

# Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



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## MASS TIMES

**Saturday** (Vigil) - 6pm  
**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 5:30 to 5:55pm before Vigil  
Sun 9 to 9.25am  
Or anytime, just ask Fr

**Baptism and Marriage** By appointment



**Working Bee - Sat 9.00am to 11am**



## 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**27/11/2022**

### First reading

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.  
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9**

*Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

## Second reading

**Romans 13:11-14**

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Ps 84:8**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Matthew 24:37-44**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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## Prayers of the Faithfull:

**For our sick**, Marie Fowles, Peter Tydeman, Ray Byrnes, Fr Reece Beltrame, Graeme Murphy, Greg Baker Gwen Abikhair and Jackson Davis.

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

**For our recently departed**, John Quinn and those who's anniversaries occur at this time including those mentioned in the bulletin.

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

## Communion Antiphon

**Ps 84: 13**

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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## ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Hickey, Danielle Scolah, Bernice Roach and Lorraine Grace.

**Readers:** Sat: 6:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

**Next week:** Sat: 6:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

**Cleaning Roster:** Sat 3rd Dec Kate Tobin



## PARISH NOTICES

**New Bank Account details:** The Bishop has requested that all main parish bank accounts be held with the Diocesan Provident Fund (DPF). Please see the top of the bulletin for the new bank account details. For those of you who already give via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), could you please change over when convenient?

Whilst it can be difficult and awkward to speak about money matters within the church setting, it is generally accepted that money is necessary to pay the bills and to keep the parish up and running. All our income is from you the parishioners. There is no “magic pudding” from the Diocese or from the Vatican or from anywhere else.

A reminder that the First Collection is for the support of the local priest (stipend, food and vehicle) and the Second Collection is for the running costs of the parish (insurance, gas, electricity, rates, office & church supplies and other consumables, repairs, maintenance, catechetics, etc). A suggested donation/giving amount (depending on your disposable income) could be \$10 for each of the accounts using EFT for a total of \$20 per week. Thank-you everyone, May God Bless you for your ongoing generosity. Fr Anthony.

**Choir Practice** for Carols and Christmas Masses. 8th Dec 7:00 PM in the church. Call Mark 0419 411 161 for details.



**Feed My Lambs:** Christmas Hampers prepared by St Martha's Kitchen to support families in need and to make the celebration of the Birth of Jesus a happy one for all. Box in the Church foyer for contributions.

**Walking With Purpose:** Change happens in the hearts of women, in their families and beyond through Bible study and community. More than Bible study, it's a supportive community of women seeking lasting transformation of the heart. Running in early 2023. Contact Maria Sparshott Ph. 0448453964 For further information go to [walkingwithpurpose.com](http://walkingwithpurpose.com).

**Immaculata Mission Armidale - Victory of the Cross:** Adoration, Prayer, Great Speakers, Daily Mass, Mission, Praise & Worship, Community Friendship. 1st to 10th January. Call 0406 372 608 or Email [immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com](mailto:immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com). *Scan for details*



**Adult Faith Education:** Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Palms Australia:** Be a mentor, share your skills and experience (e.g. Agric. Health, Education, Admin) overseas in Africa, Asia, Pacific Islands, Enquiries [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

**Saturday Morning Working Bee:** 9.30am to 11.15am. A roster of volunteers is needed to help with preparations for morning tea, setting the table and general cleaning of the Marian Centre. Contact Fr. Anthony if you can assist.

## SCOTT HAHN: IN A DARK HOUR

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss. His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we do not postpone our repentance, that we be ready, spiritually and morally, when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us, like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah. In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst. He is the true light. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading. In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David.



From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord, that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more. By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day. It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. As in today's Psalm, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. *stpaulcenter.com*



**Thurgoona Catholic Parish**



**Community Carols**

**On the Green**



**Sunday 11th Dec 7:00pm**

**BYO: Chairs / Blankets / Picnic Dinner / Drinks**