

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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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24/07/2022

First reading

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second reading

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Rom 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.”

He also said to them:

‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

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Prayers of the Faithful:

For our sick, Elaine Pascoe, Dora Croce, Millie Tutt, Greg Baker, Joan Jacobs, Gwen Abikhair, Sam Courtella, Noel Ryan Jackson Davis and Fr John Speakman

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

For our recently departed, Terence Clancy and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including Br. Michael Foran, Mark Awburn, Jenny Sulicich, John McDonnell, Neville Peterson, Patrick Power and Fr John Ware.

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5: 7-8

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

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

PayWave Donations: Machine in entrance, \$10 per tap. 10 second delay. 50/50 split between Presbytery and Parish collections

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



Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Stefany George

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall

Cleaning Roster: Sat 30th July Kate Tobin



JOURNEY WITH THE POPE

“A Church without chains and walls, in which everyone can feel welcomed and accompanied, one where listening, dialogue and participation are cultivated under the sole authority of the Holy Spirit. The Church that is free and humble, that “gets up quickly” and does not temporize or dilly-dally before the challenges of the present time. A Church that does not linger in its sacred precincts, but is driven by enthusiasm for the preaching of the Gospel and the desire to encounter and accept everyone. Let us not forget that word: everyone. Everyone! Go to crossroads and bring everyone, the blind, the deaf, the lame, the sick, the righteous and the sinner: everyone!

This word of the Lord should continue to echo in our hearts and minds: in the Church there is a place for everyone.” *Pope Francis Homily ~ June 29, 2022*

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

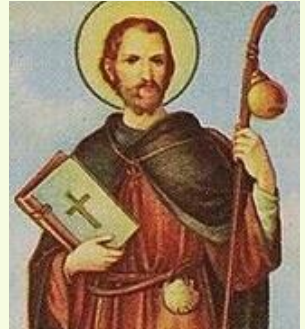
The 25th July (this Monday) is the feast day of St. James the Greater.

Nothing is known of his early life, though it has been established that he is the son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. The title "the Greater" was added to St. James' name to help distinguish him from the Apostle James "the Less," who is believed to have been shorter than James "the Greater."

Saint James the Greater was one of Jesus' first disciples. James was fishing with his father and John the Apostle when Jesus came to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and called for the fisherman, who were unable to catch any fish that day, to dip their nets in the water once again. When the fishermen followed Jesus' instructions, they found their nets full, and after emptying the fish on board, the boats nearly sank from their weight.

Later, James was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration, and when he and his brother wanted to call fire upon a Samaritan town, both were rebuked by Jesus. Following Christ's Ascension, James spread the Gospel across Israel and the Roman kingdom as well.

Legend says that he travelled and spread the Word for nearly forty years in Spain. James was martyred by King Herod and is known as the first apostle to die for his faith.



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COVID 19 & Flu Season: To prevent the spread of Flu and Covid and protect vulnerable parishioners you should not enter the church with a fever, bad cough, fatigue, sore throat, shortness of breath or if you are generally sick or unwell.

- Wearing a Face Mask is strongly recommended and encouraged.
- To receive Holy Communion on the tongue please approach after those who have received on the hand.

