

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Thurgoona



"Do whatever He tells you" John 2:5

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MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) - 6pm

Sunday 9:30am

Monday 8am

Tuesday 10am

Wednesday 8:00am

Thursday **5:30pm No Mass**

Holy Hour 4:30pm - **As usual**

Friday 8am

Saturday 8am

Anointing of the sick Mass, 10am

2nd Tues of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, 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 IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 29/01/2023

First reading

Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13

Seek the Lord, all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145(146):6-10(Lord6)

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Second reading 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves for instance, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race

has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: *if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12a

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

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

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

For our recently departed, John Fagan, Cardinal George Pell, June Cox, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5: 3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Jenny Powell, Andrew Trethowan, Patricia McFarland, Peter Kerstjens, Delma Kennedy, Shirley Bevan, Terry Barsby, Aaron Chambers, Beryl Ahern, Joan Letchford, John Corby, Pushpa Vijay and Ron Chambers

PARISH NOTICES

Mass Times: No mass 5:30pm Thursday, Holy Hour as usual.

Catechists: We are looking for more volunteers for SRE program (catechists) for Thurgoona Public School. If you can help with this important work of spreading the Gospel please contact Fr Anthony on 02 6088 6222

Church Cleaning Roster: If you are able to help with cleaning the church on Saturday mornings please record your name on the sheet in the foyer. The more names we have on the roster the longer will be interval between each person's turn. Once complete the roster will be emailed and copies made available in the church foyer.

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.

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 4h Feb Mary & Ann Marie



PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS



The following prayer is a perfect one to pray when you are seeking to live in peace and joy. As Christians, the Bible encourages us to "let our light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" The prayer of St Francis is a beautiful reminder of what that looks like in everyday life. It teaches us how we can

live like Jesus Christ and serve those around us, putting others' needs first.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Also known as the Peace Prayer it is often attributed to St Francis of Assisi but originates from a French religious magazine called La Clochette It was published anonymously in 1912 but many believe the magazine's founder, Father Esther Bouquerel, to be the author.

Extract: crosswalk.com

SCOTT HAHN: THE BLESSED PATH

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God. As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in today's Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom.

The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's. Jesus is the son of Abraham. And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit." God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord. The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom. The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward. The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord.



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WHAT WOULD HE FIND

Let us imagine that the Lord came today on earth. Unfortunately, he would see many wars, much poverty and many inequalities. At the same time, he would see tremendous technical conquests, modern means, and people who are always running, who never stop. But would he find someone who dedicates time and affection to him, someone who would put him in first place?

Above all, let us ask ourselves, "What would he find in me, if the Lord were to come today, what would he find in me, in my life, in my heart? What priorities would he see in my life?" We often focus on so many urgent but unnecessary things. We occupy and preoccupy ourselves with so many secondary realities. And perhaps without even recognizing it, we neglect what counts the most and we allow our love for God to grow cold, to grow cold bit by bit.

Pope Francis Angelus October 16, 2022

