

# 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) - 5pm~~  
~~Sunday 9:30am~~  
~~Monday 8am~~  
~~Tuesday 9am~~  
~~Wednesday 8:00am~~  
~~Thursday 5:30pm Mass,~~  
~~Holy Hour 4:30pm~~  
~~Friday 8am~~  
~~Saturday 8am~~

**Anointing of the sick Mass**  
2nd Tues of month, March June Sept Dec.

**Reconciliation**  
Thurs during Holy Hour 4:45 - 5:15pm  
Sat 4:30 to 4:55pm before Vigil  
Sun 9 to 9.25am  
Or anytime, just ask Fr

**Baptism and Marriage** By appointment

**Working Bee - Sat 9:30am to 11am**



**PARISH NOTICES:** Note Mass changes this week. See above.

**Holy Spirit Bush Dance:** 30th April from 7pm. Tickets at the door. \$10 per person, \$25 per family. BYO Supper. Proceeds to Ecencia Life Centre.

**Letterbox Drop:** Thanks to all who delivered the Easter Services Invitations.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Today, Sun 24th April - 3:00pm**

Prayers & Devotions

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



**Readers:** Sat: 5:00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

**Next week:** Sat: 5:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 30th April 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.



## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**24/04/2022**

### **First reading**

**Acts 5:12-16**

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 117(118):2-4,22-27**

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.*

### **Second reading**

**Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19**

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**John 20:29**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when

Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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### **Prayers of the Faithful:**

**For our sick**, John McCormick, 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**, Sue Barsby, 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**

**Cf. Jn 20: 27**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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## **JOURNEY WITH THE POPE**

"In the Scriptures, whenever God appears to those who receive him, he loves to utter those words: Do not be afraid!... In this way, he sends us a clear and comforting message: once our lives are open to God, fear can no longer hold us in thrall. For fear can truly hold us in thrall. You, dear sister, dear brother, if your sins frighten you, if your past worries you, if your wounds do not heal, if your constant failings dishearten you and you seem to have lost hope, please, do not be afraid. God knows your weaknesses and is greater than your mistakes. God is greater than our sins. He asks of you only one thing: that you not hold your frailties and sufferings inside. Bring them to him, lay them before him and, from being reasons for despair, they will become opportunities for resurrection.

Do not be afraid!"      *Pope Francis - Homily March 25, 2022 missio.org*





## **FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY**

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. These papal acts represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

*On one occasion, I heard these words: My daughter, tell the whole world about My Inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.*  
(Diary 699) *Extract from [ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/feast-13356](http://ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/feast-13356)*

## **HOW TO MAKE A GOOD CONFESSION**

If you haven't gone to confession in a while, now is the perfect time to reconcile yourself with God. What you will experience is the healing gift of God's love, the chance to start over with a clean conscience, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude.

Prepare for confession with an examination of conscience. Think back on sins you have committed since your last confession. In the confessional, most people still start with the formula: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been ... since my last confession."

If you can't remember the words or you don't recall how long it's been, don't worry. Just tell the priest it's been a long time, and he will guide you through the process.

*[simplycatholic.com/how-to-make-a-good-confession](http://simplycatholic.com/how-to-make-a-good-confession)*