

# 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



## 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

12/03/2023

### First reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?'

Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' the Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

## **Second reading**

**Romans 5:1-2,5-8**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. And this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**cf John 4:42. 15**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

## **Gospel**

**John 4:5-16,19-26,39-42**

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?'

Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir.

Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

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### **Prayers of the Faithful:**

**For our sick,** Tony Abikhair, 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 and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

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

### **Communion Antiphon**

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Nicole Abikhair, Joyce Doolan, Mick Carty, Bob Mannering, Jocye Doolan, Betty Park, Mick Carly and Dallas Hanrahan.

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

**Next week:**     Sat: 6:00pm Paul Whyte     Sun: 9:30am Steve McCrohan

**Cleaning Roster:**     Sat 18th March - Giuseppe Biasin

## **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 Pascoe 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:** Your donation will help those in desperate need of assistance. Go to [caritas.org.au](http://caritas.org.au) or [aidtochurch.org/syriaearthquake](http://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](mailto:alburycatholicdeb@gmail.com). Note: not a Xavier High School event, run by the Combined Parishes of Albury. For more info. contact Tierre 0428 432 732 or Suzi 0418 607 350



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 24th March this Lent to experience the power, freedom and love of God and God's grace

Your priests are waiting for you 6pm to 12 pm at St Patrick's Church, Smollett St, Albury.

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

## ST PARTICK'S SOLEMNITY- FRI 17th



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was about fourteen he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans. Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir: "I saw a man coming ... and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them: 'The Voice of the Irish.' 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'" The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood.

He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people - eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. He died March 17, 461 at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick.

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