

# 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** 10am  
~~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

### Mobile Phones:

Please mute your mobile phone or turn it off during Mass.

### Mass Times:

No Mass on Wednesday.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 24th APRIL

3.00pm - Prayers & Devotions  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



**Readers:** - Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall  
**Next week:** Sat: 5:00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan  
**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 23rd April Maria & Grace



## 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.



## **EASTER SUNDAY**

**17/04/2022**

### **First reading**

**Acts 10:34,37-43**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 117:1-2,16-17,22-23**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

### **Second reading**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

### **Easter Sequence**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

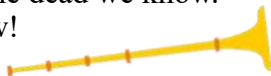
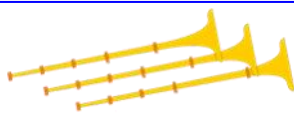
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**1 Corinthians 5:7-8**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!



## Gospel

**Luke 24:1-12**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, they went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words.

When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them.

Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

## Prayers of the Faithfull:

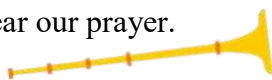
**For our sick**, Sam Courtella, Gloria Maclean, Wendy Mills, Steve Drage, John Dunne, Katerie Byrnes, Jackson Davis, Mathew Dix, Seamus Clancy, Carmel Baker and Laurie Evans.

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



**1 Cor 5: 7-8**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia. *universalis.com*

## Jesus is Risen – The Empty Tomb

*Fr John McKinnon - Diocese of Ballarat.*

In the short interval between Jesus' death and the beginning of the Sabbath, the women had prepared spices and ointments with which to anoint the dead body of Jesus. Either they simply had not thought so far ahead in the confusion of Friday's events, or they did not expect that Pilate would release the body for burial. At least, they had observed closely where the tomb was situated and were ready to perform their ministry without interruption and in peace once the Sabbath was over. Like all the other disciples, they were not anticipating resurrection. Anointing Jesus'

body would be one last act of loving care and respect for one who had first loved them. When they arrived the tomb was empty. They were perplexed. Their immediate response was not one of faith, but simply of deep confusion. Empty tombs prove little, especially one already opened with its stone rolled away. Luke was not writing to persuade or to convert non-believers. His Gospel, written to Theophilus, wanted to make clear the meaning of Jesus' resurrection, and to sensitise Theophilus to the presence, nature and activity of the risen Christ in the Christian community. It was written to teach believers about the risen Christ:

- How he could be experienced.
- Where he could be found.
- How resurrection was to be understood.
- What consequences resurrection had for present believers.



Faith would spring from an encounter with the risen Christ. The issue is to encounter Christ. It would seem that others' encounters with Christ are believed only by those who in some way have themselves experienced Christ, or the Spirit of Christ. It was probably thus with Luke and Theophilus, and also with today's believers. Faith is a mysterious gift. It is never simply a logical conclusion.

*Extract: johnmckinnon.org*

## **Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord**



Relegating Jesus' miracles to the bin of apocryphal but consoling stories, many moderns argue Christ's most enduring legacy is the verifiable good He did for His fellow men. Yet the Gospels don't tell us that Jesus went around doing good. They tell us He went around doing miracles.

Jesus doesn't help an old woman carry a load up a hill. He doesn't dig His hand deep into His pocket and spare some change. Jesus doesn't offer words of comfort to the sick; He heals the sick. Jesus doesn't jump into the sea to save the drowning Peter; He walks on the water. Jesus didn't volunteer in a soup kitchen; He miraculously multiplied bread and fish and distributed food to the masses. And Jesus didn't save people from the danger of death; He raised them from the dead. Jesus temporarily resuscitated three people, all of whom later died, before He resurrected Himself forever.

There was nothing dreamy about the Resurrection. Real people with real names in a real place saw the Resurrected Jesus with real eyes. Easter celebrates the miracle of all miracles, the greatest unexpected result of all time, the indispensable genesis event of Western Civilization.

*Risen Lord, strengthen our faith so that we overcome all doubt, and place our trust in Your gift of life beyond the grave. Extract: mycatholic.life.*