

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

Monday 8am

Tuesday 10am

Wednesday 8:00am

Thursday 5:30pm Mass,
Holy Hour 4:30pm

Friday 8am

Saturday 8am

Anointing of the sick 10am Mass

March June Sept Dec, 2nd Tues of month

Reconciliation

Thurs during Holy Hour 4:45 - 5:15pm

Sat 5:30 to 5:50pm before Vigil

Sun 9 to 9.20am

Baptism and Marriage By appointment



Working Bee - Sat 9:30am to 11am



PARISH NOTICES

Changes to Mass Times:

- Thursday night mass will be at 5:30pm preceded by a Holy Hour at 4:30pm.
- Saturday Vigil Mass will change to 5pm for the winter
- Sunday 5:30pm mass will be discontinued.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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: 5:30pm Friday during lent in the Gardens

Note time change due to Daylight Saving ending.

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: Overseas students are seeking accommodation from March to Oct. Call Denis Devcich on 0402 431 099

St Vincent de Paul: Need volunteers to help at the Centre in Waugh Road. The Centre provides emergency assistance of food, accommodation etc. to those in need. Call Paul on 0401999915.

First reading**Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 125(126)**

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Second reading**Philippians 3:8-14**

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith.

All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation**Joel 2:12-13**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel**John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women

like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him.

But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and do not sin any more.’ *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Kate McCauley, Sam Courtella, Gloria Maclean, Wendy Mills, Steve Drage, John Dunne, Katerie Byrnes, Jackson Davis, Mathew Dix, Seamus Clancy, Carmel Baker and Laurie Evans.

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

For our recently departed, Garry Rake and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time including Paul Fowles, Jack Evens, Christopher Eades and Richard Bartosik.

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

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord.

Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more. *universalis.com*

Readers: Sat: 6.00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9.30am Mark Mannering

Next week: Sat: 6.00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9.30am Stefany George

Cleaning Roster: Sat 9th April Yolla & Grace



Financial Report: Cheques payable to IHM Parish Account

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

- First Collection and 50% of contributions made using the Donation Point device is for the support of our local priest (stipend and food). Anything leftover goes towards the upkeep of the other priests of the diocese.
- Second Collection, Planned Giving envelopes, Direct Debit/EFT and 50% of Donation Point Device contributions are used for the expenses of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (insurance; contractors; rates; gas, electricity, church consumables, office supplies, maintenance, future parish projects, etc)

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.





PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Giver of Peace and Mary, Queen of Peace. Amen

POPE FRANCIS: GOING TO CONFESSION IS 'ABANDONING ONESELF TO LOVE'

Vatican City, Mar 12, 2021

Extract: catholicnewsagency.com

Pope Francis said Friday that going to confession is an act of “abandoning oneself to Love,” allowing the God of love to heal and transform one’s heart. “Experiencing confession in this way means letting oneself be transformed by Love,” Pope Francis said on March 12. “It is the Love that was fully manifested in Jesus Christ and in his death on the cross for us,” he said in the Vatican’s Paul VI Hall. He was addressing more than 800 priests and seminarians participating in a course on the internal forum organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary.

Confession, also called the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation, is the means through which God grants pardon for sins. In the sacrament, the contrite penitent discloses his sins to a Catholic priest who grants sacramental absolution.

The penitent resolves to not sin again and performs an act of satisfaction, usually called a penance. Through the priest, God grants his pardon and peace, and the penitent is reconciled to God. Pope Francis said that the sacrament of penance is a mystery which can be characterized by three expressions: “‘abandoning oneself to Love’; the second ‘letting oneself be transformed by Love’; and the third: ‘corresponding to Love’”. “Abandoning oneself to Love means making a true act of faith,” he explained. “Faith can never be reduced to a list of concepts or a series of statements to be believed. Faith is expressed and understood within a relationship: the relationship between God and man and between man and God ... God calls and man responds. The reverse is also true: we call God when we are in need, and He always answers.” The pope said that the first step for a good confession is this act of faith and trust with which the penitent approaches God’s mercy. “Experience teaches that those who do not abandon themselves to God’s love sooner or later end up abandoning themselves to something else, ending up ‘in the arms’ of the worldly mentality, which in the end brings bitterness, sadness and loneliness, and does not heal,” he said.

Throughout his pontificate, Pope Francis has frequently encouraged Catholics to receive God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

