

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

Holy Hour 4:30pm

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 9.30am to 11am



1st SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

26/02/2023

First reading

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.'

The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he

ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loincloths.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second reading

Romans 5:12,17-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple.

'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

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

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

For our recently departed, Lindon Stewart, Ted Williams, Chris Horsfall and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Communion Antiphon

Mt 4: 4

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ANNIVERSARIES

Dallas Hanrahan, Bro Chris Greck, Brian (Michael) Baker, Aymidee Deguara and Jade Smith.

PARISH NOTICES

Stations of the Cross: 6.00pm Friday during lent in the Gardens

Lenten Groups:

Tuesdays 6:30PM. Parish Centre with Fr Anthony

Wednesdays 10:30am. Call Pauline Pasco 0419 807 065

Catechists: We are looking for more volunteers for the 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.

Earthquake: Turkey and Syria: Thousands of people have been killed after a catastrophic earthquake struck southeast Turkey (Türkiye) and Syria followed by more this week. Your donation will help those in desperate need of assistance. For details go to caritas.org.au or aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake

Catholic Deb Ball 2023: Year 11 & Yr12 – current & past Students welcome. Choose either Fri 30/06/23 or Sat 1/7/23. Send expressions of interest to alburycatholicdeb@gmail.com. **Information Night** for Debutantes, Partners and a Parent each, Wed 8/03/23, Sacred Heart Church Hall, North Albury. Note this is not a Xavier High School event, it is run by the Combined Parishes of Albury. For more info. contact Tierre 0428 432 732 or Suzi 0418 607 350

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

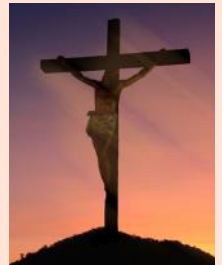
Next week: Sat: 6:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Stefany George

Cleaning Roster: Sat 4th March Cunningham family



TWO ADAMS

In today's Liturgy, the destiny of the human race is told as the tale of two "types" of men, the first man, Adam, and the new Adam, Jesus. Paul's argument in the Epistle is built on a series of contrasts between "one" or "one person" and "the many" or "all." By one person's disobedience, sin and condemnation entered the world, and death came to reign over all. By the obedience of another one, grace abounded, all were justified, and life came to reign for all. As we begin this season of repentance, we can be confident in Christ's compassion, that He will create in us a new heart. As we do in today's Psalm, we can sing joyfully of our salvation, renewed in His presence.



Extract: Scott Hahn

BISHOP EDWARDS' LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER 2023

An Invitation to Experience the Sacrament of Confession

Dear sisters and brothers,

This Lent, I invite you to experience the mercy and tenderness of God through the beautiful Sacrament of Penance, which is also called the Sacrament of Confession or the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It might be that you have fallen away from going to Confession or that you go once or twice a year. Lent is a time for new beginnings, for turning again to God and experiencing, as Pope Francis reminds us, that “the style of God is closeness, mercy and tenderness.” This Lent is an opportunity to return to or go even deeper into the gentle, caring, warm embrace of God.

As a part of this invitation, I have asked our priests to preach on different aspects of this most beautiful sacrament for three consecutive weeks and a highlight will be the special six-hour session for Confessions in major centres around the diocese on the vigil of the Annunciation, (Friday, 24th March), similar to a night that was held in the Year of Mercy. ...

For the full letter Scan the QR code, or go to the Diocesan Website: wagga.catholic.org.au.



Come and take a chance on God and on the depth of his love for you.

A Night of Reconciliation

An Invitation to Experience the Sacrament of Confession



You are invited to come to Confession on the night of 24 March 2023 this Lent to experience the power, freedom and love of God and God's grace.

Your priests will be waiting for you
Friday 24 March 2023 - 6pm to 12 midnight at:

- St Michael's Cathedral, Johnston St, Wagga Wagga
- St Patrick's Church, Smollett St, Albury
- Sacred Heart Church, Warrambool St, Griffith

Don't give up on your dream of holiness and being close to God and those you love.