

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



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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

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14/08/2022

First reading

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2-4,18

Lord, come to my aid!

Second reading

Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

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

For our recently departed, Sr Ellen Marie Quinn, Julie Rigby, Julie Osborne,
Terence Clancy and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including
John Hicks, Joyce Doolan, Richard Westblade, Mary O'Brien, Peter Maclean
Lawrence Carrol and Br. Michael Foran.

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

Communion Antiphon

Jn 6: 51-52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

Cleaning Roster: Sat 20th Aug Maria & Grace



PARISH NOTICES

Adult Faith Education: Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. 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 urgently need volunteers to help at the Centre in Waugh Road. The Centre provides emergency assistance of food, accommodation etc. to those in need. If you can help please call Paul on 0401999915.

31 Club: A simple yet highly effective vocation activity where we pray locally for vocations. It is a true response to Christ's call, "Pray to the Lord of the harvest that there be labourers for the vineyard." What is required? Members of the 31 Club choose a day each month to pray for vocations. You attend Mass on your chosen day if possible and you may also *optionally* provide a Mass stipend for the priest to offer Mass specifically for that intention as well. Prayer cards and bookmarks are available on the table in the middle of the church. Please nominate a day on the sheet provided - which when full will be returned to the Serra Club of Wagga Wagga.



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

COVID 19 & Flu Season:



- Do 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.

DISCIPLESHIP

No single metaphor sums up the demands of discipleship, but a fruitful one implied in today's second reading is the marathon. It's a test of endurance, concentration and conviction, the qualities Jesus exhibited on his way from Nazareth to Golgotha and glory. Imagine him as our pace-maker, always ahead, always calling for more from us.

Only by discarding 'everything that hinders us' can we keep close to him. Only by keeping him in sight can we hope to complete the race. We draw inspiration from the countless others who have completed the race before us.

Their counsel might be, never take your eyes off Jesus. australiancatholics.com



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST



The Catholic belief that Mary was taken into heaven has a long history. Though not mentioned in the Scriptures it appears in other early Christian writings. It became widespread in the fifth century when a fierce debate about how to account for Christ's divinity and humanity arose.

The description of Mary as the mother of God affirmed both his divinity and the earthy reality of his human life. It also deepened devotion to Mary as mother, as one who was without sin, as someone to whom we could pray, and as example of the Christian life. In the Western Church Mary was believed to have been taken to heaven before her death. In the Eastern Church she was believed to have died and then to have been taken to heaven.

The belief was expressed in devotions, in liturgical celebration, in art and in theological exploration. It was part of Catholic life.

Although not questioned by Catholics, faith in the assumption of Mary became defined only in 1950 as belonging to Catholic faith. In a Church where women were its core in nurturing faith and in pastoral activities, while the visible and aspects of the Church was represented by men, the austerity of Catholic life and devotion was softened by praying to Mary as mother. Women, whose role in society was largely confined to the home, could identify with Mary's experience of childbirth and raising Jesus, with Mary as the mother whose child had left home, with her pride and anxieties as she followed his life, with her final cruel waiting with him at his public execution, and with Mary in hope of sharing in Jesus' glory. Although Mary was often represented in popular art as unshakeable in her faith and as totally self-possessed, as a model of conduct and self-control, and so a reliable companion in prayer, she could also be prayed to as sister who shared our hardships. In the austere masculinity of church ministry too, Mary represented the ideal woman and mother.

A century earlier she had been proclaimed as free from original sin at her conception and so made fitting to receive the birth of the Son of God. The feast of the Assumption is for all Catholics. Its meaning has been caught in a later feast instituted by Pope Francis for a more inclusive Church, Mary Mother of the Church. It focuses on Mary's links to us as well as to God, and also points to the links that unite all Christians and all Churches. The Feast of the Assumption enlivens our hope that we shall be with Christ as Mary now is.

It promises that after the struggles and losses of this life that we shall find happiness and companionship with God. *Extract: australiancatholics.com*