

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

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28/08/2022

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 67(68):4-7,10-11

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second reading

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered

for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

Gospel Acclamation

Matt 11:29ab

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, Graeme Murphy, Noel Ryan, Dora Croce, Greg Baker, Joan Jacobs, Gwen Abikhair, Jackson Davis and Seamus Clancy.

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

For our recently departed, Sr Ellen Marie Quinn, Joy Osborne and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including John Hicks, Joyce Doolan, Richard Westblade, Mary O'Brien and Lawrence Carrol.

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5: 9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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PARISH NOTICES

Parish Council:

We welcome the following new members of Parish Council and thank them for their willingness to contribute their time and talents in service of the parish community:

Maria Sparshott (Chair)

Simon Horsfall (Deputy Chair)

Sandy Zeromski (Secretary)

Denis Devcich

Denis Golden

Jodie Cunningham

Mark Mannerling

Mary Seidel

New procedure for receiving Holy Communion:

There is no longer any requirement for those receiving on the tongue to present for Holy Communion after those receiving in the hand. Therefore, to make it simpler for everyone you are requested to fan out across the front and either stand or kneel at the pews set up for that purpose. Those wishing to receive a blessing only are most welcome and you indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

For those concerned about the possibility of germ transmission it is recommended that you sit towards the front so that you may be among the first to receive, thus mitigating the risks. If you are sick with the flu or Covid or have obvious signs of illness such as running nose or sore throat you are reminded that you should not enter the church in a charitable and common-sense approach aimed at protecting others, particularly those who are immunocompromised.

Adult Faith Education: Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome. See Fr Anthony for further information.

31 Club: A simple yet highly effective 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. You attend Mass on your chosen day to pray for vocations. 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.

St Vincent de Paul urgently need volunteers to help at the Centre in Waugh Road which provides emergency assistance of food, accommodation etc. to those in need. Our Members are getting old and tired and we desperately need some "younger" ones to take their place. Would suit newly retired parishioners. If you can help please call Paul on 0401999915.

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



Readers: Sat: 5:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Stefany George

Next week: Sat: 5:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall

Cleaning Roster: Sat 3rd Sept Mary & Ann Marie





TO GO UP HIGHER

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel. Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all. This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud.

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table. We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood.

The Lord promises that if we are humble, we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher.

Scott Hahn: stpaulcenter.com

PRAYER

Lord, help me to be strong and confident in You.
Help me to hear You and respond to Your whisperings of truth and love.

In the face of doubt and dysfunction,
help me to hear Your words of new life.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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