

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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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 9.30am to 11am**



## First Reading

## Wisdom 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

*In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

## Second Reading

Philemon 9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

## Gospel Acclamation

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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## Prayers of the Faithfull:

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

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

**For our recently departed,** Josephine Micallef (*Fr Micallef's mother*), Joy Osborne and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including John Hicks, Nicholas Gleeson, Bruce Duck and John Lawrowicz.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Jn 8: 12**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.

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## **PARISH NOTICES**

**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. To make it simpler for everyone you are requested to fan out across the front and either stand or kneel at the pews at the front. 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 Waugh Road Centre 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 Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall

**Next week:** Sat: 5:00pm Barb McDermott Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 10th Sept Kate Tobin



## COUNTING THE COST

Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to anyone who wishes to be His disciple. That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. The things we have - even our family ties and obligations - can become an excuse that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him. Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom.

Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him. Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm.



Like Onesimus in St Paul's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him - no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright. *Summary: Scott Hahn - stpaulcenter.com*

## WHO CAN KNOW THE MIND OF THE LORD?

I often think to myself in prayer, 'If only I understood everything! If only I knew what God was about and what I needed to do to cooperate fully with God's grace!' For me, understanding something is a way of controlling it, or at least limiting the way it can control me. For example, a difficult relationship becomes less frustrating if I understand my reactions to that person and theirs to me. In prayer, my desire to understand is often a desire to control life or to control God, who is beyond understanding and beyond 'philosophy'.

Frustrated at my own lack of knowledge, I forget what God has given; the Spirit, which 'reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God'. All that we need (but not necessarily all that we want!) is already given to us in this extraordinary gift of the Holy Spirit, who knows the depths of God, and who also knows and understands the depths of me. Lord, let my only desire be to surrender to your Spirit's work in me. *LivingWord 30 August 2022*