

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.

St Vincent de Paul:

We need volunteers to help at the Centre in Waugh Road. The Centre provides emergency assistance of food, housing, furniture etc. to those in need. If you have time during the day or are recently retired this may be for you. Our members are getting older and we need younger ones to help us with this important work. Call Paul on 0401999915



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

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



Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson
Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering
Cleaning Roster: Sat 16th July Denis



First reading**Deuteronomy 30:10-14**

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

Responsorial Psalm**Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37**

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second reading**Colossians 1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation**cf. John 6:63c,68c**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 10:25-37**

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus ‘do this and life is yours.’

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the

other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have."

Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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Prayers of the Faithful:

For our sick, Dora Croce, Millie Tutt, Greg Baker, Gwen Abikhair, Joan Jacobs, Sam Courtella, Fr John Speakman, Noel Ryan and Jackson Davis. We pray to the Lord. **R.** Lord hear our prayer.

For our recently departed, Patrick Gleason and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Mark Awburn, John McDonnell, Jenny Sulicich, Neville Peterson, Patrick Power, Fr John Ware and Murray McCooke.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

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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NEWS FROM THE LEGION

St Martha's Kitchen



Ann-Maree Collins

Last week over 48 meals were prepared, packed and delivered from St Martha's Kitchen. Those who received meals were most grateful, but the rewards for St. Martha's Kitchen were outweighed by the hugs and smiles they received.

Many people wanted to talk about what is happening in their lives, but sadly for some it is nothing, as they are isolated living on their own bordering on anxiety and depression. We ask that you keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers; we may only have little to offer, but we can do so much.



WHAT WE MUST DO: SCOTT HAHN

We are to love God and our neighbour with all the strength of our being, This command is nothing remote or mysterious - it's already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in this week's First Reading. Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live." The scholar wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question, "Who is my neighbour?" In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God, Who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up. Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," the Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross"- by bearing His neighbours' sufferings in His own body, being Himself stripped and beaten and left for dead - He saved us from the bonds of sin and reconciled us to God and to one another.

Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, and entrusts us to the care of His Church until He comes back for us. Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either.

We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us, joining all things together in His Body, the Church. We are to love like the singer of this week's Psalm - like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives has been saved, who have known the time of His favour, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of the scholar and of each of us: "Go and do likewise."

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CLOSENESS

Pope Francis states that 'the parish is not an outdated institution. It possesses great *flexibility*' (*Joy of the Gospel* 28). Our success in proclaiming the Gospel depends upon our *closeness* to others, which is core to our spirituality.

Pope Francis says parishioners must be 'in contact with the homes and lives of people,' not becoming self-absorbed: *The parish is an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration.*

LivingWord

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.

