

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 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

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 15/1/2023

First reading

Isaiah 49:3,5-6

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, ‘Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said:

A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me.

I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.’ John also declared, ‘I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him.

I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit.” Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.’

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Prayers of the Faithfull:

For our sick, 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, Cardinal George Pell, June Cox, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Greg Fraser and those who’s anniversaries occur at this time.

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

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

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CARDINAL GEORGE PELL: TRIBUTE BY ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE PETER COMENSOLI

Cardinal Pell was a very significant and influential Church leader, both in Australia & internationally, deeply committed to Christian discipleship. He led the local Church of Melbourne from 1996 to 2001 with strong leadership to the Catholic faith and with good governance, before being transferred to Sydney and then to Rome.

At this immediate moment, let our prayers go out to the God of Jesus Christ, whom Cardinal Pell wholeheartedly believed in and followed, that he may be welcomed into eternal life. Our prayers of comfort and condolence are also with his family, especially his only surviving sibling David Pell. May eternal light shine upon him, and may he now rest in peace and rise to glory in the Lord.



ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen Moran, Fr Jim Esler, & Terrance Charles Benson.

PARISH COUNCIL

Sandy Zeromski (Sec)

Denis Golden

Maria Sparshott (Chair)

Denis Devcich

Mark Mannering

Simon Horsfall (Dep Chair)

Jodie Cunningham

Mary Seidel

PARISH NOTICES

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.

Legion of Mary: Mondays 9:30am, Tuesdays 8:45am

PayWave Donations: Machine in entrance, \$10 per tap. 10 second delay. 50/50 split between Presbytery and Parish collections

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 21st Jan Yolla & Grace



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.



THE SHEPHERDS ARE SUMMONING US

Brothers and sisters, if we are to welcome God and his peace, we cannot stand around complacently, waiting for things to get better. We need to get up, recognize the moments of grace, set out and take a risk. Rather than standing around, thinking and hoping that things will change, we should instead ask ourselves: “This year, where do I want to go? Who is it that I can help?” So many people, in the Church and in society, are waiting for the good that you and you alone can do, they are waiting for your help. Today, amid the lethargy that dulls our senses, the indifference that paralyses our hearts, and the temptation to waste time glued to a keyboard in front of a computer screen, the shepherds are summoning us to set out and get involved in our world, to dirty our hands and to do some good. They are inviting us to set aside many of our routines and our comforts in order to open ourselves to the new things of God, which are found in the humility of service, in the courage of caring for others

Homily of Pope Francis, 1st January 2023

SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD: FR BRENDAN BYRNE SJ

In the First reading the 'Servant', speaking in the name of faithful Israel, describes his calling and the dual role that he has received from God. Not only is he to restore and gather the survivors (from the Exile) among his own people. Israel's new mission is to be 'the light of the nations'. Read with Christian hindsight, the Isaiah text writes the script for the destiny of Jesus to be not only Messiah of Israel but Saviour of the world. Paul, of course, is the great instrument of that worldwide mission.

In the Second Reading we hear his introductory greeting to the Christian community of Corinth. They are 'the church of God that is in Corinth, those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints'. The sense of being 'sanctified' and 'called to be saints' echoes traditional language Israel used of itself. In biblical understanding 'holiness' does not in first instance refer to the way one lives one's life. It denotes closeness to God. Holiness is where God is. The community in Corinth is 'holy', as Israel understood itself to be 'holy', because all its members have been chosen and, through the redemptive action of Christ, brought into intimate relationship with God. They are not removed from the wider world in which they live. But in that world they must live the kind of consecrated life that will mark them out as God's holy people. They are to be 'the Temple' in which God dwells in Corinth. This is the wonderful sense of Christian identity and dignity that Paul's simple greeting communicates.

In the Gospel John the Baptist is carrying out his role of witness. John's water baptism is a simple preparatory rite of conversion, *disposing* people for salvation. Jesus, upon whom John has seen the Spirit come down and rest, is going to 'baptise with the Holy Spirit'. He is going to impart the Spirit of God. To understand the full significance of what John is saying we have to look forward to the climax of the Fourth Gospel. The moment of Jesus' death upon the cross is not simply a final expiration of breath; it involves a majestic imparting of the Spirit. In the person of his Mother and the Beloved Disciple, the Church comes to birth at this moment through the gift of the Spirit and then in the hint of the sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist) in the flow of water and blood from his pierced side. In the evening two days later, the risen Lord will stand among his disciples, breathe upon them and say, 'Receive, the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained', Only when we have learned all this at the close of the Gospel will we truly grasp why John the Baptist points out Jesus, as 'the Lamb, that takes away the sin of the world'. In this way, as Isaiah foretold, he is the instrument of salvation for the entire world.

