

# 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**



## 4th SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

19/03/2023

### First reading

**1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.'

He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.'

At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Psalm 22(23)**

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

## **Second reading**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**John 8:12**

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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## **Gospel**

**John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.'

Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?'

And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied, 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

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## **Prayers of the Faithfull:**

**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** and those who's anniversaries occur at this time.

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## **Communion Antiphon**

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,  
I saw and I believed in God.

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## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Norman Corbett, Nicole Abikhair, Joyce Doolan, Mick Carty, Bob Mannering, Jocy Doolan, Betty Park, Mick Carly .

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

**Next week:** Sat: 6:00pm Mary Seidel         Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

**Cleaning Roster:**     Sat 25th March - Lauren Murphy & Aoifa Brogan

## **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.

### **International Day of the Unborn Child:**

Pope John Paul II instituted this day in Argentina, to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation. The day was seen by John Paul II as a positive option in favour of life and the spread of a culture of life to ensure respect for human dignity in all circumstances. Holy Spirit Church, Lavington will celebrate the day with Mass at 9:15am, Saturday 25th March followed by Morning tea.

### **Earthquake and floods in 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)

### **St Vincent de Paul:**

We need volunteers to help distribute the resources provided by generous donors at our Care Centre in Waugh Road. The Centre provides emergency assistance of food, accommodation, medicines etc. or just a chat to those in need. Call Paul on 0401999915



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.

## Project Compassion 2023



FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**



With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."** *St Pope John Paul II*

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from the church foyer, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## EYESIGHT TO THE BLIND

God's ways of seeing are not our ways. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth, Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay.

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