

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

Saturday 8am

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

PayWave Donations:

Machine in entrance, \$10 per tap. 10 second delay.

50/50 split between Presbytery and Parish collections.

Mass Times: Mass now every Sat 8AM

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 entrance porch.

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. Share your contribution at: 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



First reading**Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 26(27):1,7-9,13-14**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second reading**Philippians 3:20a-4:1**

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation**Matthew 17:5**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel**Luke 9:28-36**

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for

Moses and one for Elijah.’ – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’ And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.
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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 and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time including Bob Mannering, Nicole Abikhair and Joyce Doolan.

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Communion Antiphon

Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

1st Coll \$483.40

2nd Coll \$256.75

Env \$70.00

Dir Debit \$755.00

Readers: Sat: 6.00pm Denis Golden

Sun: 9.30am Simon Horsfall

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin

Sun: 9.30am Steve McCrohan

Cleaning Roster: Sat 19th Mar Denis



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.



THE GLORY IN SIGHT: SCOTT HAHN

In today’s Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus “transfigured,” speaking with Moses and Elijah about His “exodus.”

The Greek word “exodus” means “departure.” But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites’ flight from Egypt. By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus - liberating not only Israel but every race and people, not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today’s First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today’s Epistle. Moses, the giver of God’s law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the



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voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain. Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly. But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity - the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud. Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God. He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah, the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised. Far and above that, He is the Son of God. "Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His. *stpaulcenter.com*

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLES

Tuesday's Gospel (8/03/2022) leaves us with no doubt that practicing forgiveness is central to Christian discipleship and the right relationship with God. Jesus said, *"Yes, if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive you yours; but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either."*



Pope Francis expresses well what Christian forgiveness 'looks like' in his letter on friendship and the connectedness of all people - Fratelli Tutti: "Forgiving does not mean forgetting. Or better, in the face of a reality that can in no way be denied, relativized or concealed, forgiveness is still possible. In the face of an action that can never be tolerated, justified or excused, we can still forgive. In the face of something that cannot be forgotten for any reason, we can still forgive.

Free and heartfelt forgiveness is something noble, a reflection of God's own infinite ability to forgive. Those who truly forgive do not forget. Instead, they choose not to yield to the same destructive force that caused them so much suffering. They break the vicious circle; they halt the advance of the forces of destruction. They choose not to spread in society the spirit of revenge that will sooner or later return to take its toll." Lord Jesus, as we reach out to embrace your grace of forgiveness, we earnestly entreat you to break the destructive cycles in our own relationships and in our world. Amen.

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PRAYER



Lord Jesus, Who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity. *Pope John Paul II*