

# 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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## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17/07/2022

### First reading

**Genesis 18:1-10**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalms 14(15):2-5**

*The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

### Second reading

**Colossians 1:24-28**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich

glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Cf. Luke 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

### **Gospel**

**Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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### **Prayers of the Faithfull:**

**For our sick**, Elaine Pascoe, 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 Gleeson and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Mark Awburn, John McDonnell, Jenny Sulichich, Neville Peterson, Patrick Power and Fr John Ware.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Rv 3: 20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord.

If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me,

I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

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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** will now be held on Wednesday evenings (not Tuesday as previously notified - sorry for any inconvenience) starting Wednesday 27th July at 5:30pm in the Parish Centre. This is subject to public health considerations given the uncertainty of the current situation with respect to covid and sessional influenza. See Fr Anthony for further information.

**The parish Sacramental Programme** will commence with preparations for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 2nd August at 3:45pm till 5:00pm in the Parish Centre and continuing for another three (3) weeks after that. If you have any children in Year 3 or older who have not yet received the Sacrament and you would like them to do so, please come along. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a pre-requisite for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion commencing at the end of October, 2022. Your help in notifying other families who may not see this notice is greatly appreciated.

### **St Martha's Kitchen:**

On this 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time when we once again encounter St Martha in Luke's Gospel, may I take this opportunity to thank our own St Martha's Kitchen for the wonderful witness and outreach they carry out on behalf of us all here in the parish. May God continue to Bless their work! Fr Anthony.

**St Vincent de Paul:** We urgently 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.



**Readers:** Sat: 5:00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

**Next week:** Sat: 5:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Stefany George

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 23rd July Mary & Ann Marie



## ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2022



The Winter Appeal provides emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Reflecting on today's Gospel and the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society members we see that perhaps the greatest gift that we can give to the people we work with is the gift of our presence. Every day at the St Vincent de Paul Society, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. They are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter.

This winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

If you are able to make a contribution to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please do so by visiting [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or calling 13 18 12.



## GUESTS COME TO RECEIVE BUT ALSO TO GIVE

A clearly identifiable and attractive theme unites today's readings: the theme of "hospitality", which in many ways runs right through the Gospel of Luke.

The two sisters, Martha and Mary, give hospitality to Jesus. Martha appears to be the dominant personality. Certainly, her hospitality is more active and practical. Her sister Mary simply sits at Jesus' feet and listens. This sets up the kind of "triangular" pattern often seen in Luke's gospel: Jesus interacts with a character, usually someone in a marginal situation; a third character or party takes offence at this and grumbles or murmurs.

Jesus defends the more marginal party, showing how her or his action is the more appropriate in terms of what *He* has to offer. In this case, it is Mary, seemingly the younger sister, whom Jesus defends. While Martha has fussed about preparing too many dishes, when just one would have sufficed, Mary has "chosen the better part". In view of the identity of the One here present as guest and the gift that he has to give; it is Mary's attitude that is the more appropriate. Hospitality is not simply flowing one way. Martha and Mary have far more to receive from their guest than he has to receive from them.



Understandably, down the ages and perhaps particularly in recent times, it is Martha who has evoked more sympathy. Her complaint that she has been left to do all the work by herself seems at one level very justified. But this is precisely where the provocation of the Gospel has its bite. As Luke's Gospel so often makes clear, frenetic service, even service of the Lord, can be a deceptive distraction from what the Lord really wants. Good people are always prone to measure their goodness by all they do for the Lord. They forget that the Lord's primary intent towards us is to bestow upon us life, love and salvation, rather than to make use of our service. The scene has also been controversial in feminist interpretation. Is Jesus defending the right of women to be free of traditional "women's work"? Or is he subtly putting women in their place by praising Mary's more passive role?

Both these positions miss the mark. The fact that two characters in the episode are women, while significant may not be the main point. As so often, the Gospel's focus is upon the abundance of God's gift and the barriers that human beings put up against receiving it. *Summary: [australiancatholics.com](http://australiancatholics.com)*

## COVID 19 & Flu Season:

- To prevent the spread of Flu and Covid, especially to vulnerable parishioners you should not enter the church with a fever, bad cough, fatigue, sore throat, shortness of breath or if generally sick or unwell.
- To receive Holy Communion on the tongue please approach after those who have received on the hand.
- Masks are still encouraged.

