

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 9am to 11am



PARISH NOTICES

ADULT FAITH EDUCATION

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Or would you like a refresher course?

Adult Faith Education 5:30pm Tuesdays in Parish Centre
Commencing soon. See Fr Anthony for further information.

Check out the new sign at the front of the church grounds.

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

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

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



COVID 19 & Flu Season: If you have a fever, bad cough, fatigue, sore throat or shortness of breath or if you are generally sick or unwell - you should not enter the church. This will prevent the spread of Flu and Covid, especially to our older parishioners. Masks are still encouraged. If you prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue please approach communion after those who have received on the hand.



First reading**Isaiah 66:10-14**

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20**

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second reading**Galatians 6:14-18**

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation**Col 3:15a,16a**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 10:1-12,17-20**

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. ‘Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, “Peace to this house!” And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. ‘Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, “The kingdom of God is very near to you.”’

But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, “We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to

our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near.” I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.’ The seventy-two came back rejoicing. ‘Lord,’ they said ‘even the devils submit to us when we use your name.’ He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.’ *universalis.com*

Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Millie Tutt, Greg Baker, Sue Spencer, Gwen Abikhair, Joan Jacobs, Sam Courtella, Fr John Speakman, Noel Ryan, Jackson Davis and Seamus Clancy.

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

For our recently departed, Patrick Gleason, James Dunstan, John Dunne and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time including Murray McCooke, Jack Fowles, Maria Defazio, Barry Pascoe and Susanne Blyton.

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

Communion Antiphon

Ps 33: 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

Cleaning Roster: Sat 9th July Maria & Grace



CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION

As baptised members of the Body of Christ, each of us is vocationally mandated to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ with our lives. It is our



duty and our joy. No one imagines that this is always easy. In a society that rejoices in its increasing pluralism and secularity, the Christian message can seem out of place. Yet this is precisely the situation in which that message is most needed: as men and women search for meaning, belonging and hope at a time where the fleeting seeks to replace the substantial, celebrity masquerades as a substitute for character, a cult of death gathers around both ends of life, and the allure of the sensational replaces the pursuit of truth. Into this situation God continues to speak through his Son, Jesus.

For the words of Jesus are as eternal as God is, and they hold an increasing relevance the more the world into which they were originally spoken has need of them. It is for the sole purpose of communicating the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world in need that the Church exists. *Extract: nce.catholic.org.au*

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions. A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship - its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards.



Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.

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WITNESS THE FAITH WITH OUR LIVES

If you happen to be with an atheist who tells you that he does not believe in God, you can read him the whole library, where it says that God exists, and where it is proven that God exists, and he will not believe. [However] if in the presence of this same atheist you witness to a consistent, Christian life, something will begin to work in his heart.... It will be your witness that brings him the restlessness on which the Holy Spirit works.

Pope Francis - Homily, Domus Sanctae Marthae, February 27, 2014