

# 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

**Mass Times:** No mass this Monday. Apologies, Fr away.

**Stations of the Cross:** 6.00pm Friday during lent in the Gardens

**Lenten Groups:** Tuesdays 6:30PM. Parish Centre with Fr Anthony

Wednesdays 10:30am. Call Pauline Pasco 0419 807 065

**Project Compassion:**

Caritas donation boxes and envelopes are available in the foyer.

**Accommodation for CSU Students:**

A number of overseas students are seeking accommodation from March to October. Call Denis Devcich on 0402 431 099

**Synod of Bishops - Extension:**

Submissions for the International Synod on Synodality has been extended until Sun, March 13. Find out more and share your contribution at: [catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](http://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

**Catechists:** We will soon need Catechists for Thurgoona Public School. Please contact Fr Anthony or the office on 02 6088 6222

**COVID 19 DIOCESAN PROTOCOLS 25/02/2022:**

- Masks are encouraged for indoor settings.
- Those who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are asked to approach communion after those who have received on the hand.



**First reading**

**Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

“‘My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me.”

‘You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 90(91):1-2,10-15**

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

**Second reading**

**Romans 10:8-13**

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved.

When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Matthew 4:4**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**Gospel**

**Luke 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.’ But Jesus replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.’

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the

kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time. *universalis.com*

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

**For our sick,** Katerie Byrnes, 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 and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Nicole Abikhair and Joyce Doolan.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Mt 4: 4**

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. *universalis.com*

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**1st Coll** \$383.85      **2nd Coll** \$170.80      **Env** \$170.00      **Dir Debit** \$740.00

**Readers:** Sat: 6.00pm Mary Seidel      Sun: 9.30am Stefany George

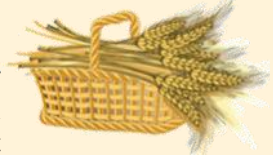
**Next week:** Sat: 6.00pm Denis Golden      Sun: 9.30am Simon Horsfall

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 12th Mar Maria & Grace



## **OPPORTUNE TIME**

An opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this "opportune time" for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image. All too often in our lives, greed, pride, and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand... Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.



*Pope Francis - Message for Lent*

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING



In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation. Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our

world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil. Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross. Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation.

As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

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