

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 will soon 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.

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Legion of Mary: Mary Immaculate - Tuesdays 9:00am

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

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**1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off.

No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13***The Lord is kind and merciful.***Second reading****1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation**John 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your

tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Katerie Byrnes, 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 and those who's anniversaries occur at this time inc. Andrew Trethowan, Brian Baker and Dallas Hanrahan.

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

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

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1st Coll \$390.90 **2nd Coll** \$192.30 **Env** \$165.00 **Dir Debit** \$774.00

Readers: Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30am Jorgete Hudson

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9.30am Mark Mannering

Cleaning Roster: Sat 26th Feb Yolla & Grace



RICH IN POVERTY: SCOTT HAHN

The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples. The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids", loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us. The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen. The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman.

His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. We're to live as He lived among us, as "children of the Most High". We want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours. We're all "Sauls", by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, "the ungrateful and the wicked". Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross. "He redeems your life from destruction," David reminds us in today's Psalm. That's the promise, too, of today's Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world.



Extract: stpaulcenter.com

HAS BEEN RAISED

Corinthians was written in AD 53-54. George Montague SM, in his superb commentary, says Paul was motivated by factions in the Corinthian community and their falling back into pagan sexual practices. At the beginning of the letter we have a preaching on the Cross, at the end of the letter we have a preaching on the Resurrection. Preaching? Yes, for 'it is unlikely that Paul wrote any of his letters, they were oral both at their origin in dictation and at the point of delivery by a public reading'. Paul tells us two important truths about the resurrection of Jesus. First, he says that Jesus 'has been raised' from the dead. Second, that Jesus 'let himself be seen'. ***Has Been Raised***



Unlike the simple past tenses used for Jesus' death and burial, 'was raised' is actually in the perfect tense, thus meaning 'has been raised,' indicating his permanent and ongoing presence with the Church. In the Greek language, the perfect tense is used to speak about a past event exerting its influence now.

This is most important for our spiritual lives. The humiliation of Jesus and the death of Jesus is followed by his resurrection. This took place in time, but it is continuing to take place now. We can and should expect that our humiliations and our deaths will be followed always by resurrection. All that is required is faith. ***Let Himself Be Seen*** The resurrection appearances of Jesus are expressed in the passive tense. We are used to hearing, 'that Jesus appeared to Peter, to the Twelve, to the five hundred, to James and to Paul.' But it is more correct to say, 'that he let himself be seen by Peter, the Twelve...'

Most of the time, Jesus is invisible in his resurrected body. But if and when he so desires, he 'let's himself be seen.' He becomes visible. That might add a certain depth of meaning to our proclamation of the Nicene Creed. It will certainly deepen our faith, for Jesus is with us always in his resurrected body – mostly invisible. But if he so desires, he will 'let himself be seen.' He will indeed become visible to us! Amen. *Extract: Fr Tony Percy VG Canberra-Goulburn. catholicvoice.org.au*