

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 

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT



4/12/2022

First reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.

His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Second reading

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: *For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.*

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.*

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins.

But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones.

Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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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, Seamus Clancy 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

Bar 5: 5; 4: 36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Jim Victory, Douglas Thomson, Mary Hickey & Danielle Scorch

Readers: Sat: 6:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Mark Mannering

Next week: Sat: 6:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Stefany George

Cleaning Roster: Sat 10th Dec Yolla & Grace



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve 7:00pm, Midnight Mass 12:00am, Christmas Day 9:30am

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. Ph Mark 0419 411 161 for details.



Hav-A-Chat: Monday at 12 noon in Marian Centre, final chat for the year. Three-course meal and a surprise at the end!!! New Ladies are most welcomed, please bring a friend. Contact Pauline 0419 807 065 for catering .

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.

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.

Palms: Overseas - Be a mentor, share your skills and experience overseas.

At Home - Neighbors Without Borders program (January 7 – 11). Building communities with those on the margins of society and the church as urged by Plenary Council. Enquiries palms.org.au or Ph 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Walking With Purpose: 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.

Immaculata Mission Armidale: 1st to 10th January. 0406 372 608 or Email immaculatamissionschool@gmail.com. Sistersoftheimmaculata.org.au/ims

That Catholic Shop: Christmas orders from **Aid to the Church in Need's** online store available to 19 Dec. Choose from a broad range of religious gifts and receive free shipping for orders over \$100. thatcatholicshop.com

ADVENT PRAYER

Dear Lord, allow me to embrace Advent in the way the Church intends: as a way to prepare for Your arrival. May everything I do, every gift I send, every party I attend, every meal I share, remind me to prepare space in my heart for You. Amen.

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Thurgoona Catholic Parish
Community Carols On the Green

Next Sunday 11th Dec 7:00pm

BYO: Chairs / Blankets / Picnic Dinner / Drinks