Jesus' words can be confronting. Yet he never wants anything but the best for us. In last Wednesday’s Gospel He explains to the disciples that it is not the food they eat that makes them unclean but what may be in their hearts and minds. We cannot blame others and external events for our inner sin. He asks us to look at our hearts and face what is there. Do I get jealous, is there lust and greed or bitterness? In facing our inner reality, we can then allow Jesus to transform us.

If we are quick to blame the world, politicians, friends, and family for our feelings and thoughts, we can limit Jesus' work in us. Jesus wants to free us and allow us to live life to the full. But this can only happen when we dare to see what is within us. Lord, help us to want to be free.

*Living Word - 09 February 2022*

## **PRAYER IN TIME OF NEED**

“Life often puts us in situations that we do not understand and that seem to have no solution. Praying in these moments means letting the Lord show us the right thing to do. Indeed, very often it is prayer that gives us the intuition of the way out, of how to solve that situation.”



Dear brothers and sisters, the Lord never allows a problem to arise without also giving us the help we need to deal with it. He does not cast us alone into the fire. He does not cast us among the beasts. No. When the Lord shows us a problem, or reveals a problem, he always gives us the intuition, the help, his presence, to get out of it, to resolve it.”

*Pope Francis - General Audience ~ January 26 2022*