

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



"Do whatever He tells you"

John 2-5

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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) - 7pm

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, 10am

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



4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

18/12/2022

First reading



Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23(24):1-6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Second reading

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Matt 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;

His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew

1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son

and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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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, Leone Bouquet, 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

Is 7: 14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Hickey, Fr Jim Victory, Heather Parker, Fr Frank Young, Eileen Moran, Margaret Wighton, Dr David Nelson & Douglas Thomson.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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

PARISH NOTICES

Thanks to all the singers, musicians and helpers who made last Sunday's Carols on the Green a success.



Feed My Lambs: Christmas Hampers 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 Roster, 9.30am to 11.15am, to help with preparations for morning tea, setting the table and general cleaning of the Marian Centre. Contact Fr. Anthony if you can assist.

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.

Mobile Phones:

Please mute your Mobile Phone or turn it off during Mass.



Readers: Sat: 6:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Simon Horsfall

Next week: Sat: 6:00pm Peter Tobin Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

Cleaning Roster: Sat 24th Dec Mary & Ann Marie



PARISH COUNCIL

Sandy Zeromski (Sec)

Denis Golden

Maria Sparshott (Chair)

Denis Devcich

Mark Mannering

Simon Horsfall (Dep Chair)

Jodie Cunningham

Mary Seidel

St VINCENT de PAUL are seeking new members to help with existing projects and enable us to expand our services to those in need. Volunteering for Vinnies is a rich and rewarding experience. Use your skills and experience to make a difference in the lives of people who need assistance the most. For details call Paul on 0401999915. *Volunteer non-profit organisations are the subject of Pope Francis' prayer intention for December.*



ADVENT PRAYER

Lord, send down Your Spirit to guide me. May the Holy Spirit help me journey closer to You and lift me up when I feel down and led me when I feel lost.

I may stumble at times, but I know my ultimate journey is to draw closer to You and build Your kingdom here on earth – a kingdom that Jesus's birth, life and death helped secure. Amen.

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SCOTT HAHN: GOD IS WITH US



The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed. This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle, the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a saviour from David’s royal line. Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit, and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens.

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And His Kingdom will have no end. In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord. In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.” All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race, a royal people. He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child - God with us - continues until the end of the age. *stpaulcenter.com*

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21st DECEMBER

FROM 10:30AM - 1:00PM

FOR 6-10 YEAR OLDS

\$5 PER FAMILY

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