

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

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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) - 6pm

Sunday 9:30am & 5:30pm

Monday 8am

Tuesday 10am

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

Changes to Mass Times:

As of the week beginning Monday 28th March there will be two main changes.

- Thursday night mass will be at 5:30pm preceded by a Holy Hour at 4:30pm.
- Sunday 5:30pm mass will be discontinued.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Pope Francis to Consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary this Friday, March 25th. Special prayers after Mass on Friday morning, the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord.

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

Please contact Fr Anthony on 02 6088 6222 if you can help with this important work of spreading the Gospel.

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 & envelopes in 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

Holy Face Devotion: Sat 2nd April 8am. Procession from Thurgoona Parish to St Patrick's Albury. See facebook.com/HolyFaceDevotionAlbury for details.

First reading**Exodus 3:1-8,13-15**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you."' This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 102(103):1-4,6-8,11***The Lord is kind and merciful.***Second reading****1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12**

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"
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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Katerie Byrnes, Jackson Davis, Mathew Dix, Shamus Clancy, 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 and Nicole Abikhair.

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Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.
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PARISH NOTICES Cont.

"Called to Life" Charity Dinner:

26th March 6:30PM at La Mason Café to support Esencia Life Centre, .
Tickets \$80 each. Book at trybooking.com/BXNMW

PayWave Donations:

Machine in entrance, \$10 per tap. 10 second delay.
50/50 split between Presbytery and Parish collections.

Legion of Mary: Mondays 9:30am, Tuesdays 8:45am



Financial Report Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account
Direct Debit: BSB640000: Acc. No.111270902 Include name on transfers.
1st Coll \$421.60 **2nd Coll** \$244.55 **Env** \$110.00 **Dir Debit** \$722.00

Readers: Sat: 6.00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9.30am Steve McCrohan
Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9.30am Jorgete Hudson
Cleaning Roster: Sat 26th March Mary & Ann Marie



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.



FRUITS OF THE FIG: SCOTT HAHN

In the Church, we are made children of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God who makes known His name and His ways to Moses in today's First Reading. Mindful of His covenant with Abraham, God came down to rescue His people from the slave drivers of Egypt. Faithful to that same covenant, He sent Jesus to redeem all lives from destruction, as today's Psalm tells us.

Paul says in today's Epistle that God's saving deeds in the Exodus were written down for the Church, intended as a prelude and foreshadowing of our own Baptism by water, our liberation from sin, our feeding with spiritual food and drink. Yet the events of the Exodus were also given as a "warning", that being children of Abraham is no guarantee that we will reach the promised land of our salvation. At any moment, Jesus warns in today's Gospel, we could perish, not as God's punishment for being "greater sinners" but because, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we stumble into evil desires, fall into grumbling, forget all His benefits. Jesus calls us today to "repentance", not a one-time change of heart, but an ongoing, daily transformation of our lives.

We're called to live the life we sing about in today's Psalm, blessing His holy name, giving thanks for His kindness and mercy. The fig tree in His parable is a familiar Old Testament symbol for Israel. As the fig tree is given one last season to produce fruit before it is cut down, so too Jesus is giving Israel one final opportunity to bear good fruits as evidence of its repentance. *stpaulcenter.com*