

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, 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



5th SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

26/03/2023

First reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from

the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25, 26

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

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Gospel

John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Prayers of the Faithfull:

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

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Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Fowles, Norman Corbett, Bob Mannering, Nicole Abikhair, Betty Park, Joyce Doolan and Mick Carty.

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

Choir practice for Easter Services:

For all interested, practice to be held in the church on Wednesday evening, 29th March, from 7 PM.

Hav-a-Chat:

Due to Easter Holy Week there will be no Hav-a-Chat Ladies meeting, however on the 1st May we will be celebrating Mother's Day at the Newmarket Hotel in Borella Road Albury at 12 noon. Hope to see you all there in the Lounge Dining Area.

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.

Mobile Phones:

Please mute your Mobile Phone or turn it off during Mass.

Readers: Sat: 6:00pm Mary Seidel Sun: 9:30am Jorgete Hudson

Next week: Sat: 6:00pm Denis Golden Sun: 9:30am Michael Sparshott

Cleaning Roster: Sat 1st April - Kate Tobin

PARISH COUNCIL

Sandy Zeromski (Sec)

Denis Golden

Maria Sparshott (Chair)

Denis Devcich

Mark Mannering

Simon Horsfall (Dep Chair)

Jodie Cunningham

Mary Seidel

Most Rev Mark Edwards OMI will celebrate the

Mass of Chrism



at St Michael's Cathedral, Wagga Wagga
at 11:00am, Tuesday 4th April 2023

An invitation is extended to all to attend the Mass celebrated by the Bishop and Priests of the Diocese.

Mass of Chrism: On a day during Holy Week, the Bishop and the Priests of the diocese gather at the Cathedral to celebrate the Chrism Mass.

This Mass manifests the unity of the Priests with their Bishop.

Here the Bishop blesses three oils:

- ♦ the Oil of Catechumens used in the Sacrament of Baptism,
- ♦ the Oil of the Infirm used for sick & dying;
- ♦ Holy Chrism used in the Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation



These oils will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. This tradition is rooted in the early Church and was later absorbed into the Holy Thursday Evening Mass; Pope Pius XII issued a new Ordinal for Holy Week, which reinstated a special Mass of the Chrism distinct from the Holy Thursday Evening Mass.

Refreshments will be provided at St Michael's Parish Centre after Mass.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage - SUNDAY APRIL 16 2023

Divine Mercy Shrine, Marian Hills, 6503 Hume Hwy, Kyeamba NSW

- 11am Confessions • 12 noon Angelus
- 12.30pm Mass with main celebrant Bishop Mark Edwards
- 1.30pm BYO Picnic Lunch • 2.30pm Procession to the Cross
- 3pm Adoration, incl. Divine Mercy Chaplet, then Benediction
- 3.30pm Afternoon tea



For more information call 0420 933 829 during bus. hours Mon - Sun.

Project Compassion 2023

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes from the foyer to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. Your donation will also help those in desperate need in the disaster areas of Turkey, Syria, Africa and Vanuatu.